



**VATA**  
**Executive Council**  
**Conference Call Agenda**  
 Friday, January 11, 2019  
 6:00 pm –9:00 pm EST  
 Scott Powers MS LAT ATC, Presiding

**Attendees**

Scott Powers(President) <b>P</b>	Chris Jones (President Elect) <b>P</b>	Lida Pitsch (Treasurer) <b>P</b>
Lisa Kavjian (Secretary) <b>P</b>	Matt Gage (Past President) <b>P</b>	
Danny Carroll (Shenandoah) <b>NP</b>	Angela Witt (Central) <b>P</b>	Esther Nolton (Capital) <b>P</b>
Amy Soucek (Tidewater) <b>P</b>	Tanner Howell (Eastern) <b>P</b>	Erin Cash (Western) <b>NP</b>

**Guests**

All Committee Chairs	Tom Campbell (SA) <b>P</b>	Maegan Daniels (H&A) <b>P</b>
Rose Schmiege (GAC) <b>P</b>	Lanelle Emerson (COPA) <b>NP</b>	Ellen Hicks (Scholarship) <b>NP</b>
Katie Grover (Membership) <b>P</b>	Sara Pittelkau (AM) <b>P</b>	Rob Hammill (C&B) <b>P</b>
Mike Kotelnicki (ISMC) <b>P</b>	Angela White (ATCares) <b>NP</b>	Lucas Bianco (PR) <b>P</b>
Jennifer Armstrong (SS) <b>NP</b>	Bryce Synder ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party RTFC)	Josh Williamson (LTF) <b>P</b>
Alessa Lennon (YP) <b>NP</b>	<b>NP</b>	

Meeting started at 6:23PM

**Officer Reports**

**President – Scott Powers**

Reminder that elected officials are voting EC members  
 Annual Meeting 2020/2021 will be at Madison Hotel  
 \$109/n, 50 room block, discount on parking  
 Scott Cook: adjacent to HBS building, so hoping to use space for student symposium and mini-courses  
 Leadership document revisited  
 President-elect, treasurer, 3 regions and 2 committee chairs will be opening  
 Region reps should actively ID people within their region to serve

**President Elect – Chris Jones**

Was able to attend Medical Advisory Board meeting and saw the progress that is being made and the support growing throughout the state for advancing the profession

**Treasurer – Lida Pitsch**

Changed from Wells Fargo to Edward Jones  
 Money divided into three separate accounts, all getting minimum of 1.85%  
 Checking (short term needs), Savings (intermediate needs), Investments (long term needs)  
 Questioning attitude from various members of the EC toward financial spreadsheet fund allocation

Fiscal year changed from Jan-Dec to July-June, committees asked to submit for budget for 18 mo, new fiscal year begins July 1, 2019

Scott Powers: our lobbyist fees are significantly lower than what other states pay, need to keep money in case our lobbyist decides to raise her fees

NATA has grant available for governmental affairs related things, VATA will seek reimbursement moving forward

#### **Secretary – Lisa Kavjian**

New website roll out was successful, continue monitoring your pages and forwarding along links/documents that EC would like included on their pages

Update bios and pictures and committee members

Verify meeting minutes in a timely fashion so we can continue to provide membership quick meeting minutes

For new CC and RR, e-blasts can have targeted emails to specific groups (students, HSATC, etc)

Scott Powers: Please make sure your credentials are correct on the website

#### **President – Matt Gage**

Helped with funds transition to Edward Jones

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Annual Meeting – Sara Pittelkau**

QR codes created this year to access everything VATA Annual Mtg related  
Itinerary, learning objectives, evals, presentations already present on website

Registration changed this year, success and will stick with the two-part registration

Looking to offer mini-courses on Friday of annual meeting for extra fee

Looking to secure discounts from local businesses for annual meeting

Email [vatameeting@gmail.com](mailto:vatameeting@gmail.com) if you have ideas or speakers for 2020 meeting

##### **College and University – Michael Kotelnicki**

Will send survey to see whether VA C/U are using medical or athletic model

##### **Council on Practice Advancement – Lanelle Emerson (presented by Scott Powers)**

\*Will be an open position - looking for candidates

Continue working on updating website and making it a resource for membership

##### **Governmental Affairs – Rose Schmeig**

General Assembly begins January 16th, so Hit the Hill Day is Jan. 22 (Tues) in Richmond

Lots of bills that our lobbyist thinks will impact ATs or that we should pay attention to

HB20 - marijuana, medical referral and suspension/expulsion

HB 1732 - principals need to hold emergency training once per year

HB 1930 - requires Board of Education to annually update the community on the nature of concussions, RTP, etc.

