

RMATA, INC.  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
MARCH 20, 1992  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Before the meeting was officially called to order, Bill invited Julie Max to address the membership. Julie is the District Director for District 8 and also the Vice President of the NATA, INC..

1. Newly elected RMATA, INC. President , Bill Lyons called the annual business meeting to order.
2. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Bill read the financial statement. A motion was made to accept the statement as read. The motion was seconded and it carried by voice vote.
3. MINUTES. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 6,1991 meeting and to accept them as published in the November 1991 Newsletter. The motion was seconded and it carried by voice vote.
4. MEMBERSHIP. Bill presented the current membership status, as compiled by the NATA, INC., as of March 12, 1992. RMATA, INC. has a total of 808 members.
5. RMATA, INC. MISSION STATEMENT. Bill presented the newly drafted mission statement to the membership. It is as follows: (See enclosed)
6. FINANCIAL CONSULTANT. Bill announced the acquisition of Danny R. Cox, CPA, of the accountant firm Atkinson and Co. Ltd., to serve as the financial consultant to the RMATA, INC. for financial business and concerns.
7. BUSINESS CONSULTANT. Bill announced the retention of Richard T. Ball Esq., to serve as the business consultant to the RMATA, INC..
8. SPECIAL THANKS. Bill gave special acknowledgment and thanks to Wayne Barger, Pam Cox, Leah Putman, and all the New Mexico membership who gave such a tremendous effort in putting on "The Show". Thank you.
9. RMATA, INC. ANNUAL MEETING 1993. The next annual meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on March 19, 20, 21, 1993. Extra clinical time will be added to the program in an effort to increase the number of CEU'S.
10. DUES INCREASE. The RMATA, INC BOD voted to increase annual dues by \$5.00 for all classifications of members effective January 1, 1993. This was necessitated by the increased travel cost for the District Director/President and District Secretary; the need for secretarial assistance for the District Secretary; the increase cost of the annual meeting and clinical symposium; the cost of retaining a business and financial consultant; and to attain good business

policy by maintaining a years liquid assets in the account.

11. THANKS, MIKE. Bill gave a brief history of the beginnings of the RMATA, INC. under the direction and leadership of Mike Nesbitt. Mike was presented with a hand-made original Kachina and the inscription on it read: Mike Nesbitt, President 1986-1992, in appreciation for battles fought and won, your efforts are an inspiration to us all. RMATA, INC. Thank you, Mike for so tirelessly leading the RMATA, INC. through the past six years. Mike then gave a very heart-felt thank you and a very special thank you to the special one's in his life.

12. NATA, INC AGENDA. As presented and discussed by Mike Nesbitt is as follows: (See enclosed)

13. MIKE SAYS FAREWELL AND THANKS.

My impressions of where we've been, where we are and certainly where we're going. Some of them reflect the thinking of our Board, some obviously reflect my thinking, and some of them I hope, reflect your thinking.

As I reflect over the past nine years as your District Secretary and District Director, I have seen and experienced many dynamic changes, both at the district and national levels. Most of these changes have resulted in a higher level of commitment, not only for the leadership, but also for the membership. Expectation levels have increased due to the ever changing face of the health care field we are in. We have met the challenge with meetings that have increased in attendance and quality of programs. We began in Flagstaff eight years ago with 121 attendees and eight exhibitors, and have grown to over 300 attendees and thirty-one exhibitors at this meeting. With this commitment and expectation level go the problems inherent with growth.

Your District Board has been very proactive in addressing the issues and concerns that have been raised by you the members. As in any organization, there are factual based problems and there are "rumor mill" based problems. I feel that I need to address both areas and also address the solutions that our Board has deliberated on for the past two days.

We became an incorporated association of professional colleagues two years ago. Within this two year period we have become a fully working business organization that has retained consultants that have expertise in the areas of business, legal, and financial matters. We have a constitution and by-laws that meet the unique concerns of the members of the Rocky Mountain area. During the last two days we have drawn up a purpose and mission statement that further outline the goals and standards we have set for our district.

With the aforementioned accomplishments I would like to address the concerns. The number one concern is our national organization does not like the idea that we are incorporated and are acting as an independent association. Your board has deliberated on that subject long and hard, and recognize the uniqueness of this region, and have voted unanimously to continue with the structure we have in place.

The number two concern can be either classified as rumor or discussions that have emanated from the leadership conference in February, about the long range plan of our national association. one recommendation that will be presented to the NATA Board of Directors is the possible redistricting toward more state based organizations, with less emphasis on the current district structures. In our own board discussions it was felt that our members have only so many financial resources and ability to travel, and that our meeting and activities are conducive to an

on-going educational avenue to their CEU'S, so voted unanimously to have their Director vote against the changing of this district and to continue to build and strengthen the organization we have in place.

As a district we continue to give support to our elected leaders and to voice our concerns to be addressed at the national level. We want more communication on issues that concern us as a profession, and to be more sensitive to issues of change that directly affect our members, and how the membership are informed of these changes.

I appreciate all the support you have given me and thank you all for the memories of representing the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association. Thank you."

14. Bill opened the floor for discussion and questions from the membership. Concerns and questions were voiced and answers were provided by Alan Smith, NATA, INC. Executive Director; Julie Max, NATA, INC. Vice President and District 8 Director; and Mike Nesbitt, NATA, INC. District 7 Director.

15. MEETING ADJOURNED. With no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the business meeting, the motion was seconded and it carried by voice vote.