



**VATA**  
**Executive Council**  
**Conference Call Meeting Minutes**  
Sunday, July 10, 2016  
8:00 pm –9:30 pm EST  
Matt Gage PhD, LAT, ATC, Presiding

**Welcome & Call to Order: 8:00 PM**

Thanks for allowing us to move to this weekend from the previous

**Roll Call**

**\*P = Present**

**Attendees**

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

**Guests**

All Committee Chairs

Vacant (GAC)	Jamie Frye (Student Affairs) NP	Sara Whiteside (H&A) *P
Katie Grover (Membership) NP	Michele Heisel (CEP)	Ashley Day (Public Relations) *P
Adam Smith (CUATC) NP	Kim Pritchard (AM) NP	Sara Pittelkau (Scholarship) NP
Abbie Hansberger (SS) *P	Lauren Hawkinson(YP) NP	Becky Bowers (Lobbyist)

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

- Motion to Approve the Minutes & Agenda
  - Scott Powers, 2nd Breanne Piatt
  - Approved unopposed

**Announcements/ News- Matt Gage, President**

- **NATA**
  - Pleased to see so many of you at Baltimore. Last year NATA will be there due to size, sadly.
  - Next year's meeting will be in Houston
    - Question about NATA attendance in Baltimore
      - 2nd largest outside of Las Vegas; with highest in session attendance

**Officer Reports**

- President- Matt Gage
  - Offered Region 2 representative in interim to Chris Jones from U of Richmond
  - BOD updates- emphasis on removal of physician extender terminology
  - Will follow-up more on Government Affairs later
  - Partnership with National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research
    - Reached out to all state organizations to have a liaison to have better data
      - Report catastrophic/potentially catastrophic injuries to center directly.
    - Liaison for Virginia will be John Koontz from Liberty

- o AT Advisory Board Meeting in June- Matt was able to attend
    - Voiced importance of having a VATA representative in attendance
      - EAPs required by secondary schools- better promotion and governance
      - May be an opportunity to help revise DOE wording without having to go through legislation. Becky Bowers is examining this more
    - Sara discussed how they keep an active agenda
  - o Dues discussion
    - Issues with payout
      - Current dues are \$50 for students, and \$70 for certified
      - Previously \$30 for students and \$50 for certified
      - Working with Ray Davis, District Treasurer to correct rates and distributions.
  - o Marine Corps Marathon Volunteers on Sunday, October 30, 2016
    - Free CEUs
    - Partnering with VATA & AT programs
      - May offer monetary incentive program
    - Also a half-marathon in Fredericksburg in May
    - Will be sending out more information in August
  - o State Leadership Forum
    - Spoke a lot about working with your lobbyist
      - Provided an evaluation form sample
      - Working with Becky on creating an evaluation rubric
        - o We will evaluate her, she will evaluate us
    - Need to have a Whistle Blower Policy
      - Scott will follow up with Rob Hammill on our policy status
  - o ATLAS Project
    - KSI- trying to ID schools with Athletic Trainers and those who do not
      - Virginia has 87% of the state mapped! (3rd place overall)
        - o Only 61 schools have not reported
        - o Abbie is working on this with Secondary Schools
        - o May also involve Region Reps on this later in the fall to collect final numbers
  - o MAATA ByLaws
    - Unlimited term limits vote- didn't pass
    - Committee formed at NATA, Matt will be serving on this
      - Asked for input on concerns from those voted down:
        - o Scott spoke about creating a pipeline
        - o The term "unlimited" was unsettling
        - o Discussed extending the length of consecutive terms for the district treasurer to a specific number
          - Please contact Matt with any feedback on this
- **President Elect- Scott Powers**
    - o On Schedule
      - Moved to single day 7.5 CEUS on July 30th. Had to make a su
        - Registration should be open
        - Scott will send secretary flyer for distribution & advertising
  - **Treasurer- Lida Pitsch**
    - o Credit Card

- Can't have a credit card, the holder would have to take on the credit history and could have a personal impact on the individual's finances. The VATA now has a checkcard
      - It is debited directly from account, Lida is primary holder, Matt can be a second holder
  - Reimbursement Form
    - Creating the form now, it will need to accompany any requests
    - Will need a minimum of 2 people review it before a reimbursement is issued
- **Secretary- Beth Funkhouser**
  - Send items for eblasts, web news, etc
  - Constant Contact Renewal- Next bill is due 7/27
    - Currently paying monthly, can save money by opting for 6 or 12 month pre-payment
      - 6 months would save 10% and cost \$324.00
      - 12 months would save 15% and cost \$612.00
    - Do we want to renew or examine other options?
      - Same service or better at same price
        - Could be worthwhile to examine cost vs price
        - Scott is supportive
        - Benefit of the discount vs Month to Month
        - Group decided most beneficial would be to renew for 6 month

## Committee Updates

- Annual Meeting Planning Committee- Scott Powers, Liaison
  - Suggestions have been sent for speakers and topics
  - How can we create new EBP
    - EBP giveaway at NATA
      - We gave away 5 EBP codes through the BOC
        - Good PR move
- Governmental Affairs- Matt Gage, Liaison
  - National Level:
    - Capitol Hill Day- Several Virginia attendees met with senators and congressmen
    - Strongly recommend involvement
    - HR-921 Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act
      - Was to go to vote in the next 2 weeks following Hill Day
      - Trial lawyers were getting nervous because it would cap lawsuit payout. (ie. if virginia caps lawsuit at 1 million, even if i traveled with my team out of state where the cap is higher, where the breach occurred, couldn't sue above the virginia cap.) Lawyers would prefer a max payout scenario.
      - No Virginia senator is supporting the clarity act
        - please reach out, a letter/email could have a big impact
    - HR 112 Secondary School Athlete Bill of Rights
      - Has Bipartisan support; don't think they'll be an issue with it
    - Matt Gage is heading to Richmond to meet with Chris Pease (sp?) Commission on Youth Chair
      - Discuss how to improve relationships, legislative efforts
    - Upcoming Legislative Agenda:
      - Require Venue specific EAPs at all Secondary Schools
      - Followed By:

