

North Dakota Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Business Meeting

April 25th, 2015

Grand Forks, ND

Call to Order: 12:03 pm

Members present: 59

Certified Athletic Trainers: 30

Athletic Training Students: 29

Awards:

Robin Gust – Athletic Trainer of the Year

Vacant – Athletic Training Service Award

Jim Rudd – Named to the MAATA Hall of Fame

Charlotte Walters – John Quick Scholarship

Recognition

NDAATA Hall of Fame Members

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

Athletic Training Students

Reminder to nominate colleagues, employees and coworkers

Thank Sponsors – 3M, Arthrex, Breg, Donjoy, Stryker, Slack books, GF Convention and visitors bureau.

Approval of Minutes from 2014 meeting – No amendments: move to approve: Robin Tracy

Second: Brad Reed; No Discussion; Motion Passes:

Executive Board Reports

Secretary/Treasurer-Alyssa Sorensen

- *As of 4/18 standing balance is \$17,074.15*

- *John Quick Scholarship balance: \$1,462.44; We had 1 recipient this year for \$250.00; Leaves us with: \$1,212.44 for next year*

Executive Director - Sara Bjerke

- District Items:
 - District Meeting
 - Another record year, 890 attendees

- 10.5 EBP
 - Next year - Springfield MO March 17-19 2016
 - Jim Rudd was 2nd member from ND inducted into HOF
 - Other awards given are listed on website
 - District Secretary Elections coming up - VOTE
 - Lana Loken from SD
 - Michelle Boyd from MO
 - District Treasurer Report
 - Sitting financially very well in the District, gave back more dues money to the states and now we are getting faster than in the past
 - Lots of info on District web site – check it out
 - All committee reports on the web site
 - Volunteer needed:
 - Looking for someone from ND to write newsletter articles for MAATA
 - Clinical and Emerging Practice Athletic Trainers’ Committee
 - I am still looking for more information on this committee but at some point will need a rep from ND on this board
 - Safe School Award Grant
 - Now 18 grants available first come first serve
- NATA Items:
- Continues to encourage everyone to get their NPI number
 - Hired a healthcare economist to study the efficacy of Bachelors’ vs Masters’ degree
 - Initial report has been sent to NATA BOD
 - Final stages of the process
 - New web site coming this year
 - Complete overhaul completion date late summer/early fall
 - NATA had new Strategic Plan coming out in June
 - 3 pieces of Federal Legislation
 - HR 921 – Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity
 - HR 829 – The SAFE PLAY Act
 - HR 112 – The Secondary School Student Athletes’ Bill of Rights
 - Convention in St. Louis this year
 - Please volunteer if you go

- **Reports of Committees**

College & University Athletic Trainer – Scott Wokken

- No report -

College & University Athletic Trainer Students - Robin Tracy

- As chair of this state committee, I serve on the District V College & University Athletic Training Student Committee (CU-ATS) and as an advisor to the District V Athletic Training Student Leadership Council (DVATSLC). In this role, I have participated in conference calls for the DVATSLC. I also attended the District V meeting.
- The District CU-ATS Committee is still in the process of determining the exact charge of the committee and has asked the District V executive board to help define the roles of the committee. No new info has been disseminated this past year.
- In terms of assisting the DVATSLC the following was accomplished (based on the students work and AT input):
 - All states had teams at the district quiz bowl competition. ND had 2 teams participate in the quiz bowl with a team from U of Mary and a team from MSU. Both teams did well and qualified for the final round. U of Mary placed second and Minot State U placed third overall.
 - The student section at the district meeting seems to be on track and provided a great experience for students. Over 300 students attended the district meeting.
 - The DVATSLC wrote and approved P & P with input from the advisors. This was a learning experience for the students in terms of teamwork, details, and structure.
- One goal of the DV-CUATSC is to continue to assist the DVATSLC and any other charges from the executive board.
- At the state level, I advised students in the following activities:
 - - The NDATSLC held 3 Google hang-ups video conference calls and a meeting on the way to the MAATA meeting.
 - - The students updated the bylaws to Policies and Procedures and are awaiting final approval from the NDATA BOD and NDATSLC.
 - - NDATA student and NDATSLC Facebook pages were established. The NDATSLC will update the student info on the NDATA website, including links to scholarship opportunities.
 - - In January, the first ND quiz bowl was completed with 9 teams participating.
 - - The ND student rep to the DVATSLC was Cassie Beseman for 2014-15 and the 2015-16 rep is Spencer McCormick. The rep is appointed in Feb/March.
 - - Nominations and elections for NDATSLC were completed in March/April for 2015-16. The Council will consist of 2 delegates from each school along with the rep to the district

board. Pres, VP, Sec and Treas are elected from the delegates. For 2015-16, there are 8 delegates, 2 each from MSU, U of Mary, UND and VCSU.

