

North Dakota Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Business Meeting

April 27, 2013

Fargo, ND

Call to Order: 12:27 pm Sara Bjerke

### **Attendance**

34 certified members

4 certified students

34 students

72 total

### **Recognition**

Hall of Fame – Mark Rommanick

NATA Member services

25 year members; 20 year members; 15 year members; 10 year members

Dr. Dennis Iszrow - moment of silence

### **Reports of Committees**

*College & University Athletic Trainer*

Scott Wokken – no report

*College & University Athletic Trainer Students*

Robin Tracy – Advises student leadership council – district level has monthly meetings

They attended district 5 meeting – had good student turnout

Student leadership is revamping constitution to policy and procedure manual at the

District level once that is done the council will begin working on state policies and procedures and information on scholarships

2 quiz bowl teams at districts one from UND and one from U of Mary

Student rep Emily Bentow from UND

*Governmental Affairs*

Ray Hall – We are working on 2 bills – 1 the concussion bill was a revamp of original bill because the legal counsel made a couple wording changes – this bill was signed on April 10, 2013

Licensure committee updated terminology in the bill;

Appreciation to Ray for all his work

Lobbyist – helped with century code as well

*Honor/Awards*

Megan Willard – received more applications and nominations this year

Need to encourage more state and district awards

We are in the process of re-naming the non certified award – open to suggestions

John Quick scholarship – no applicants this year – still \$250, available to any AT student

*Public Relations*

Steve Westereng –

National items – NATA impressed with Youth Safety Summit

Introduction of student athletes Bill of Rights – on NATA website

District news – nominate colleague for district awards

Each state throughout the district can win awards for National Athletic Training Month

Need to send news worthy information to Steve for publishing at district and national

level

*Nomination*

Scott Witte –

This year we had nominations for VP and Secretary/Treasurer with only 31 votes casted

this year

*Secondary School Athletic Trainer*

In ND there is now state concussion certification for coach's grades 9-12. They have to complete a concussion course online with some sort recertification every 2 years

Only the coach of that athlete in question that can make the call over a concerned player

NDATA would be interested in presenting at state administrator/ coaches meetings

JD recommends AT's in secondary schools take the NDHSAA concussion certification

*Young Professional*

Cassie Heald via Steve Westereng – complete a survey of all District 5 YP's

We want to increase YP involvement

A couple YP's in North Dakota and South Dakota have been working on a proposal for district 5 increasing involvement in legislation on May 10, 2013 the initiatives will be chosen

Cassie wants a list of YP from the state of ND, which is anyone under the age of 35, to contact to get involved

*Athletic Trainer Student Leadership*

*Research/Education*

**Executive Board Reports**

*Secretary/Treasurer*

As of 4/25/13 - \$19,655.03 in checking with some to be coming out for state meeting presenter's gifts

Numbers of AT's in ND according to the NATA – Certified Regular 99; Student Certified 10; Student Graduate 16; Student Undergrad 46; Starter Certified 8; Associate 2; Total Members: 181

*Executive Director*

Jon Darling – **2013 MAATA Hall of Fame Inductees:**

1. Greg Gardner
2. Dwight Eric McDonnell
3. Gary Ward

**MAATA Entry Level Scholarship Award Winners:**

1. Kathryn Staiert; University of Nebraska
2. Matthew Zellmer; Luther College
3. Hilary Beard; Central College

**MAATA Post Graduate Scholarship Award Winners:**

1. Tarah Trokey; Missouri State University
2. Amber Wilson; Missouri State University

Rusty McKune was re-elected as Vice President of BOD

**Secretary Report:**

- District 5 is ahead of last year's membership renewal
- ND has 18 certified members on the suspended list
- ND is lowest in the district  
(SD=27, IA=67, KS=41, MO=82, NE=33, OK=32)
- NATA is moving into new building, sold the old one and will not have to pay any money for the new bldg

**Treasurer Report:**

- Talked about states ability to increase dues
- ND needs to let Dist. 5 know if we are interested in increasing dues; (decrease licensure fees and increase membership dues so we can be better funded for political issues)
- \$20 per membership goes to state & \$20 goes to Dist. 5 mtg.  
(Dist 7 is the only other district that does this)  
(Otherwise approximate cost of district mtg would cost approx. \$150/person)

**District Directors Report: Eric McDonnell**

- Eve Becker Doyle has retired after 20 years of service as Exec/Dir
- David Saddler is new NATA Executive Director
- NATA is looking for Secondary School
- (AT's) These initials are going to be pushed; ex. PT's, OT's
- New NATA Logo to be introduced in Las Vegas in June
- Working on enforcing head-to-head rules
- NATA is looking for any helmet-to-helmet video if you have any
- NATA Hill Day: over 100 AT's went to Capital Hill

-All mtg minutes are available on NATA website

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Annual Mtg Chair: Doug West**

- The attendance at this year's symposium/meeting showed that MAATA can have our symp/mtg that far south
- 2014 & 2016 in Des Moines
- 2015 (Sioux Falls, Lincoln, Omaha)
- Doug is done being our annual mtg chair after this year

#### **Gov't Affairs: Jeff McKibben**

- States have been able to apply for 3 grants in the past, now 2
- We now have \$2,000 matching funds & discretionary funds
- Emergency Funds are available from NATA if needed

#### **NATA Foundation: Michelle Boyd**

- Donations to Foundation; Dist. 5 is 2<sup>nd</sup> to last in donating membership
- Foundation sponsored the concussion speakers at Dist. Mtg.
- Dist 5 usually gets at least 5 student scholarships

