

VATA Business Meeting
May 16, 2003
Virginia Beach, VA

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM by Tim Laurent.

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 18, 2003 not approved. Due to a miscommunication, copies of the minutes were not available to the membership

II. Officer Reports

A. President (Tim Laurent)

- 2004 VATA Symposium will be held on January 9-10, 2004 at the Hospitality House in Williamsburg, Virginia
- A third newsletter, in addition to the fall and spring editions, will be sent out in August, in print, with a call for proposals for presentations that the VATA Symposium

B. Treasurer's Report – (Cheryl Willey)

- Tim Laurent gave report, Cheryl Willey not present
- Financially the VATA continues to thrive
- See Treasurer's report for details

C. Secretary's Report – (Meg Frederick)

- See Secretary's report
- Proposal for Marketsharr to publish newsletter in electronic format voted on.
 - Motion to Accept Proposal: Scott Powers
 - Second: Chase Hale
 - Majority vote: Yes
- Proposal to acquire a recognizable domain name for the VATA website
 - Motion to assign the issue of webpage maintenance as task for Executive Committee: Jon Almquist
 - Majority vote: Yes

III. Committee Reports and Liaison Reports

A. Legislative Committee (Dave Pawlowski)

- Dave Pawlowski reported on changes to the Athletic Training legislation
- See Draft of Legislation
- As of September 1, 2003, a fine will be levied on any athletic trainer currently practicing in Virginia who applies for initial state certification.

B. Public Relations Committee (Chase Hale)

- PR Boards are still being assembled
- Request for members to submit pictures of ATCs in the high school setting and published articles about ATCs in all settings

C. Secondary Schools Committee (Paul Rupp)

- VHSL Certified Measurers have been mandated for wrestling competition for the 2004-05 school year.
- PR board was used at VIAAA meeting in Richmond, Virginia to promote the VATA
- Paul is collection resumes from ATCs interested in high school athletic training positions and distributing them to potential employers. Anyone who is interested in this type of position should forward a resume to him.

D. Membership Committee

- 950 Newsletters mailed spring 2003
- 646 Certified Members
- 557 Certified/licensed with VA
- Fall newsletter will be emailed
- 170 participants at winter VATA meeting

E. Scholarship Committee (Terry Zablocki)

- Scholarship winners:
 - First Place: Mark Dutton, Matthews, Va.
 - Second Place: Christie Harris, Mechanicsville, Va.

F. Nominations Committee (Tim Laurent)

- President Elect – Tim asked for nominations
- Nominations from the Floor
 - Motion by Steve Cole to Nominate Michelle Freeman, Christopher Newport University
 - Second: Barry Deuel
 - Michelle was present and accepted the nomination
 - Majority Vote: Yes

G. Constitution and By-Laws (Mark Brandenburger)

- See Proposed revisions
- Motion to Vote to accept Editorial Changes and Language Update: Scott Powers
- Second: Jorena Simpkins
- Majority Vote: Yes

- Motion to accept updates to the Constitution and Bylaws: Joe Gieck
- Second: Pat Aronson
- Majority Vote: Yes

- Motion to add membership category: Va. Certified: Pat Aronson
- Second: Paul Rupp
- Majority Vote: Yes

IV. New Business

- A. Pat Aronson made a motion that the VATA donate \$1,000 to NATA Research and Education Foundation.
Second: Jeff Konin

- B. Jeff Konin announced that Herb Amato has been awarded the 2003 Most Distinguished Educator Award by the NATA Education Council
- C. Ron Stefancin proposed an increase in VATA dues to increase the financial viability of the VATA. Due to the current fee structure of the NATA and its impact on state association dues, this proposal was withdrawn.
- D. Meg Frederick reminded the membership to nominate colleagues and peers for the NATA's many awards. Criteria for Hall of Fame, Service Awards, and other awards and recognition are available from the NATA. VATA Executive Committee members are committed to helping increase the number of nominations for these awards from Virginia. Members were encouraged to contact a VATA EC member if they had nominations.

Meeting ended at approximately 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Meg Frederick