

RMATA, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS-TELECONFERENCE  
8:30 P. M. MST  
DECEMBER 15, 1994

1. ATTENDANCE:

Bill Lyons District Director/President  
Scott Linaker District Secretary  
Pam Cox New Mexico Representative/President (out-going)  
Rich Gerrells New Mexico Representative/President (in-coming)  
David Draper Utah Representative/President  
Bart Peterson Wyoming Representative/President

ABSENT:

Matt Webber Arizona Representative/President  
Jim Gillen Colorado Representative/President  
Dan Libera Parliamentarian

2. Call to Order: Bill called the meeting to order.

3. E-MAIL: If anyone has an E-mail address please sent it to Bill or Scott. This is a very quick and easy means with which to communicate.

4. RMATA:

A. DISTRICT SECRETARIES COMMITTEE MEETING: This committee will meet in Dallas on February 17 and 18, 1995. This committee feels that there are some concerns and issues which are common among the districts that can be worked on which can enhance the operations of each district. This committee meets during the national meeting, but this does not seem to be enough time to accomplish much. The bottom line is to share ideas about district operations which can help each district function more effectively and efficiently.

Bill: As the association continues to grow, the District Secretaries Committee becomes more and more important in the operation of each district. Thus the more informed this committee can be the better each district will run.

The NATA does not pay for this meeting, it is up to the district to fund this activity.

MOTION: To approve an additional \$730.00 to the secretary travel budget to fund this meeting.

MOTION BY: NM (Pam)

SECOND: WY (Bart)

CARRIED: 4 - 0 (AZ and CO absent)

B. NATAREF REQUEST FOR DONATIONS FROM EACH DISTRICT (copy of request

letter follows) This request was discussed with the following points being made:

1- the NATA has been partially funding the REF to help them get started and the REF has been increasing the grant and research capabilities through this funding. Ronnie Barnes replaces John Powell as the Chair of this committee. This request is just an effort on Ronnie's part to explore all avenues with regard to fund raising. We probably need to respond one way or another. We don't necessarily have to award the \$2000 asked for, but may donate a lesser amount depending on the wishes of this board.

2- The REF only funds about 6 research project per year. The best one is presented each year at the national meeting. If the researcher chooses to have the results published in the *JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING* then the REF will see that it gets published.

3- A lot of the people who apply for these grants are graduate students working on their masters/doctorate degree. None of the money goes toward salaries, but rather to pay for the printing and mailing of a survey or the purchase of equipment to carry out the research, etc..

4- The return to the individual would be better research and in return better treatment for the recipients of our health care.

5- The funds are there, but this board needs to decide what we would be comfortable with.

6- What will each individual athletic trainers get out of this research? Will the research be to the level to which an athletic trainer could apply the results/techniques to the practice of athletic training.

7- Check the June issue of *JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING* for examples of this type of research under the heading of oral and poster presentations.

We will look at our financial situation concerning this matter. This issue will be tabled for now and discussed at a future date.

C. INCORPORATION: This issue is very confusing as of now because of two separate and opposite legal opinions. The understanding is that if a district is incorporating to protect district officers, that may not be necessary, because if district officers are functioning in the capacity of official NATA business or district business through the NATA, then they will be protected under the NATA corporation. A question not asked at the last NATABOD meeting is, If a district is not incorporated, is it protected from the NATA? Under the current national leadership there does not appear to be a problem one way or the other. It is not a disadvantage for a district to incorporate and **WE WILL NOT CHANGE THE INCORPORATION STATUS OF OUR DISTRICT**

However, each state needs to look at their current situation, and realizing that the states are not a

part of NATA and are not protected under the NATA incorporation or the district incorporation. This may or may not be an issue with some states, and each state needs to look at the advantages and disadvantages as the situation applies to the individual state associations.

District officers are covered under the NATA umbrella as long as the district officers are conducting the business of the NATA, RMATA or District 7. Stepping outside that umbrella would remove this coverage. The state representatives are covered as long as they are also conducting business of the RMATA.

D. RMATA MEETING MARCH 17-19, 1995: There are a couple of problems, but we can work around them. One is that the exhibit space will be a little tight, but we gotten a little more space, so this should be alright.

There is also a problem with the contract with Freeman Decorating. They want to charge us \$30.00 per booth and Steve Scales received a quote over the telephone from Jeff Jackson of \$20.00 with a guaranteed minimum of 30 booths. The \$30.00 is still a competitive price, but we can't guarantee the 30 booth minimum. Scott will get Freeman Decorating to issue a new contract with the booth minimum deleted.

E. RMATA NEWSLETTER: Since Jack Ransone has vacated the position of Editor, Bart Peterson has taken over his duties. The Newsletter was mailed out on 12-15-95 and should be arriving soon.

MOTION To appoint Bart Peterson as the RMATA Newsletter Editor.

MOTION BY: UT (David)

SECOND: NM (Pam)

CARRIED: 4 - 0 (AZ and CO absent)

F. RMATA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATA PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: This is a very important service to our membership and we need to find a replacement for Jack Ransone. Most of the time this job is not that time consuming or difficult, but this committee does a lot of work when they meet at the national meeting.- We need to think of someone who can fill this position.

G. 1996 ANNUAL MEETING: We are still trying to hold the meeting in Flagstaff at Little America, but space is a big issue. Matt Webber should have a finalized report by our March meeting.

