

**VATA Business Meeting**  
**January 10, 2004**  
**Williamsburg, VA**

Meeting called to order 8:00 AM by Tim Laurent

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from January 2003

Minutes from May 2003

Motion to accept: Dave Pawlowski

Second: Sharon Menegoni

Majority Vote: yes

**II. Officer Reports**

A. President (Tim Laurent)

- District Leadership structure explained
- Representation at District level discussed
- District News
  - Certification of Advanced Qualification (CAQ) will likely be approved
  - Finance Review Committee for MAATA finances
    - Explanation to membership of how district funds are spent
  - District Meeting May 21 – 23, 2004 Virginia Beach VA
  - Awards – Need nominations for:
    - Lifetime Achievement Award (10 + years)
    - Clinician of the Year (< 10 years)
    - Meritorious Service Award (given as needed e.g. Rick Hess from NATA)
      - Member should provide Tim with name and evidence of distinction.
      - Tim must submit to Charlie Rozanski by Feb 1, 2004.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> student program Kudos to Sharon Menegoni and the students in the state
- Ethnic Diversity call for representative
  - Lori Vasquez from North Carolina Central University is District rep for Ethnic Diversity
  - New representative needed
- Date for 2005 VATA Symposium will be determined once the dates for NATA Educator's Conference dates

B. Treasurer's Report – (Cheryl Willey)

Cheryl presented financial report.

Motion to accept report: Barry Deuel

Second: Dave Pawlowski

Majority: yes

C. Secretary's Report – (Meg Frederick)

- New domain name for VATA website is [www.vata.us](http://www.vata.us)
- MAATA website redesign
  - Proposals for new MAATA web site have been submitted from three web designersMajor issues are:

- Web site redesign
  - Web hosting and maintenance
  - Online registration
- Proposals include web pages for the states, if the states want a new web site
- Proposals will be reviewed by Charlie Rozanski (District director) and Marty Baker (District Secretary)
- NATA News submissions
  - Deadline for March issue is January 12<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to submit information to Meg for this.
  - Deadline for June issue is April 8<sup>th</sup>, which would be the most appropriate issue for submission of AT Month activities

### III. Committee Reports and Liaison Reports

#### A. Legislative Committee (Dave Pawlowski)

- Met with lobbyist about new laws and new legislation
- Change from mandatory certification to licensure will be voted on during this General Assembly session.
- Members are encouraged to contact their representatives to discuss legislation
- Members have all received via email a packet of information about the legislation

#### B. Public Relations Committee (Chase Hale)

- Athletic Training Month
  - members encouraged to forward information to Chase so he can forward information to NATA
  - members are encouraged to access AT Month info on NATA website
- Chase requested submission of more pictures and information for updated information for display boards
- Reminded members that the display boards can be borrowed by members

#### C. Secondary Schools Committee (Paul Rupp)

- VHSL weight wrestling management program going well
- 265 have wrestling, 205 have filed reports

#### D. Membership Committee – (Tim Laurent for Debbie Bradney)

- January is now our annual business meeting
- 953 members, 784 nationally certified, 653 Virginia-certified

#### E. Scholarship Committee (Terry Zablocki)

No report

#### F. Nominations Committee (Tim Laurent) – No report

#### G. Constitution and By-Laws (Mark Brandenburger)

Mark presented Constitution and Bylaws changes

Three Proposed Changes

1. VATA members who have voting privileges include those certified by the Virginia Board of Health Professions and those certified by NATABOC.

Motion to accept: Cheryl Willey

Second: Pat Aronson

Discussion

Motion : withdrawn

Motion: Voting Members are those who are NATABOC-certified and in good standing with the NATA and NATABOC, employed in or reside in Virginia

Motion: Andy Carter

Second: John Knaul

Discussion:

Majority: Yes

2. State region boundary changes

Motion to accept: Chris Tucker

Second: Paul Rupp

Majority: Yes

3. Officers must be state certified: president, treasurer, president-elect, secretary, region reps, and must be in good standing with BOC and VA

- Discussion about voting members must be those who are not breaking the law. Consensus was to include the words “in good standing.”

- Suggested change: four VATA officers should be state-certified, but committee members would not have to be state-certified

Motion to accept: Dave Pawlowski

Second: Hunter Durvin

Majority: yes

- Motion: EC and Region Reps have to meet three criteria:
  1. NATABOC-certified
  2. Va certified
  3. be in good standing with NATA

Motion: Barry Deuel

Second: Dave Pawlowski

Majority: Yes

#### **IV. New Business**

A. Question about name change for athletic trainers: Tim Laurent shared his opinion, states are being consulted, it will cost money, all legislation will have to be changed

B. President-elect Issue

Discussion about president-elect not being in good standing when she was elected.

President-elect was not Virginia-certified at the time she was elected.

Motion by Jon Almquist to re-visit the election of the current president-elect

Second: Herb Tobias

Discussion:

Main issue is that it needs to be determined if the election of the president-elect, who was not certified by the Virginia Board of Health Professions at the time of the election, is against the VATA Constitution and Bylaws.

Motion to refer this motion to the nominations committee

Motion: Brent Arnold

Second: Jon Almquist

Discussion:

Consider possibility of having re-election in May

Consider Possibility of mail vote

Majority: Yes

Motion: Nominations Committee is directed to revisit process of nominating candidates for VATA office from the floor during business meetings

Motion: Dave Pawlowski

Second: Jon Almquist

Majority: yes

## **B. Scholarships**

- A. District III now has three scholarships available: two undergraduate and one graduate. Deadline for application is April 1. Applications will be available soon on the MAATA website. Contact Rene Cork for more information.
- B. VATA Scholarship
  - Number of applications has declined in recent years
  - Discussion of the application process
    - Applications need to be sent to all ATCs and AD
  - Deadline is April 1

Motion to adjourn: Barry Deuel

Second: Dave Pawlowski

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Frederick