



VATA
Executive Council
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 1, 2016
8:00 pm –9:30 pm EST
Matt Gage PhD, LAT, ATC, Presiding

Welcome- Scott Powers, President Elect
Call to order: 8:04pm

Roll Call

Present = *P

Attendees

Matt Gage (President) *P	Scott Powers (President Elect) *P	Lida Pitsch (Treasurer) *P
Beth Funkhouser (Secretary) *P	Jay Sedory (Past President) *P	Rob Hammill (C & B) *P
Beth Druvenga (Region 1) *P	Anna Sedory (Region 2) *P	Maegan Michalik (Region 3) NP
Jessica Bissinger (Region 4) NP	Breanne Piatt (Region 5) NP	Caitlyn Richbourg (Region 6) *P

Guests

All Committee Chairs		
Dave Pawlowski (GAC) *P	Jamie Frye (Student Affairs)NP	Sara Whiteside (H&A) *P
Katie Grover (Membership) *P	Michele Heisel (CEP) NP	Adam Smith (CUATC) *P
Kim Pritchard (AM) NP	Abbie Hansberger (SS) *P	Sara Pittelkau (Scholarship) *P
Ashley Day (Public Relations) *P	Becky Bowers (Lobbyist) NP	Alexandra Pagnotta (Student Senator) NP
		Lauren Field (Student Senator) NP

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Motion to approve minutes: Caitlyn Richbourg; Anna Sedory, 2nd

Announcements/ News

- NATA
 - BOD Updates-
 - Term “Physician Extender” is a term that is no longer being used. Terminology should reflect that these individuals are athletic trainers
 - Looking for ways generate revenue beyond membership dues
 - New award for SSAT- Servant’s Heart Award- Encourage nominations
 - Require members to have an NPI member to register for conferences or membership
 - Volunteers needed for Annual Meeting in Baltimore, please try to help
- MAATA
 - Annual Meeting is approaching, please plan to attend the Virginia meeting at that event.
 - Unsure of time
- VATA

- Student representation from many schools on committees
- Anna & Jay Sedory have moved from Region 2, and Anna is helping us find a replacement for her by July. Want to thank her for her service in that region.
- Letter of Support for a VDH grant has been submitted, if the grant comes through the VATA will be an active member of the Grant and research on the Concussion Protocols for VDOE.

Officer Reports

- **Matt Gage, President**
 - Lida Pitsch was elected as Treasurer via the special election on April 10.
- **Scott Powers, President Elect**
 - Home computer was attacked by virus...it was determined it came through yahoo email and search engine. Gave warning to those who use yahoo to be cautious.
- **Lida Pitsch, Treasurer**
 - Just getting started. Working with Jay to get things turned over.
 - Hope to have a
- **Beth Funkhouser, Secretary**
 - No updates
 - Send news for next eBlast
- **Jay Sedory, Past-President**
 - Working with Lida to get started on
 - Please encourage colleagues to use LAT vs the old VATL

Committee Updates

- **Annual Meeting, Scott Powers, EC Liaison**
 - Theme for 2017- Return to Play
 - Vestibulocochlear rehab
 - Heat Illness
 - ACL Rehab
 - Currently Searching for Speakers
- **College & University, Adam Smith, Chair**
 - Starting with email campaign to all CU Head ATs to complete AMCIA document
 - Then survey changes due to ELM changes
 - Will share both results with the group
 - Creating a seminar at 2017 VATA for the Spine Injured Athlete Update workshop with EMS providers
 - Have you contacted Kim Pritchard?
 - Will do this week
- **Clinical & Emerging Practice, Anna Sedory, Co-chair**
 - More attendees at meeting this month!
 - Discussed the move away from the Physician Extender title, not really going to have a large impact on members based on discussion

- Guidelines HB-425/SB-427: Temporary Licensure for Military spouses- this goes beyond CEP, so feel free to get on board and help push this in legislation.
 - Ideas on promoting CEP Athletic Trainer of the Year Award
 - Increasing activity of the CEP at all levels, (state, district, national) to better cater to the uniqueness of the setting.
 - Considering annual meeting topics for submission
- **Governmental Affairs- Dave Pawlowski, Chair**
 - 2 projects to complete
 - Want to finish editing core binder document
 - Call with Jay Sedory tomorrow
 - Online mechanism to record successes and failures with third party reimbursement either through google or other format and link to VATA
 - Still seeking a replacement for the chair position
 - Please reach out to colleagues who may be interested
- **Honors & Awards- Sara Whiteside, Chair**
 - Jerry Pickard- would like to join committee
 - Denise Massie- waiting to hear from
 - Chrissy Reese- also committed to committee
 - Andy Kelly- Greene county
 - Would like to add someone from Region 1 or a hospital setting
- **Membership- Katie Grover, Chair**
 - Question do we have a webmaster?
 - Yes- Michael Moore
 - Contact info will be shared
- **Public Relations- Ashley Day, Chair**
 - Last meeting looked at areas of the website to improve
 - Looking to get more social media activity with “trivia nights”
 - Have some prizes on hand to give out with these events
 - Registration discount for Licensure selfies and maybe repeating with NPI numbers at another month
 - Snapchat and Instagram for Annual Meetings- Looking at how to set up specific stories
 - Make sure to keep Kim and her committee in the loop for your plans with the Annual Meeting
- **Scholarship- Sara Pittelkau, Chair**
 - Working on reviewing High School Applicants
 - Plan to send check requests to Lida as the new treasurer
 - Request that information for winners be shared with PR/Secretary to share
 - Hope to have all awards finalized by District meeting