H. NATA HALL OF FAME POSTER: Frank Randall of Iowa State University has extended an offer to all district secretaries concerning the 1994 Hall of Fame posters. He is offering them to us at a price of \$3.50 each as compared to the regular price of \$15.00 each. The stipulation is that we would give these posters to all our members who preregister for our 1995 meeting. If we want to do this we need to let him know.

The monies raised by this venture goes back into the Hall of Fame.

It was decided not to accept this offer.

I. RMATA LOGO: Bushwalker Manufacturing is doing a work up of our logo so that we can proceed with the trademark. Wayne Williams of Bushwalker had a question as to the colors of each state and he called Mike Nesbitt. Mike in turned called me to voice his concern over the colors for Arizona and Utah. As stated in our procedures Arizona is red and Utah is blue, this was done to match the colors on our banner. And we have not officially accepted our procedures yet, so a change would be easy. Mike says that about October 6, 1990 the RMATA Board officially accepted the following colors: Arizona would be turquoise, Colorado would be green, New Mexico would be yellow, Utah would be white and Wyoming would be brown. Mike seemed to have a very strong opinion concerning this issue.

Changing the banner would be a public relations issue. And we need to talk to Mike again and see how strongly he feels about this issue.

J. NAME BADGES FOR THE RMATABOD: Bart's school can make plastic laminate name badges at the cost of \$3.50 each. What they need is a better copy of the logo so that a cleaner image can be produced. Bart also wanted to know whether to pursue this venture or not. It was decided that the price was right and we could get name badges for district committee people as well, and this would be a good way to make our meeting a little classier and to highlight these people. Bart was instructed to continue to pursue this venture.

## 5. NATA:

A. CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP: Tinactin has been signed on as a corporate sponsor. This represents a higher level of participation for Tinactin. Sometimes after January 1, 1995, the national office will distribute the corporate sponsorship monies to the districts. The NATA will continue to look for potential corporate sponsors.

B. EDUCATION TASK FORCE: Formed for the purpose of looking at athletic trainer education at all levels (graduate, undergraduate, internship, curriculum, continuing education). The first meeting will be around the first part of February. Will make recommendations to the NATABOD concerning improvements in this area. District 7 is represented by the following: University of New Mexico Team Physician, Mike Nesbitt, Ed Ryan, Bill Lyons.

There are about 15 to 20 members of this task force, with a good mix from internship programs, curriculum programs, minorities, women, and NATABOC. The chairs of this task force are John Schrader and Richard Ray. The approach will be similar to the way the governance task force was run, as there is no hurry to get things done and the membership will be contacted with their comments and suggestions.

C. COLUMBIA ASSESSMENT SERVICES: CAS is responsible for gathering all the information concerned with and putting together the certification exam for the NATABOC. There has been some problems with CAS loosing candidate applications, not processing

mailed in information and a general mismanagement of candidate materials. Anyone who feels that one of their students has not received the proper assistance should let Bill know the specifics of their respective situation so that this information can be passed on to the appropriate people.

D. HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE: All districts are strongly encouraged to nominate female and minority candidates into our honors and awards system. Request nomination information from the national office. Individuals who do not meet all the required criteria, may still be nominated, and at the discretion of the Board may make it through the awards process. The final decision rests with the NATABOD.

E. GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE: The NATABOD approved and accepted the new By-Laws, as well as the policies and procedures. The By-Laws replace the old Constitution, and the policies and procedures replace the old By-Laws. The policies and procedures can be easily amended by the Board, while the By-laws still must be amended by the membership. The final document will be published in an up-coming issue of the *NATA NEWS*.

F. INJURY SURVEILLANCE STUDY: This past June, the NATABOD looked at funding a new injury surveillance study. The last survey was conducted in 1988 and directed at the secondary level. This 1988 survey generated more from a public relation standpoint than from the public service announcements. This is something to do from a PR standpoint as well as to update injury data. John Powell is no longer employed at the University of Iowa, but is now with a company in Iowa City, Iowa. He brought a three year proposal to the NATABOD that which called for the following:

*start-up cost	\$50,000
*1st year cost	\$171,000
*2nd year cost	\$176,000
*3rd year cost	\$181,000

To work with 250 schools, with 100 schools reporting on 10 sports.

The Board renegotiated this original proposal and came back with the following:

*6 month start-up and 1st year cost	\$175,000
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Then will look at the cost for the next two years.

The membership has indicated they want this study, as does the Board. The task is to get the school to participate to help with the data collection and validity.

The software, hardware and equipment needed to run this study will become the property of the NATA.

This was the only bid submitted.

G. SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDY An excellent report was presented by Mike Magee to the Board, through an impressive computer production. Bill will give us the final report at our March meeting.

H. COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE: The following changes have been made with regard to this committee: Fred Hoover will be the Chair Emeritus, Terry O'Brien will become the New Chair. Our representative is Dianne Goodridge at Northern Arizona University.

The recommendation, from this committee, to the NCAA consist of six proposals, which could benefit the student-athlete as well as the athletic trainer. For more information concerning these proposals, contact Dianne.

University and college athletic trainers are encouraged to talk to other university and college athletic trainers, as well as their respective athletic directors, to convey your concerns and suggestions about the proposals. The proposals number 2-96 through 2-101. Other proposals to look at are 2-105, 2-106 and 2-111.

I. STATE REPORTS:

AZ: no report

CO: no report

NM: Pam introduced In-coming president Rich Gerrells

UT: will be hosting the certification exam

WY: no report

MOTION: To adjourn this meeting of the RMATABOD.

MOTION BY: NM (Pam)

SECOND: WY (Bart)

CARRIED: 4 - 0