

RMATA, INC
SEMI ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 13, 1994
DALLAS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER: Bill Lyons called the meeting to order.
2. THANK YOU: A thank you to the membership for attending this meeting. A special thank you to Dave Burton, the National Convention Chair, the National Convention Committee and the National Office Staff for the tremendous effort in putting on this convention.
Thank you to Cramer Products for supplying drinks and snacks for our meeting.
3. INTRODUCTION OF THE RMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Matt Webber	Arizona Representative/President
Jim Gillen	Colorado Representative/President
Pam Cox	New Mexico Representative/President
David Draper	Utah Representative/President
Bart Peterson	Wyoming Representative/President

These individuals represent the membership of each state, they have significant input into the decision making process and they are a group of hard working people.

4. RECOGNITION OF RMATA MEMBERS: This year has been an exceptionally rewarding year for District 7 with the amount of recognition that has been bestowed upon us. We have received national as well as local recognition of our members. One can't help but to appreciate what this District does with the small number of members we have. (Specific recognitions follows.)
5. RMATA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: The individuals we will induct today were unable to attend the induction ceremony this past March in Cheyenne, therefore we will officially induct them into the RMATA Hall of Fame at this time. They are:

Gary Delforge	University of Arizona
L.F. "Tow" Diehm	University of New Mexico
Richard Kimball	Brigham Young University
6. DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: The following individuals received a \$1000 scholarship from the RMATA to further their studies in Athletic Training:

Mary Kathryn McClendon	University of Colorado
Todd Luft	University of Northern Colorado (scholarship partially funded by Swede-0)
Dennis Martin	University of Northern Colorado

Congratulations to these scholarship awards recipients.

7. NATA HONORS AND AWARDS: District 7 has been very fortunate to have such fine individuals recognized by the NATA for their contributions to the profession of Athletic Training. The following RMATA Members were recognized and honored:

- A. NATA Hall of Fame
 - G. E. "Moose" Detty
 - Dale Mildenberger
 - Mike Nesbitt
- B. Sayers "Bud" Miller Educator of the Year
 - Gary Delforge
- C. NATA Scholarship Awards: The following individuals received a \$1500 scholarship to further their studies in Athletic Training:

Undergraduate Scholarship: Internship Program

Jolene Regan University of Wyoming

Undergraduate Scholarship: Curriculum

Dennis Martin University of Northern Colorado

Heather Hollingshaus Brigham Young University

Kristina Fischer University of Northern Colorado

Todd Luft University of Northern Colorado

Postgraduate Scholarship:

Kim O'Connell New Mexico State University

8. NATA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: The following was presented by Dale Mildenberger, the RMATA Representative to this committee.

- A. There is a concern about the number of applicants for scholarships. Some of those concerns were in the area of regulations. One of the things that was lowering the number of applicants was the regulation that a program could only sponsor three individuals. This policy has been discontinued as of this year. Any member of the NATA, who has a membership number prior to application, and who meets the criteria will be considered for a scholarship regardless of the numbers coming from a particular program. This will increase the load on the committee. Another change involves the Grade Point Average (GPA). Until Friday, the GPA was weighted on a scale and was assigned a specific score. We felt this was eliminating too many potential candidates. The GPA will now be used by the evaluator independently, the evaluator has the ability to assign what ever value they feel would be appropriate for the specific GPA. The intent is to break potential ties or indecisions. Each applicant is evaluated by at least seven evaluators. The GPA will not be a determining factor in applying. This year 44 scholarships were awarded, one year ago there were 34 awarded. We are working on awarding more scholarships, as many as we can find money for. We encourage all students to apply for these scholarships. I would like to see more representation from more institutions.
- B. Beginning next year District Seven will sponsor a national scholarship. We will present the

money to the NATA and the NATA Scholarship Committee will select a deserving candidate, first from District Seven and if none is found then a student from another district, to receive this award.

We would like to propose, in keeping with some of the traditions of the NATA, that we name this scholarship in memory and in honor of Warren H. Lee.

9. RMATA BUSINESS:

A. RMATA NEWSLETTER: Thanks to Jack Ransone for taking over the duties of Newsletter Editor. However, Jack is moving out of the district, but has agreed to remain as the Newsletter Editor until we can find a suitable replacement. If you are interested in taking over this position submit a resume' and letter of interest to Bill. Some computer skills are necessary, but not too extensive. The only cost to this individual would be time, since PRO Orthopedics fully funds our Newsletter.

B. MEMBERSHIP: The current membership stands at about 20,000. About 6,000 members are attending this meeting, and after a final count should be even higher.

