



**VATA**  
**Executive Council**  
**Conference Call Minutes**  
Sunday, February 8, 2015  
8:00 pm –9:00 pm EST  
Jay Sedory, MEd, ATC, EMT-T, Presiding

Welcome

Call to order 8:03pm

Roll Call

Present = \*p

**Attendees**

Jay Sedory (President)\*p  
Beth Funkhouser (Secretary)\*p  
Ian Rogol (Treasurer)\*p  
Amanda Caswell (Past President)  
Matt Gage (President Elect)\*p  
Rob Hammill (C & B)\*p

Daniel Carroll (Region 1)\*p  
Anna Sedory (Region 2)\*p  
Scott Powers (Region 3)\*p  
Mitch Callis (Region 4)  
Jorena Simpkins (Region 5)\*p  
Caitlyn Richbourg (Region 6)\*p

**Guests**

Kim Prichard (AMC)\*p  
Shari Norte (YPC) \*p  
Adam Smith (CUATC)

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

Amended New Business

Motion to approve Minutes from January EC Meeting and Business Meeting and today's agenda.

Motion: Dan Carroll; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Powers

**President's Announcements-Jay Sedory**

- NATA
  - 2/23 Capitol Hill day
  - Jay is attending, hoping to see some other VATA faces there
  - Joint Meeting NATA-
    - Colorado cautionary tale regarding regulation
      - Importance of having an active advisory board- political environment is pretty anti-regulation at the moment
- MAATA
  - Safe Sports School Award Grants- encourage applications
- VATA
  - Pay Ian for polo shirts
  - GAC announced Hit-The-Hill day for February 17, 2015
  - Please cc Matt Gage on correspondences to help him get up to speed on VATA business
  - 2 VATA scholarships have upcoming deadlines
  - World Police & Fire Games- contacted Vernon. Will talk about further later.
  - AT advisory board- clear up some supervisory language in the student section of the code of Virginia. Student aide vs Athletic Training Student
    - Guidance documents could be coming
- **Treasurer Announcements- Ian Rogol**
  - Polos- pay if you picked one up at VATA
    - Still have several if you would like to order

- **Secretary Announcements- Beth Funkhouser**
  - No new announcements.
  - Send me what needs posting on the website or distributed in eblast
- **President-Elect Announcements- Matt Gage**
  - Follow up to my email. Please let me know if you have not received it.

### **Tabled Business from January- Jay Sedory, President**

- World Police & Fire Games
  - PR & Marketing for helping them staff event.
  - Proposed recognition for helping each other
- Helmet Sensor/Concussion Task Force
  - Referred back to discussion in October
  - Looking for feedback/resources perhaps a taskforce
  - Do we have the need to develop a taskforce?
    - Abbie Hansberger SSATC Chair has shared there were some questions coming from the membership mostly just wanting information about helmet sensors.
    - May be something that we look into to provide information on sensors to the membership
    - No endorsements- people think we should be providing more information on our website
    - VHSL/SMAC may be getting hit a lot on this as well.
  - Can we get a group of people together to provide some evidence for use?
    - Who will lead the taskforce?
      - Suggested tying it in with CUAT & SSAT committee chairs. Tasked Danny Carroll & Caitlyn Richbourg with making contact with those committees.
      - Contacting Tom Bowman at LC was suggested as well with his work with helmet sensors.
- **Constitution & Bylaws- Rob Hammill, Chair**
  - Voting Rights Discussion- (See document in meeting materials)
  - Language doesn't match between the 2 documents.
    - Bylaws says anyone with licensure "or" certification. Constitution says "and."
  - Should anyone who pays dues have voting rights?
  - Allied members and voting rights
    - How will we know who is and who isn't a voting member.
    - Easier to do electronically than in person
    - Sticker/color system for identifying voting members at Business meeting
      - Beth & Ian will look into for 2016
  - Motion to change language to "State license OR nationally certified" to match the Constitution to the Bylaws language.
    - Motion - Jorena Simpkins; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Rogol
  - Agree to continue to limit voting to certified or licensed members
- **Work Group Sessions**
  - Split into 3 sessions under Jay, Matt and Amanda.
  - Small group discussions- Using the conference call system or email.

- Should have completed by April call

## OLD BUSINESS

- **2016 Budget- Ian Rogol, Treasurer**
  - Working on future budget items and how the change in dues will affect our budget.
  - Looks like dues increase will go into effect May 1, 2015.
  - Will have more money for projects, such as:
    - GAC will need funding. Proposed budget for PR initiatives.
    - Regulatory conference, third party reimbursement, iLead.
  - State only membership, unsure of numbers at this time. Trying to anticipate based on surveyed interest. May see a significant increase in membership from this option
  - Haven't received VATA hotel bill, so that affects budget as well.
- **CUATC Student Aide Statement** (document shared with meeting materials)
  - NC had a problem with student aides listing experience similar to ATS so NC AT board listed a statement to address the issue.
  - Our CUATC created a statement on Aides vs ATS
  - Give feedback to Adam regarding concern over final bullet point on emergent conditions.