HB 1931 - practice of athletic training

HB 1971 - suspension of license in other jurisdictions not grounds to suspend license in current jurisdiction

HB 2102 - home-schooled kids and athletic participation

SB 706 - PT licensure and "compact member state"

##### **Honors and Awards – Maegan Daniels**

Updated website with missing bios and picture of past winners

Goal to have nomination form up in May 2019

Have committees target individuals for awards  
More social media presence

**Membership – Katie Grover**

CC/RR would like more frequent updates, let her know and she can send out those lists

**Public Relations – Lucas Bianco**

Continue sending social media requests or if you need help setting up a VATA account

OneAtatime is individual stories, try to collect those throughout the state

National Athletic Training Month theme - ATimpact

**Scholarship – Ellen Hicks (presented by Scott Powers)**

Drafts for new scholarship structure needs more work before being presented to EC to vote on increasing funding from \$1500 to \$2500

Motion to add \$1,000 to Scholarship committee budget

Chris Jones, seconded Angie Witt

Vote: 8-0

**Secondary Schools – Jennifer Armstrong (presented by Scott Powers)**

Symposium was a success, was able to cover costs with registration fees

KSI waived speaker fees and volunteered to write Heat Illness bill

**Student Affairs – Tom Campbell**

7 students from 5 institutions came up with programming for student symposium this year

Both oral and poster presentations this year

**Young Professionals – Alessa Lennon**

No report

**Leadership Task Force - Josh Williamson**

Call for mentors/applicants end of January, close March 31, start first co-hort

7/19

Goal: 6-8 mentors/mentees

**AT Cares - Angela White (presented by Scott Powers)**

More for the AT as a person, does not have to be athletic related or injury related

**Third Party Reimbursement - Bryce Synder (presented by Scott Powers)**

Clark Group will conduct survey billers and payers to see what hurdles exist in gaining third party reimbursement

\$7500, NATA will grant \$5000, so total cost to VATA would be \$2500

Potential to open new jobs, raise salaries and maybe move toward medical model

Lisa Kavjian: What future expenses will this committee occur if we approve this measure?

Scott: Travel and mileage biggest future expense

Matt Gage: Any negative impacts for those ATs who are already getting reimbursed?

Scott: none that he is aware of

Chris Jones: Do we know how many payers responded to the survey when conducted in FL?

Scott: not aware of those numbers

Motion to approve \$7500 for the Clark Group survey: Angie Witt

Seconded: Lida Pitsch

Vote: 7-0

**Region Reports**

**Capital Region – Esther Nolton**

Continue engaging membership

Planning a social event for the Spring - stay tuned for more info!

**Central Region – Angela Witt**

No report

**Eastern Region – Tanner Howell**

No report

**Shenandoah Region – Danny Carroll**

Social was a big success, will look to continue

**Tidewater Region – Amy Soucek**

Establish social media presence

**Western Region – Erin Cash**

No report

**New Business**

Scott Powers: Not the goal of the VATA to make money, but we have money at the end of each year from membership dues.

Proposal: lower both student and professional rates to attend conference with money in bank account at end of each year

Angie Witt: Do not make students free - free implies it isn't worth anything, makes it easier for students to back out and not attend

Motion to move forward with proposal and have financial committee explore: Angie Witt

Seconded: Esther Nolton

Vote: 7-0

Motion to adjourn: Angie Witt, Seconded: Lida Pitsch

Vote: 9-0

**Adjourned: 9:27PM**