

VATA Executive Council Meeting
February 27, 2006

Members Present: John Reynolds, Angela Mickle, Paul Rupp, Tom Kuster, Jorena Simpkins, Renee Cork, Todd Korbeck, Shane Caswell, Alan Freedman, Ian Rogol, Meg Fredrick, Emily Evans

Members Absent: Jason Chandler, Chase Hale, Debbie Bradney, Ethan Saliba, Dave Powlowski
Meeting began at 8:20 am.

I. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. President – John Reynolds
1. Evaluation of VATA meeting
 - a. Mostly positive feedback
 - b. Overlap of topics was an issue
 2. Recognition Awards and Position Changes
 - a. Herb Amato – JMU, stepping down from undergrad curriculum director
 - b. Tim Krassowski – region 1 rep stepping down
 - c. Chase Hale – PR rep stepping down
 - d. Larry Nottingham – NATA service award
 - e. Jon Almquist – NATA most distinguished
 - f. Sharon Menegoni – NATA Service award
 - g. Dr. Douglas Gregory – NATA Honorary Member
 3. MAATA and NATA Newsletter items
 - a. Young Professionals Symposium at Longwood
 - b. New EC officers
 - c. PR for VA
 - d. Scholarship winners
- B. President Elect – Meg Frederick
1. 2007 VATA Meeting structure
 - a. Speakers
 - i. NATA PR contact – Tom will get information
 - ii. Legislative issues
 - iii. Capital Hill day reception – opportunity to solicit speakers
 - b. Theme topics
 - i. Creatine – long term effects
 - c. Omni Hotel set-up
 - i. Ian is contact person
 - ii. Vendors in secure room, not hallway
 - iii. Tentative speaker list by May
 - iv. Call for proposals due September
 - v. Solidify schedule in October EC meeting
 - d. Meeting scheduled for 19-21 weekend
- C. Treasurer – Alan Freedman
1. 2006 VATA Meeting
 - a. \$9500 total cost
 - i. \$5000 = Joe Gieck reception, beverage cart, AV equipment
 - ii. \$125 on-line registration cost

- b. \$1200 total profit
 - i. 11 vendors = \$1650
 - ii. On-site Registration was higher
- 2. Young Professional's Symposium = \$5000
- 3. Promotional items (lanyards, bookmarks) = \$3000
- 4. VHSL Basketball Tournament ad = _____
 - a. Alan will investigate cost of other ads and EC will vote
- 5. REF donation in honor of Joe Gieck = \$1500
- 6. VATA assets = \$65,000
- 7. Discussion about having lobbyist on retainer vs. paying them as needed

- D. Secretary – Emily Evans
 - 1. VA map on website – rep contact information listed for each region
 - 2. Please report any news from region or committee for website and newsletter

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Clinical Industrial Corporate - Todd Korbeck
 - 1. Next meeting is at MAATA in May
- B. Constitution and By-laws - Ian Rogol
 - 1. Voting on the new constitution and by-laws
- C. Conference - Renee Cork
 - 1. See discussion about VATA
- D. College University - Tom Kuster
 - 1. University of Miss - Sudden cardiac arrest summit helped launch NATA position statement
 - 2. NCAA drug testing survey data compiled
 - 3. CUAT and Education Council discussion about rewarding clinical instructors
- E. Ethics - Ethan Saliba
 - No report
- F. Legislative - Dave Powlowski
 - No report
- G. Membership - Debbie Bradney
 - No report
- H. Nominations Committee - John Reynolds
 - 1. Shane taking over Region I rep
 - 2. Chase Hall leaving PR – need to find a replacement (Heather Murphy, or Roslyn Weise are options)
 - 3. Announce on website that PR rep is needed
- I. Public Relations - Chase Hale
 - 1. 1 lanyard and 5 bookmarks will be sent to every VATA member to promote AT
 - 2. Members should report NATA month events to Chase directly
 - i. Chase will submit VA activities to district and national news letters

3. Other PR goals
 - i. Send out NATA E-card
 - ii. Website updates about NATA month
 - iii. PR firms have been contacted, need to investigate appropriate relationship
 - iv. Find a PR firm for VATA before leaving position

J. Secondary School - Paul Rupp

1. NJ has regulated that every athlete participating in state competition be drug tested
2. Random drug testing in VHSL for anyone associated with HS
 - i. Suspicion is required for testing
3. Push for eye protection in field hockey
 - i. survey will be taken
 - ii. concerns about injury reporting valid with no AT present
4. PAs can now perform physicals
5. Discussion about the difference between collegiate and secondary school levels in promotion and education about supplements

K. Scholarship - Terry Zablocki

1. Deadline for submission is April 1
2. Not enough promotion for the 2 VATA scholarships
3. Investigated possibility for collegiate scholarship
 - i. Some resistance to keep our scholarship at HS level
 - ii. GLATA has "Quiz Bowl" for college students to become more involved
 - a. Connie Peterson is contact person for more information (Meg)
 - iii. Investigate possibility of having both HS and college scholarships
 - iv. Website tool for scholarship reminders
 - a. Link to other website info.

Motion to accept committee reports: Meg Frederick

Second: Alan Freedman

Vote: Unanimous

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Voting on Constitution and By-laws changes

1. On-line voting option discussed
 - i. Meg concerned about ease of system
 - ii. Not all members comfortable with on-line
 - iii. On-line voting for EC since \$25 annual payment made
2. Email vote possibility
 - i. Not anonymous
 - ii. Survey Monkey system for voting and polling members
3. Will continue with current system (World Voting Booth) for trial vote with EC members with feedback and then using it for General membership

B. Nomination process of Elected Officers

1. Each nominee should present themselves to membership prior to voting
2. On-line voting may facilitate an increase in member involvement

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Constitution and By-laws

1. Committee Reps are working alone
2. Committee Reps do not have voting privileges
3. Procedures for nominating and electing officers

B. Presentation (John Reynolds)

1. Mission and Vision Statement
2. Officer Responsibilities as outlined in the C&BL
3. Committee responsibilities
4. Re-evaluate structure of VATA committees and EC
 - i. State or district specific
 - ii. Region Reps need to have spreadsheet for members in region
 - iii. NATA Membership has information
 - iv. "Committee Chair" vs. "Representative"
5. Task force to examine the C&BL – no recommendations announced
6. Develop a list of regional and national reps from the VATA
 - i. Contacts who assist with VATA issues as well
7. Young Professionals Conference discussion
 - i. Some VATA members concerned with a narrow focus, using VATA funds
 - ii. Should the VATA fund a "Summit" every year/biannually for a specific meeting or specific function besides the annual meeting
8. Team physician relationships
 - i. Invite medical students/young healthcare professionals
 - ii. Education about ATs

1:45 pm

Motion to adjourn: John Reynolds

Second: Meg Frederick

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted by Emily Evans, VATA Secretary