## New Business

- **Region 4 Representative Appointment- Jay Sedory, President**
  - Mitch Callis is happy to step in and remain in region 4 until a replacement can be appointed and run for election in the next VATA election
  - Jay would like to appoint Mitch Callis as Region 4 Representative
- **New Committee Members- Beth Funkhouser, Secretary**
  - Motion to accept Angela Mickle, Breanne Piatt, Ara Whittwer, and Kathleen Tamberrino as members of the Membership committee
    - Motion Scott Powers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Gage
    - Motion approved
- **Annual Meeting Planning Committee- Kim Pritchard, Chair**
  - BOC home study course for EBP Credit
  - 2 credit hour course. Propose charging \$40/pp. Going rate for EBP credit is \$25/hour.
  - Application fee for BOC home study course is \$50 payable to BOC. Because our live event has already been approved, the BOC will just have to check the video and content, so it should be a quick turnaround.
  - Approval is valid for 2 years.
    - Feedback- All in support of offering EBP CEUs online for \$40.00
  - Committee wants to give Joe Hart an honorarium for his EBP CEU presentation.
  - Proposed a \$250 honorarium, but over 2 years may not be enough. Or offer him a percentage of the sales.
    - Discussion
      - Precedence for honorariums? Live events we have info for, but not for home study.
      - EBP is a permanent thing, what we decide here will need to be consistent into the future.

- % could be an incentive for speaker to do an EBP course and to promote going to the VATA to get it.
- Is there a mechanism to prevent presentation redundancy?
- It will be much harder to cut checks for %, versus the one time honorarium.
- When would the % kick in? Annual payment?
- Website has a mechanism for registration.
- Processing fee- keep consistent with the annual meeting
- Motion for 10% paid annually as honorarium.
  - Motion: Matt Gage; 2<sup>nd</sup> Caitlyn Richbourg
  - Motion passes. No opposition

**Region Rep Reports:**

1. Dan Carroll - SAC report, attendance blew everyone away. Thanked Matt for organizing Quiz Bowl. Thanked Ian for the Kinesio tape donation from Henry Schein. Asked for questions about that report. None voiced  
Carrie Hendrick- PD @ Averett is fundraising for the Jimmy V foundation and will be participating in an event. Would like to inform others of the opportunity to sponsor her and show support. Contact Danny directly to donate or learn more.
2. Anna Sedory - Hoping to have a CEU event in the region sometime soon.
3. Scott Powers- all good in region 3
4. Mitch Callis - not on call
5. Jorena Simpkins – Reviewed Emily’s membership committee report. Jorena will forward on. Contact Emily if you need your region rep report.
6. Caitlyn Richbourg- Gave the YPC 5for5 presentation at E&H and will be heading to Averett soon.

Reminder to reps to take things back to committee chairs to discuss.

Motion to adjourn Scott Powers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Carroll

Meeting Adjourned, 9:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Funkhouser, Secretary

**Meeting Activity**

<b>Motions Passed</b>	<b>Appointments</b>	<b>Follow-Up Items</b>
Match Constitution & Bylaw language to say certified “or” licensed AT has voting rights, not certified “and” licensed.	Mitch Callis- Region 4 Rep	Helmet Sensor Task Force
10% Honorarium to EBP CEU Home Study Course Speaker to be paid annually.	Membership Committee: Angela Mickle Breanne Piatt Ara Whittwer Kathleen Tamberrino	Work Group Conference Calls
		Comments on CUATC Student Aide Statement to Adam

		Smith
		Pay Ian for Polos, or order one

Support Documents Follow

## Voting Rights Discussion



We've talked about an amendment regarding voting rights. At the very least, the current documents do not agree with each other:

- Bylaws (Article I, Section 2) state:

“All members may take part in discussion and debate and, in general, have the privilege of the floor during an official VATA meeting. Voting privileges are limited to those members who are State Licensed **or** National Certified members in good standing with the NATA and the BOC and employed in or reside in Virginia.”

Based on the content of the Bylaws, certified members who are not state licensed may vote.

- Constitution (Article VII, Section 1) states:

“Only State Licensed **and** National Certified members in good standing with the Association shall be entitled to vote on all questions submitted to the VATA.”

Based on the content of the Constitution, members who are not state licensed may not vote.

We've also discussed whether or not ALL members should have voting rights. We have some professional members of the VATA that pay larger dues to the organization than even certified members, but don't have the privilege of voting on issues or sit for office. What is the necessity of the restrictions?