C. RMATA NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT AND DISTRICT SECRETARY: Nominations were opened during our March meeting and have remained open for written thus far. Bill Lyons has been nominated for the District Director/President position and Scott Linaker has been nominated for the District Secretary position. A call for additional nominations from the floor was made and there were no additional nominations. Thus nominations were closed.

D. NATA GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: RMATA is not currently represented on this committee and we need someone to fill this vacancy. If anyone is interested in this position send a letter of interest along with a resume' to Bill Lyons.

E. RMATA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: The Annual Business Meeting and Clinical Symposium will be held in Denver, Colorado on March 17, 18, 19, 1995 at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center.

10. NATA BUSINESS:

A. INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE: In an attempt to help ATC's abroad maintain their CEU's and to help them with the teaching of their students, the NATA BOD has granted permission for NATA documents to be translated into foreign languages.

B. NFL MINORITY GRANTS: Each year, each NFL team gives a grant to a minority student who serves in an internship with the team. A logistical change will take place in the form of administering these grants through the Grants and Scholarships Foundation.

C. NATA BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS: The BOD met this past winter in Chicago, instead of Dallas, at the invitation of Gatorade, who helped absorb a portion of the costs to hold the meeting. This allowed the Board to meet with the Illinois Athletic Trainers' Association and other athletic trainers in that area. Because of its success and the cost (which was not any more than if the Board met in Dallas), the Board is considering doing this again at other sites around the country. The sites will be cost and budget minded and will allow more of the membership to attend Board meeting and see first hand how the Board functions.

D. AATA: This organization is still an agenda item after 2.5 years. AATA violated the stipulated court order about a year ago when they were told to stop what they were doing. NATA has taken AATA back to court where AATA was found to be in violation of the court order. AATA was ordered to pay NATA legal expenses of \$30,000, which is not the total expenses incurred by NATA in this legal battle.

E. POSITION STATEMENTS: The NATA BOD is in the process of updating position statements, some of which are 20 to 30 years old and some of which do not apply to today's issues. NATA has been out of the position statement business for a while but is now getting back to taking a stand concerning certain issues. An HIV policy will be coming in December.

F. NATA PROPOSED GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT: This process was explained at district meetings and at a town hall meeting at the national meeting. The Board will meet in December to discuss and approve the final form. Upon Board approval in December, NATA will dissolve its' incorporation in North Carolina and incorporate under the new bylaws in Texas. After which work will begin on the policies and procedures. There were no concerns voiced from the floor at this time.

G. NATA DISCRIMINATION POLICY: The NATA Discrimination policy is being worked on to bring it up to date and in line.

H. HEALTH CARE REFORM: A hot topic for our profession. Now is the time to lobby your legislators and let them know where you stand concerning this issue. Bill will send out a letter to the membership explaining suggested methods of dealing with your legislators concerning this issue. Let your elected officials know about the profession of Athletic Training and what an Athletic Trainer is. Bill will be sending out this letter in August.

I. MEMBER PROFILE SURVEY: The staff at the national office is doing a tremendous job of promoting the profession of Athletic Training. Member studies have been done to determine the public awareness of athletic trainers. Many people know who we are (employers, school administrators, etc.), but there are those who don't now who we are (hospitals, HMO'S, etc.). A recent member profile survey was sent out to every 9th member, there was one very interesting finding, 44% of college and university Certified Athletic Trainers provide services directly to secondary schools, (some provide service to as many as 10 different schools). While this practice does benefit the school and their athletes, it does not help in getting Certified Athletic Trainers hired in the secondary schools.

J. FINANCIAL STATUS: NATA finances are on solid ground. The recent dues increase is being used wisely, and part of that revenue is being stockpiled in the legal defense fund (legal fees from this past year on AATA alone was around \$92,000). There is more funding for committees, task forces, surveys, PR campaign and lobbying.

K. CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP: J & J and Gatorade have signed on through 1999. Tinactin is looking at coming on board at the corporate sponsorship level in the near future.

L. ATC IN THE HOME OFFICE: Susan Kromer, A.T.,C., is the new Membership Coordinator.

M. NATA/APTA/USOC EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: To be held February 4 and 5, 1995. The title of the symposium is The Functional Application of scientific Principals of Closed Kinetic Chain Activities for the Extremities. The site is yet to be determined.