- - The NDATSLC will hold a student meeting/social at the NDATA meeting on April 24th.
- I will assist the ND executive board in additional tasks related to AT students should the executive board provide that charge.

Governmental Affairs – Ray Hall

Federal Legislation

- The 114th Congress began in January. All prior pieces of legislation that NATA previously worked on have been re-introduced and have been gaining support.
- **H.R. 921: The Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act**
- Has 10 co-sponsors, and the Senate version, S. 689, has one co-sponsor. This legislation would allow athletic trainers who cover athletic teams to provide care in the states that their teams travel to as long as proper protocol is followed.
- **H.R. 829: The SAFE PLAY Act**
- Has 9 co-sponsors. The Senate version has been introduced as S. 436. This piece of legislation would require the CDC to develop and expand youth athlete safety education and awareness measures including illnesses such as cardiac conditions, concussions and heat related illnesses.
- **H.Res. 112: The Secondary School Student Athletes’ Bill of Rights**
- Has 5 co-sponsors, and S.Res 83 has 1 co-sponsor. This piece of legislation encourages sports safety in secondary schools, specifically highlighting the importance of taking proper safety measures, providing a suitable environment and having a knowledgeable athletic health care team in place. It also addresses the role that teachers, parents and coaches play in student athlete safety.
- ☐ Contact your member of Congress to ask for their support on these bills.

Honor/Awards- Megan Willard

- Athletic Trainer of the Year – Robyn Gust
- Athletic Training Service Award (Non- AT) – Vacant
- MAATA Hall of Fame – James Rudd
- NATA Service Award – Jon Darling
- Received 2 applicants for the Athletic Trainer of the Year Award and No applicants for the Service Award.
- John Quick Scholarship- One applicant this year.
 - 2014 JQ Scholarship recipient- Charlotte Walter- Senior at the University of Mary

Public Relations - Brandy Currie

- We were able to secure a proclamation from the Governor for Athletic Training Month in North Dakota again this year. In addition to the proclamation, a number of local athletic trainers and students had the opportunity to meet with the Governor and have

photos taken. In the future I would like to see more PR and media attention surrounding the proclamation and AT Month as a whole. NATA has an NATM social media presence and asks for photos and submissions for poster contests. Thanks to those that participated this year.

- Be thinking about applying to have your school receive the Safe Sports School recognition in the coming year. We had a few this year; Brad Reed in Fargo and Cassie Heald in Glenburn and Minot. District 5 has a grant program that will help cover the cost of the application.
- My goal is to bring more recognition to ND. I would like to have photos to submit every month. Please email me pictures of action shots or events that you are involved in that I can submit to NATA news.
- NATA website is going to be overhauled in 2015. The redesign is currently underway. It is expected to launch in late summer/early fall.
- Also MAATA has a number of awards and scholarships available to professionals and students. Be sure to nominate those deserving!

Nomination - Scott Witte

- No report –

Secondary School Athletic Trainer- Robyn Gust

- Important for Secondary School Athletic Trainers to read the student aide Q/A that was released by the NATA to ensure the appropriate use and title of secondary school student aides.
- For those Secondary School ATs attending the national convention, the SSATC sponsored session is on Thurs, June 25th from 5-7 pm.
- Safe Sport Schools in ND
 - We currently have four official Safe Sports Schools in ND
 - Fargo Davies High School, T-1
 - Fargo North High School, T-1
 - Fargo South High School, T-1
 - Glenburn High School, T-2
 - Three ND schools received Safe Sport School Grants in ND
 - Glenburn High School
 - Bishop Ryan High School
 - Minot high School

- Bishop Ryan and Minot High Safe school sport schools are currently pending when this report was finished
- If you work in a secondary school, please talk to your athletic director/administrator about applying for this and allow them the opportunity if they would like to apply or not. The application process is very easy and there is much PR that can be done for the school if they are named a Safe Sport School.

Young Professional - Cassie Heald

- A few months ago I contacted the membership, specifically the YPs, in regards to a mid year networking social and interest. Alyssa Sorenson stepped up and took charge of our first YP Summit that was held in Valley City on March 28. The Summit was aimed at YPs and area coaches, but was open to any interested ATC or student. There were 4 presenters at the Summit, 2 legislators came and spoke with us regarding SB2295. They asked questions, we asked questions and both sides had a little more understanding of the other side. There were a total of 13 attendees, some from Minnesota. From the feedback that we got, it sounded like people really enjoyed the conference, and I believe that Alyssa and I will be planning another conference for next year. We are working on deciding a location, date, etc, however as more details are decided on, information will be shared. If any YPs (or any other ATC) wants to help plan let me know.
- The D5 YPC will be sending out a survey soon, and we are asking that all YPs please fill it out. We use the information we get to better help our YPs. We try to set up CEU opportunities from that information, try to plan our District presentation on that information. So when you get that email, please fill it out.
- If any YPs in the state are looking to become more involved, we will be having volunteer opportunities coming up as the YPC continues to improve what we do for our district YPs.