Finally, logistics in voting are a factor to consider when voting. How will we determine who is/is not eligible with more restrictions?



## **Virginia Athletic Trainers Association: College/University Athletic Trainers Committee** Use of Student Aides to Provide Healthcare to Collegiate Student-Athletes

In the college and university setting, many members comprise the student-athlete healthcare team including registered nurses, to billing and insurance coordinators. The VATA encourages certified athletic trainers and their institutions be in compliance with state law regulations. It is our mission to provide proper care to student-athletes while educating athletic trainers to avoid potential litigation against the health care provider and/or institution. The VATA College and University Athletic Training Committee's (CUATC) is aware that non-athletic training students or student aides are potentially performing duties not within their scope. This does not include students currently enrolled in Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) accredited programs, who have the ability to render patient care under the auditory and visual supervision of a Virginia licensed Athletic Trainer.

Students who are enrolled in a health-related major (such as physical therapy, exercise science, pre-med, etc.) who want to gain healthcare experience in athletic training are not permitted to provide athletic training tasks and services set forth by the Code of Virginia as it relates to Athletic Training. Some of the regulated tasks students are participating in may include setting patients up on modalities (ice is a therapeutic modality), modifying rehab exercises, and covering events (games/practices) without athletic trainer (AT) supervision. Allowing students to perform functions of a licensed AT or athletic training student is a violation in accordance to the Virginia Board of Medicine. Students engaging in such regulated activities put their future professional careers at risk as they will be reported to the Board of Medicine. Furthermore, it degrades athletic training when students are asked to fulfill the role of a Certified Athletic Trainer; it sends a message that a degree is not needed to provide athletic training services.

The duties approved, but not limited to, for non-athletic training students include\*:

Proper student aide educational practice:

- Field set up and break down
- Hydration specialization
- Cleaning duties
- Performing inventories
- Stocking kits
- Stocking shelves, taping tables, etc.
- Making ice bags
- Preparing hot packs
- Recognition of emergent injuries such as heat illness, head injury, etc.

While all athletic trainers enjoy additional help delivering athletic training services, it is imperative that all involved in athletic healthcare work in accordance to the state legislature governing the AT profession. Each AT has a standard to uphold and should act as an ambassador to athletic training rather than taking advantage of those students who want a great experience. ATs have a responsibility to provide the best care to the patient and protect athletic training practice. The CUATC urges all college/university ATs to be aware of this issue and to please report any violations you may witness; each AT in the Commonwealth has a responsibility to report violations of the Code of Virginia:

Virginia Department of Health Professions  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, VA 23233-1463  
1-800-533-1560 or (804) 367-4691  
**Fax:** (804) 527-4424  
**Email:** [enfcomplaints@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:enfcomplaints@dhp.virginia.gov)

The VATA is continuing to increase awareness about students in the athletic training setting and would appreciate your support. Please contact the VATA CUATC committee chair, Adam Smith, or your regional representative for further information.

The following items from the Code of Virginia relate to the practice of athletic training and may provide clarification on the use of students in athletic training healthcare:

- **18VAC85-120-120. General responsibilities.**
- A. An athletic trainer shall be responsible for the actions of persons engaging in the practice of athletic training under his supervision and direction.
- B. An athletic trainer shall ensure that unlicensed persons under his supervision shall not perform those functions that require professional judgment or discretion in the practice of athletic training.
  
- **54.1-2957.6. Exceptions to athletic trainer licensure.**
- The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit any individual from providing first aid, nor any coach, physical education instructor or other person from (i) conducting or assisting with exercise or conditioning programs or classes within the scope of their duties as employees or volunteers or (ii) applying protective taping to an uninjured body part.

For further explanation on this issue (taken from <http://www.vhsl.org/doc/upload/smac-athletic-training-law-va.pdf>):

- **What duties can coaches, teachers and other non-certified adults perform?**

Individuals are permitted to provide basic first aid within the scope of their education and duties, which consists of providing temporary support until professional medical assistance is available and followed by proper referral to a medical doctor if necessary. Non-certified adults, including coaches and volunteers may conduct or assist with exercise or conditioning programs or classes within the scope of their duties as employees or volunteers.

- **If an MD or ATC determines a specific treatment is appropriate, can a coach or non-certified person give the treatment?**

Individuals who possess the skills necessary to perform non-discretionary tasks may perform those tasks under the direction and supervision of an MD or ATC.