- N. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE: Developing a good relationship with the NCAA Competitive Safeguards Committee. One big concern for this committee is the non-traditional seasons and the responsibilities of athletic trainers, the lack of adequate medical coverage, and the lack of control by athletic trainers concerning the length and number of competitions of this season. Specific concerns are:
1. That care be provided by a certified athletic trainer during the non-traditional season.
 2. That a ratio of student athletes to certified athletic trainer be developed.
 3. That the length of non-traditional seasons and the number of competitions within said season be reviewed as related to feasibility of coverage by the certified athletic trainer.
 4. That the liability of student athletic trainers, who cover these sessions without certified athletic trainer supervision be addressed.
 5. That a policy or guidelines for medical coverage of student athletes during practice and competition, including regional and national competitions, be developed.
- O. SPECIAL GUESTS, EVE BECKER-DOYLE AND DENNY MILLER ADDRESS THE MEMBERSHIP: The Board is looking for any viable solution concerning the number of ATC's who are being graduated into the work force (there are 600-700 applicants for about 200 positions). The BOD is taking a close look at the educational preparation and standards, and the marketability of the athletic trainer as a viable allied medical profession. There is also a bill before the US Congress, that is sponsored by OSHA, that would require a health professional in every work setting that employs more than 15 people. This has Athletic Trainer written all over it. The Board will address issues concerned with jobs, quality, education, certification and continuing education. NATABOD funded \$75,000 for the Public Relations Committee to begin a PR campaign with the following objectives which were approved by the Board. The first objective is to help create jobs for ATC's in the secondary school setting and the second objective is to create a better awareness about what Athletic Trainers do. Suggestions from the membership concerning these issues or any other topics are strongly encouraged. The role of the athletic trainer and health care reform is a very key issue which will be closely studied by the NATABOD. A task force may need to be formed to deal with this issue.
- P. ELITE ATHLETE NETWORK: This program was put in place about two years ago and now have gone on line with USOC, Health South and Care Mart to provide services for the elite athlete across the country, in a systematic manner. This will allow the elite athlete to gain quality health care without having to go searching for these services. Final documents are being drafted to solidify this program and its processes. The services provided by the participating entities will be funded through insurance and there will be no advertising associated with these services.
- Q. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: This committee has been down sized over the past year due to an abatement in responsibilities. The PEC was then left with the charge to determine what their responsibilities would be and came up with a proposal which was submitted to the NATABOD for approval. There are 4 or 5 proposals in the educational arena, covering concerns in post graduate education and continuing education. The education of the athletic trainer will still be the responsibility of the PEC.

R. NATABOC: Chad Starkey conducted a study for the NATABOC investigating the pass/fail rate of candidates sitting for the certification exam. Internship and curriculum routes to certification were compared in the 6 domains, first time testers versus repeat testers, and pass/fail ratios and percentages were derived. The results indicate a statistically significant difference. Those first time candidates who went through a curriculum do better on the exam than those candidates who went through an internship. There is an 8 - 10% difference depending on the level. Looking at this data, the numbers are not as black and white as they might appear to be. Certain variables not included in this study were educational background, GPA and intelligence of the candidate. Therefore this study may indicate a symptom not a solution. This information is very appreciated and needs to be looked at very closely before any decisions are made concerning certification.

S. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. RMATA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATABOC, DAN LIBERA:

- a. NATABOC is looking closely at the educational standards for the certification exam
- b. adding a test site in Salt Lake City, Utah next April, which will bring the test site total for District 7 to 9
- c. a special thank you to all Test Site Administrators and Examiners for your administration of the certification exams this past year

2. RMATA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE, ED RYAN:

- a. first A/V award was presented this year for a video tape production dealing with football equipments and injuries to the spine. Everyone is encouraged to enter this contest by submitting your entry to Ed Ryan
- b. NATA has many video tapes which are available to the membership, if interested in acquiring any of these tapes contact Ed. In the near future, all of the audio visual materials will be housed at the national office
- c. a bibliography of these audio visual holdings will be made available to the membership in the near future

3. RMATA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE, RICH GERRELLS:

- a. Due to the efforts of this committee, the NATA will now have a liaison to the National High School Federation.
- b. this committee will be sending out about 5000 surveys to high school athletic trainers' to see what is going on at the high school level.

4. RMATA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE, DIANNE GOODRIDGE:

- a. newly formed committee.
- b. is looking into a number of issues which concern the college athletic trainer, one of which is the athletic trainers' responsibilities during the non-traditional season.
- c. college and university athletic trainers are encouraged to communicate your concerns and suggestions to Dianne.

T. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP:

- a. it was recommended that we have an "open forum" concerning the large number of students who sit for the certification exam when there are so few jobs available.

- U. OPEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.
- V. MEETING ADJOURNED.