

**R.M.A.T.A.**  
**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**MARCH 13, 1987**  
**LOGAN, UTAH**

The meeting was called to order by District Director Mike Nesbitt. A motion was made by Ben Davison and seconded by George Goodridge to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as written. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Financial Report was presented by Bill Lyons. The financial status of the district remains very solid. We have improved our balance significantly during the year. Our estimated balance after expenses from the district meeting is \$17,500 to \$18,000. A motion was entertained to accept the report and it passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**KNEE BRACE STUDY:** Reported by Troy Young that the initial study had problems because of lack of participants. A revised version of the form will be sent out with the newsletter. Hopefully, all certified trainers at all levels will be able to participate.

**CONSTITUTIONAL BYLAWS CHANGE:** Troy Young reported on the proposed constitutional changes regarding the Director's and Secretary's term of office. The proposal would allow for successive terms by each. Discussion centered around the procedure for voting, and the fact that the Secretary would no longer automatically follow the Director. A motion was made by Troy Young to send the proposal to the membership for a vote. This was to be done by certified mail. Dan Libera seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**N.A.T.A. OFFICE:** Mike Nesbitt presented information on sites and proposals concerning moving the N.A.T.A. national offices to the Texas Hall of Fame building in Grand Prairie, Texas. The board elected to buy the building as an initial business investment. It is on 7.9 acres of land, 29,000 square feet and has easy access to Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport. By the end of the meeting there had been no decision to move the office, only a decision to buy the building.

Discussion centered on the immediate remodeling costs, future plans to sell the office in Greenville, and the cost of being able to buy the building. The N.A.T.A. is financially able to purchase the building at this time.

If the N.A.T.A. is relocated, the building would house offices, the hall of fame, the archives, and the mid-year board meetings and other related meetings would be held there.

After the discussion, a motion was made by Dale Mildenberger that District Seven accept the proposal to move the national office to Grand Prairie, Texas. The motion carried.

**FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** District Seven's proposal for a full-time director was defeated because of a technicality. The technicality stated that the full-time director move should be made when a new site for the N.A.T.A. offices was selected. Since no decision was made to move the offices, this was defeated. After discussion, there was again a motion made by Dale Mildenberger that when a site is selected that the selection process for a full-time executive director begin and that the N.A.T.A. have such a person in house within five years of site selection. The motion carried.

**HALL OF FAME CRITERIA:** District Seven's second agenda item was a request that the Hall of Fame Criteria be re-evaluated and strengthened if necessary. During the mid-year board meeting, the discussion really never addressed the question of the criteria. District Seven will go back to the board of directors with the request to evaluate the criteria for hall of fame selection. Dale Mildenberger made a motion that "the hall of fame criteria be drawn up and presented to the board of directors." The motion passed.

**U.S.O.C. SPORTS MEDICINE MOVEMENT:** The board of directors unanimously decided to send Bruce Kola's letter, "the United States Olympic Committee Sports Medicine Volunteer Program," to the *Journal* for publication. The board requested more facts on the USOC from our district. The district approved of Mike Nesbitt's request for funds to fly to USOC to set the needed materials.

#### TOPICS OF INTEREST

**A-V AIDS:** Will be associated with public relations in the future. Tom Abdenour has resigned from the A-V committee.

**CERTIFICATION:** In 1986 there were 2376 tests given. There were also 4250 newsletters regarding certification requirements sent out. Unfortunately, many received those past the deadline. Therefore there was only a 10% response rate. 78% of the candidates passed the written and 69% passed the oral exam in Jan. Of those taking the test for the first time, 22% failed. A study guide for the test is being developed. Recertification is only a question before the P.E.C. It is not a movement to take certification away from the A.T.,C.'s.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Our district and district 8 each had two sites selected. The two sites from our district were potentially Phoenix and Salt Lake City. The next time would be 1992. A motion was made to only support Phoenix. After much discussion the motion failed by hand vote. Our district will support both sites and hopefully increase our odds at selection.

**P.E.C.:** The P.E.C. made a recommendation that the graduate athletic training programs progress towards 2 year programs. It would help the graduate programs be differentiated from undergraduate programs by doing more research. The board instructed the P.E.C. to do a feasibility study on certification applicants who do not have experience with contact sports.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** The efforts have been very good at this time. The film can be purchased. The board was very appreciative of the 105 H.S. trainers who supplied information.

**REDISTRICTING:** District two is proposing redistricting the N.A.T.A. A plan of action will be formulated for this action in June.

**C.E.U.'S:** The reporting period for the current year ends Dec. 1, 1987. Of 641 certified trainers, there were 1945 still deficient in March. It has been requested that the local state people contact those who are deficient and offer help and encouragement.

**ETHICS:** New code of ethics are forthcoming.

**GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:** 26 scholarships and this year the N.A.T.A. had the fewest number of applicants ever. The scholarships are worth \$1,500 each, but require a 3.25 GPA.

**HISTORY AND ARCHIVES:** Board is looking for a G.A. to redo the history and archives.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS:** The committee will be reworked with members from each state and then reporting to district. Mike encouraged anyone who became aware of a death to let him know so appropriate flowers etc. can be sent. If time is a problem, the state association should send them and the district will reimburse them.