- Working on revamping a few things
- **Secondary Schools- Abbie Hansberger, Chair**
 - Disseminate an EAP survey to SSATs via email
 - Criteria for Safe Sports School Award to partially fund the award for 10 or so schools in the state who would like to have that distinction
 - Meeting in June at NATA to discuss
 - ATLAS- Also working to distribute those surveys
- **Student Affairs- Scott Powers, EC Liaison**
 - Working on getting a student committee made up of at least 1 student from each program
 - No date has been specified

Old Business

- GAC Chairperson- Previously Discussed

New Business

- **Region Rep Reports**
 1. **Beth Druvenga**- Lots of CEU events and activities going on
 2. **Anna Sedory**- No Report
 3. **Megan Michalik**- Not Present; However, Region 3 will be hosting a CEU course in July; May be requesting funding for meal for the student planning committee as that project develops
 4. **Jessica Bissinger**- Not present on call
 5. **Breanne Piatt**- Not present on call
 6. **Caitlyn Richbourg**- We are excited that Carilion Orthopedics in Roanoke is hosting a pre-season ceu Conference in July. I may look into using support funds, waiting to get more definite information from organizers.
- **AT Advisory Board Vacancy- Dave Pawlowski, GAC Chair**
 - Still have a vacancy for the citizen member
 - Please reach out to former athletes, former athletes' parents
 - Contact Becky Bowers-Lanier with names, she can follow up
 - Angela Mickle has reached out to someone who may have applied, have asked Angela to follow-up with the person
 - Sara Whiteside reinforced it is important that this person be able to attend the meetings and that they usually only last about 1.5 hours 2-3 times per year
- **Approval of new committee members**
 - PR- Kaitlyn Graybil & Mike Shetley
 - SSATC- Andrew Waff
 - Student Affairs- Danny Carroll
 - Motion to Approve: Scott Powers; 2nd Beth Funkhouser
 - Motion carried- unopposed

- **Advertising poorly paid AT positions**
 - History: VATA has been approached to advertise a part-time position that pays \$16.
 - Should we be advertising poorly paid positions on the VATA website?
 - Discussion
 - Want to address making a statewide PRN minimum wage?
 - Rates vary greatly across the state
 - Lynchburg ~\$25
 - NoVa ~\$35+
 - Beach ~\$25
 - The question at hand is should we advertise the low-paying positions?
 - Most think that less than ~\$25 is insulting
 - Not advertising the job could be a disservice to a member who is looking for something to get by.
 - Or by the job not being filled, it shows the employer that it is not up to par on the pay scale
 - There's a difference between putting it on the member message board and promoting it.
 - If a member wants to put it on the board, that's different than a member of the EC posting it.
 - Need to decide if we want to set criteria
 - VHSL sets rates by region/conference/state level events
 - Seems to be variance there as well
 - This is a bigger topic that needs to be examined in more detail at another meeting
 - Motion to keep our membership board for member opportunities including camps/per diem events and move advertising full-time and part-time positions to NATA career center, Scott Powers; 2nd Beth Funkhouser.
 - Motion carried unopposed
- **VATA presence at Regional CEU Events- Ashley Day/Matt Gage**
 - Region Rep should try to attend meeting in region and hold a townhall meeting, if unable to attend, than a PR rep will attend to represent the VATA.
 - Ashley has the boards and a table skirt, so would need to get dates from the region rep regarding the event to get the materials to the site or to the attending representative.
 - Travel costs would need to be reimbursed for a PR rep to attend
 - Shipping/mailing costs for sending supplies may need to be addressed in budgets.

Motion to Adjourn:

Scott Powers; 2nd Anna Sedory

No opposition voiced

Adjournment 9:31pm

Motions Approved	Appointments	Follow-Up Items
Keep our membership board for member opportunities including camps/per diem events and move advertising full-time and part-time positions to NATA career center	PR Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kaitlyn Graybill• Mike Shetley	Positions to fill: Region 2 Representative GAC Chair
	SSATC Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew Waff	Citizen Member for AT Advisory Board
	SA Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Danny Carroll	Per Diem pay debate?

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Funkhouser, Secretary