- o Heat Illness Bill
- o Cardiovascular AED Access Bill
- o 3rd Party Re-Imbursement
- o AT at all Secondary Schools
  - Discussion:
    - Grant programs for AEDs
    - Reduced costs, partnerships/
    - One provider would provide one free to each district with purchase for other district schools
  - Scott Powers gave example of school using a great EAP system with AEDs
  - Breanne Piatt expressed concerns with VHSL placing of events and how ATs should gain access to neutral site EAPs

- **Honors & Awards- Sara Whiteside, Chair**

- o Question about how to vet new members.
  - Will be adding new members to committee
    - Added to New Business on Agenda
- o Discussing with Kim how to get registration fees waived or options for AT of the Year winners.
- o Question about address to where things were sent
  - Get with Grace about email address
- o Moving forward with nominations earlier in the year, want to have vote materials in by October 1
- o Additional question about EC co-chair, since hers is moving...
  - Contact Scott Powers with questions during the transition

- **Public Relations- Ashley Day, Chair**

- o Still working on a fixed date for SM Trivia Night
- o Voting on Snapchat and instagram to increase involvement with students and YPs at meetings
- o Share dates of local meetings to get PR assistance and displays if needed
  - Project Proposal for Backdrop
    - 12x 8 >\$380
    - 8x8 > \$240
      - o Sara Whiteside-Supports the idea for award photo backdrop. Would give more professionalism to events
      - o Lida Pitsch- it can be done financially
        - Concerns: What's the lifespan of the vinyl?
          - Could it last 4-5 years?
            - o Lifespan is based on storage; on display with approximately 50% sunlight will last about 5 years.
            - o Finishing options can also affect cost and lifespan
      - If we can get 5 years+ for \$400 then ok with the cost. Longer the lifespan, is a better investment.
        - Company quoted is StickerBanners.net (also who the district used and maybe the NATA, as well)-will enquire more about the product warranty.
        - Additional concerns:

- o Storage necessities
    - o Transport issues
  - Can we have a more concrete proposal by the next meeting?
    - o Yes
- **Secondary Schools- Abbie Hansberger, Chair**
  - o Survey responses were good, got some good numbers matt was able to take back to state stakeholders.
  - o Hiring Toolkit for Secondary School ATs
    - Working on completing a template, will be ready to share soon.
  - o Proposal for Safe Sport School Award Funding coming together
    - Will that be ready by the next meeting?
      - Should be in place by then

### Old Business

- GAC Chairperson Vacancy
  - Matt Gage will serve as GAC chair for the next 6 months, so Dave Pawlowski can step aside.
    - Jay Sedory will assist
      - 2 people have expressed interest, but would like to serve as members before assuming a chair role.

### New Business

- Region Rep Reports:
  1. **Beth Druvenga- Not Present**
  2. **Anna Sedory- Not Present**
  3. **Maegan Michalik- Working with Scott on Sentara RMH conference. Just about all set for that event.**
  4. **Jessica Bissinger-** Report via email: *The CHKD event sponsorship went very well. I had a lot of engagement from fellow athletic trainers, as well as physical therapists and some local physicians. Many articulated appreciation for the role of the athletic trainer. I had a few people ask me about how to get involved in the profession, or opportunities to shadow athletic trainers to learn more about what we do. I think it would be great to continue sponsoring the event. Matt has discussed with them getting my registration waived so that I can also attend the event and be eligible for CEUs.*
  5. **Breanne Piatt-** Submitting proposal for regional continuing ed. Work with region to get more feedback on surveys. Receiving positive feedback from ATs within the region, they enjoy being reached out to more frequently.
  6. **Caitlyn Richbourg- Not Present**
- **Approval of New Committee Members**
  - GAC
    - Christopher Young- previously served on GAC in Louisiana
    - Amy Schendel- CNU, previously in clinic setting
      - Both candidates have been vetted by Matt Gage prior to vote.
  - Honors & Awards
    - Lisa Kavjian (Region 1)
    - Katie Roberts (Region 2)
    - Andrew Kelly (Region 3)
    - Christine "Chrissy" Reise (Region 4)
    - Vance Pickard (Region 5)
      - Candidates vetted by Sara Whiteside

- Motion to approve new committee members listed
  - Scott Powers; 2nd Lida Pitsch
    - Motion carried unopposed
- No additional new business

**Adjournment**

- Motion to Adjourn at 9:34 pm
  - Scott Powers; 2nd Lida Pitsch

**Meeting Adjourned 9:34 pm**

Motions Approved	Appointments	Follow-Up Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Approval of new committee members</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>GAC:</b>            Christopher Young            Amy Schendel  <b>Honors &amp; Awards:</b>            Lisa Kavjian            Katie Roberts            Andrew Kelly            Christine “Chrissy” Reise            Vance Pickard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Feedback on MAATA Bylaws</li> <li>● Whistle blower Policy</li> </ul>

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Beth Funkhouser, Secretary