Athletic Trainer Student Leadership –

- **District 5 SLC: Cassie Beseman**
- This year:
 - Reviewed student abstracts to determine which students would present at MAATA
 - Organized a blood drive for a service project at MAATA
 - Polled students about what they would like to see/hear about at MAATA
 - Found speakers for student sessions
 - Organized a student social
 - Communicated information about quiz bowl between states and the district
 - Elections of Officers
- Future: Profiles to promote the SLC

- Talk about each rep so students get to know their reps a little
 - Promote how the SLC helped students get jobs and what not
- Plan next years meeting including student sessions, presentations, and a service project
- Next year's representative is Spencer McCormick from UND
- **North Dakota SLC: Rachel Phelps**
- This year:
- Updated by-laws
- Have a student section on NDATA website
- Have an NDATS Facebook page for all students in North Dakota
- Have a separate NDATSLC Facebook page to assist with communication between delegates
- Put on the first ND quiz bowl
- Planned a student meeting at NDATA
- Special Olympics Medallion Sales
- Sold NDATA Pins to raise money for the SLC
- Future: Not really sure. We haven't really discussed the future much being that we just started the SLC this year. We accomplished a lot, but I'm not sure what they'll do next year other than try to put on more competitions between the schools or raise money for the SLC. I might be able to give you a better idea of the future after our student meeting on Friday night.

Research/Education-Mark Rommonick –

\$4,500 sent out in grants for research studies. Grant applications are due January. Shannon David from NDSU was one recipient.

- **Old Business**
 - Update on State Statute:

State Legislation – SB 2295

- Practice Act was opened and updated to more accurately reflect our education and training. The term "Athletic Injuries Only" was taken out. Physically Active is now in there. Practice act was 32 years old.
- This process started over 2 years ago and really took shape late fall into December. Senate Human Services committee approved the bill with a unanimous vote on Feb. 19th. OT was satisfied and PT was not. The bill originally passed the Senate on Feb. 23rd with a 26-20 approved note. On the House side, the Human Services with some more amendments were made and was approved by the committee with a unanimous vote on April 6th. PT was satisfied but OT was not. House vote on April 7th was 90-1 to approve. Since 2 different versions were passed it went back to conference committee between the House and Senate. We met with PT and OT and were able to come to

some common ground and the committee adopted the agreed upon amendments. Now back to the Senate for a vote on April 13: 37-10 passed. Back to the House side for a vote on April 16th: 90-0. SB 2295 was signed by the Governor on April 20th and will take effect August 1st 2015.

- The final version is a lot different than the original introduced version. - Product of the legislative process and negotiating with other professions.
- **A special thank you to the People involved:** Steve Westereng, Sara Bjerke, Brandy Currie, Alyssa Sorensen, Heather Golly, Brad Reed, Damian Schlinger, Robyn Gust, Dr. Dawn Mattern, Dr. Mann, Dr. Juelson, Dr. Penn, Steve Churchill, Don Bruenjes, Myron Cullen and anyone else that I may have missed.
- **Special thank you to our Lobbyists:** Shane Goettle and Corey Fong.
- Also a special thanks to everyone who reached out to the legislative members throughout this process.
- **Legislative efforts cost:**
 - *Lobbyist (Odney) - \$12,000*
 - *Travel – \$1,413.67*
 - *Misc. – Judy’s flowers - \$68.09*
 - *NATA legislative grant received for \$9,000.00 to offset costs.*

New Business

Future Elections and transitions of Executive Board

Website Update: NDATA.ORG

-There are currently no issues with the site. I was recently asked if I could put some more links up on our site and said that I would send them in the committee update and if they are approved let me know and I will add to our current links page. The sites in question are: <https://quitday.org/support/athletes-and-fans-stay-tobacco-free/> <http://lung.org/> If it is decided to put these sites up just let me know after the meeting and I will put them on our site.

-Add Q/A for Secondary School Athletic Trainers link to the website

-Add licensure board information to the website (Request payment from licensure board for link to their information)

Announcements

State Licensure renewal is June 30th, need BOC card.

Reminder that of the 50 CEU’s required by December 31st, 2015, 10 of those CEU’s have to be Evidence Based Practice. NATA has 6 for free online.

Sports for Special People – their big event is in June; have until May 1st to sell medallions \$1 each, Send to Jon Darling. – 15 years –

Thank you – Mark Romanick and Sara Bjerke for being on the planning committee. UND Students for assisting in being tour guides, registration, and folder stuffers.

NDA meeting 2016 is scheduled for Bismarck- Need a point of contact to set this meeting up. District 5 meeting is in Springfield Missouri on March 17-19.

Turn in state meeting evaluation forms.

Robyn moves to adjourn the meeting; Cassie seconds, no discussion, motion passes;
Meeting adjourned: 12:38 pm