#### **Honors & Awards: DC Colt**

- recommended color award brochures for the awards because they look so much sharper than B&W (cost about \$100 to print)
- Chris Todden will be the new Honors & Award chair
- 3 new awards are currently being worked on within the District – 1 is the Dennis Isrow Meritorious Service Award

#### **Scholarships: Jeff Rudy**

- Winners get \$500 scholarship, \$100 reimbursement to go to district meeting
- winners need to make sure a high def. picture is sent to Jeff Rudy
- motion to increase reimbursement to \$200 approved

#### **Public Relations: Jessica Roberts (NE)**

- She does a great job getting articles into the NATA News
- We need to make sure we are sending any information we feel is news worthy to her

#### **Young Professional's Committee:**

- Jay Hoffman is going off as chair
- Cassie Heald is ND rep
- They now have a \$500 budget to work with

#### **MAATA Newsletter: Jay Hoffman**

- always looking for articles

#### **C/UATC: Mark Coberley**

-10 for 10 Presentations; The original concept for the “10 for 10” presentations was to provide collegiate athletic trainers with 10 presentations with around 10 slides on common health and safety issues affecting college athletes. The number of presentations has grown past 10 and topics will continue to be added. Each presentation can be modified by the athletic trainer and will be useful for meetings with coaches, parents, administrators and student-athletes.

1. Asthma in Athletics
2. Concussions in Intercollegiate Athletics
3. Diabetes Mellitus
4. Drug Testing, Supplements & Banned Substances
5. Emergency Action Planning
6. Environmental Considerations
7. Exertional Heat Illness & Intercollegiate Athletics
8. The Female Athlete Triad
9. Pregnancy in Student Athletes
10. Sickle Cell Trait & Intercollegiate Athletics
11. Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Intercollegiate Athletics

-Mark is challenging each state to make a push for students to attend state, district and national meetings.

-New topics will be coming up in the future & slides will be adjusted as needed

-10 for 10 is found on the NATA website

#### **President’s Items of Business: Doug Long**

-Bus Talk; There will be a bus leaving from either Bismarck or Fargo next year for MAATA symposium

-price will be about \$50/person

From ND – District 5 will pay half the cost of the bus then it will be \$50/rider; **March 14-16**

#### **Old Business**

##### *Committees*

We disbanded 3 committees

Updating bylaws and aligning with district and state needs to be done

The research committee chair position is open

A new committee – Annual Meeting Committee- they will organize year to year to ease work for chairs and improve annual meetings; Robin moves to approve; Rachel seconds; motion carries; If no one volunteers Sara will pick ☺

*Accountant* – to do taxes every year; \$50/year

*Century Code* – Grass roots efforts & lobbyist (Shane from Odney) hired from November 1 – May 15<sup>th</sup> cost \$9,500; Your local legislators need to be contacted to push the importance of how they are helping Athletic Training; ND licensure board and NDATA board will meet in July to figure out the next steps; We are trying to match with NATA and MAATA century codes; Damian Shleener (sp?) from Sanford in Bismarck has really contributed to the Grass Roots efforts – Thank you!; More fundraising for Grass Roots; Plan a Capitol Hill day for advertisement and promotion; Our next attempt will be in 2 years

## **New Business**

*Bylaws Addition* – in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the president’s term they want to reimburse the president to attend Board Meetings at MAATA; after 3 years of presidency then they automatically go to the executive director position;

Brenda Potter motions the president gets reimbursed for the District meeting Brad Reed seconds; no discussion; motion carries

*Constitutional Amendment* – remove “US postal mail” from Section 2 wording on election and voting; Update email list; Build profile on NDATA website to keep everyone’s information updated; Ray Hall moves to approve the wording change; Scott Witte seconds; no discussion; motion carries

-Another constitutional amendment addressing for who can run for president; Currently says someone has to be a member of the NDATA for 5 years – we are wanting to get rid of this to open the nomination field; more information being sent out

*Increasing dues* – NDATA member dues going through NATA increase by \$10; decrease licensure board by \$10 so the cost will be the same to you; JD needs to bring it to the BOD at the District to change it; Licensure board cannot pay for lobbyist, their funds basically pay for travel for board members; Increased dues will pay for lobbyist, travel, conferences, grass roots efforts, etc. Jeff Bjerke makes a motion for Jay talk to District BOD Nikki German seconds; discussion – find AT’s in the state that are not NATA members to get them part of the NDATA; motion carries

*For concussion legislation* – at every conference there will be a concussion component; can be very broad and general; it will be marked on your certificate that you attended the concussion information so the 2 year required training

Robin Tracy moves to approve at each meeting Rachel seconds; amended by Jeff Bjerke to word “depending on the state law” Robin includes this in her original motion; possibly putting on the website to make more available; no more discussion; motion carries that at a minimum the annual conference will cover concussion requirements set forth by state law

## **Announcements**

*Jim Thornton* – possibly coming this fall to Fargo maybe Grand Forks as well

*Thank you* – Pam Hansen and Nikki German for your hard work putting on the conference

*Surveys* – to improve the NDATA experience

*Minot 2014* – looking for chairs for to plan

*Licensure board vacancies* – renewal is June 30<sup>th</sup>, trying to do electronically; We are using email addresses on file from last year so if your email has changed make sure you get the correct information to Nikki; You MUST turn in BOC card, NATA card no longer accepted

*Sold 63 t-shirts*

*Future President* - Sara wants to be president again – the term is up in December

*District Scholarships* - Robin Gust – research and grants committee at the District level; 3 grant applications only this year – more people need to apply for research grants

Mark Rommanick moves to adjourn; Scott Witte seconds

Adjournment: 1:55 pm