You may review the NATA's Code of Ethics for further reference on appropriate coverage issues at: <http://www.nata.org/codeofethics>

\*Taken from the "Student-Aide-Letter" from the National Athletic Trainers Association:  
<http://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/Student-Aide-Letter.pdf>



## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

February 2015

Respectfully submitted by Emily Evans, Chair

Since last VATA EC Meeting:

- 1) Obtained updated membership roster through District Secretary
- 2) Distributed updated regional membership list to Regional Reps
- 3) Recruited 3 new Committee Members: Angela Mickle, Radford University; Breanne Piatt, Brookville High School; Ara Wittwer, Bon Secours Health System; and Kathleen Tamberrino, Lynchburg College
- 4) Converted state-only membership application form to PDF format (thank you Beth Funkhouser)
- 5) Inquired about Felony convictions through NATA website – no word yet. Will follow up with phone call
- 6) Established a list of membership benefits that align with the NATA. These will be listed on the website and include the following:
  - a. Full access to secure VATA website documents
  - b. Discounted rates for annual meeting and other VATA sponsored Professional Development opportunities
  - c. E-blasts, newsletters, and other VATA correspondents
  - d. Support for Governmental Affairs/Advocacy
  - e. Networking and Social Media Communities
  - f. Voting rights (except non-certified students??)
  - g. Eligibility to serve on leadership positions (except students? all other categories?)



## [VATA Meeting Report: Student Affairs Committee Follow-Up from Student Symposium](#)

2/4/15

To: VATA Exec Committee  
From: Jamie Frye, PhD, ATC



## Narrative

The 2015 VATA Annual Meeting & Symposium was the first to include a student focused symposium. Primary objectives were:

1. Provide a student education opportunity at the State level
2. Expose them to the VATA Annual Meeting
3. Provide a cost-effective meeting

Using previous “Young Professionals Symposium” attendance numbers, the committee planned a meeting with a goal of getting approximately 80 students to attend.

## Highlights

- 133 students registered and attended the meeting from: Averett University, Bridgewater College, George Mason University, James Madison University, Liberty University, Longwood University, Lynchburg College, and Shenandoah University
- Survey results indicate overall high satisfaction from attendees
- VATA Quiz Bowl was a huge success. Format of the quiz bowl continued to be modified from the 2014 model. 7 teams competed with Bridgewater College winning and James Madison University placing second. Team information has been forwarded to MAATA. The Quiz Bowl ran smoothly and created a true State competition that was largely attended.
- Kinesiotape used for one learning lab was donated by Henry Schein and area schools (estimated value of \$300)

## Finances

Description	Cost
AV Equipment*	\$860
Per person fee(\$72) for 133 students	\$9576
Student registration fee (\$35)	\$4655
<b>Total Cost of Student Attendance</b>	<b>\$5781</b>

\* AV equipment had been contained to one room until the registration numbers exceeded the ability to transition the room fast enough for the programming back and forth between lecture and lab style set-ups. Unfortunately that modification cost \$280 of the \$860 total.

- Loss for student attendance was budgeted to be between \$5,000-7,500; therefore, despite record attendance that increased our anticipated loss we were still within the anticipated loss budgeted for student attendance (This loss is based on what the VATA historically contributed to the formally named “Young Professionals Symposium” held at various Colleges and Universities.)

## Feedback

- Student Symposium satisfaction survey was open during meeting through January 20, 2015. 53 responses were submitted for a 41% response rate. (1=strongly disagree, 5= strongly agree)

Criterion	Average Score
How satisfied were you with the registration process?	4.38
How satisfied were you with the conference materials that were provided?	4.11
Overall, how satisfied were you with the speakers/presenters?	3.85
Overall, how satisfied were you with the conference facilities?	4.57
Did you feel the length of conference sessions were too long, just about right, or too short?	2.08*
The content of the conference sessions was appropriate and informative.	4.06
The conference was well organized.	4.45
The conference staff was helpful and courteous.	4.58

\*1=too short, 2=just right, 3=too long

Written responses were gathered for what students would like to see in future programming. Good ideas were submitted with major response themes revolving around wanting more learning labs and to consider a student only event focused on students getting to know each other. Students who had attended last year as well felt the learning labs are routinely too quick.

### Moving forward

- If we keep a similar format and align the speaking times for the keynote and the first speaker, both the AMC and Student Affairs Committee (SAC) could simultaneously plan. This would allow more time for the SAC to plan speakers. Students do like some opportunities to attend regular member sessions.
- Explore options to make student programming more cost effective for VATA:
  - Student VATA memberships? Push for NATA/VATA student membership?
  - Increasing attendance cost?
  - Seek support from vendors? (ACES Preparatory Workshop donation? Donations from student groups?)
- Explore ways to involve students in the planning
- Utilize a “Call for Proposals” for future programming in order to maximize representation across the Commonwealth
- Continue allowing all teams that register for the Quiz Bowl to compete in the main event. This increased overall participation and kept more members at the venue cheering on the students.