

RMATA, INC.  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
MARCH 22, 1996  
TUCSON, AZ

1. The 1996 Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony:  
Chris White presented Mike Nesbitt to the Membership as the 1996 RMATA Hall of Fame Inductee. Mike becomes the ninth member of the Hall of Fame and joins fellow members Jack Aggers, Bob Beeten, Jim Conboy, Gary Delforge, Tow Diehm, Rod Kimball, Dan Libera and Troy Young. Congratulations Mike.
  
2. RMATA Annual Business Meeting Called To Order:  
Bill Lyons called the meeting to order.
  
3. Introductions of the RMATA BOD:  
Bill Lyons, District Director/President introduced the RMATA Board of Directors: Bart Peterson, Wyoming President; Rich Gerrells, New Mexico President; Scott Linaker, Secretary/Treasurer, Scott Farnsworth, Arizona President; David Draper, Utah President.
  
4. Membership Report:  
Scott Linaker presented the following membership report as of 03-09-96: Certified Members 769  
Associate Members 26  
Student Members 167  
Total Members 962  
  
special recognition of Kim Babeu: Kim has been nominated for the 199596 Teacher of the Year Award, as part of the Circle K High School Faculty Awards Program.  
Congratulations Kim.
  
5. Financial Statement as of 03-15-96:  
Total Income: \$47,382.42  
Total Expenditures: \$24,012.95 (this does not include expenditure associated with the annual meeting)  
Net Balances:  
    Checking:           \$67,887.05  
    Savings:            \$18,045.90  
    Total:               \$85,932.95

The fiscal year ends on 03-31-96, at which time our CPA will audit our accounting books and give final verification of our income and expenditures, and prepare a final financial statement. Members wishing to receive a copy of the year end financial statement may do so by sending

a written request to Scott Linaker.

6. Nomination Process/Review & Elections:

In January 1997, the positions of District Director/President and Secretary/Treasurer will be open for nominations. Nominations, either written or taken from the floor at our annual business meeting, will be accepted from January 1997 until the close of the annual business meeting in March of 1997. After all nominations have been accepted, an election ballot will be prepared for mailing to all RMATA voting members. These election ballots will be sent out in September 1997. In March 1998, the elected officers will assume their respective positions on the RMATA Board of Directors.

The rationale for this timetable lies in the circumstance of the District Director/President and their position on the NATA Board of Directors. The newly elected Director/President will be present at NATABOD meeting in December 1997 and February 1998, as well as sit in on teleconference meetings, which occur every month there is not a face to face meeting. It is very important to have the newly elected Director/President attend these meetings, in order to be in the best possible position, before assuming their position on the NATABOD.

It is very important for all members to be aware of this timetable as they exercise their membership rights with regard to nominations and voting.

7. Annual Convention Update:

1997 - Albuquerque, NM (Hyatt Regency)

The theme will be "Legal Issues for the Athletic Trainer"

1998 - Utah (site to be determined)

1999 - Wyoming (site to be determined)

We have had four cities from Wyoming make presentations to the Board, in an attempt to become the host city/site. The cities included Gillette, Casper, Sheridan and Cheyenne.

There are some key issues which the membership needs to be aware of and consider. These issues deal with a multi-hotel setting and off-site meeting space. We are on the verge of outgrowing our traditional hotel setting in many situations, and both of these issues will force us to deal with shuttle busses between the hotels and the meeting site. A shuttle system can be put into place to meet our needs. This is simply a change due to our growth and is a change the Board is willing to deal with.

Every member of the Board welcomes input from the membership concerning these issues. Please let the Board know your opinions.

8. Policies and Procedures Task Force:

The Board has formed a Policies and Procedures Task Force with the charge of creating policies and procedures, which are mandated in the by-laws, which will be used in the day to day management of the Association.

Once the Policies and Procedures have been reviewed by our legal counsel approved by the

Board, they will be distributed to the membership via district publication.

9. RMATA Home Page:

The Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association now has its own Home Page on the Internet. The RMATA Home Page address is as follows: <http://www.ccsd.k12.wy.us/cchs-web/assoc/rmata.htm>

Browse the RMATA Home Page for valuable information concerning your district association.

10. Student Breakout Session:

This is the first time we have attempted to have a Student Breakout Session and are concerned with it being a successful venture. Therefore, students are encouraged to provide feedback to the BOD concerning this years meeting. Let us know what your opinions are.

11. NATA District 7 Business:

A. Reimbursement Advisory Group Up-Date - Steve Tollefson:

Steve passed around the Reimbursement Advisory Group outcome Studies for the membership to review, and then presented the following points, with regard to the RAG:

- \* looking at where the jobs are and where athletic trainers are working
- \* funded by the NATABOD
- \* studying the issues of third party reimbursement for ATC'S
- \* many athletic trainers are already involved with third party reimbursement
- \* need to create a model to approach payers
- \* payers need to know what we do as athletic trainers
- \* to do this requires an outcome research project
  - right now there are 75 sites throughout the United States, who employ athletic trainers, who are participating in this outcome study, but more sites are needed, especially at the high school level
  - want individuals who are only ATC'S, do not want dual credentialed individuals
  - the results will be returned to the RAG, and then forwarded to an analyzing agency out of Denver, who will then develop a plan to approach those entities who will be paying the bills
  - this study will determine the efficiency and efficacy of the athletic trainer as an allied health care provider
  - the process will define athletic training, this is the future
- \* educate the membership as to what the RAG is doing
  - has been working for about a year and a half and has been given 3 years to complete their study
  - the plan is to present a yearly update at all district meetings, as well as at the national convention
- \* will put together a packet of information for all athletic trainers to utilize in their respective practices settings and states
  - will provide strategies with how to approach a payer
- \* third party reimbursement will affect every athletic trainer, in all settings, one way or

another

\*\*\* The Reimbursement Advisory Group will be presenting another, more complete update in Orlando on Wednesday June 12, 1996 at 7:00 am.

B. REF Annual Fund Drive and CEU Home Study Course:

Each member was presented with an envelope, which contained information regarding becoming a donor member of the REF. All members are encourage to join their fellow athletic trainers as donor members of the REF.

The REF is doing great things in education and research which will benefit all athletic trainers.

The REF is also making available a CEU Home Study Course. Through this venture, each individual is able to gain valuable CEU's (1.5) and become a donor member of the REF.

Through this home study course and annual fund drive, each district is challenged to raise \$3500.00. In addition, Johnson & Johnson will match, dollar for dollar, the funds raised through this annual fund drive.

C. Educational Task Force:

The Educational Task Force is holding an "open forum" at each district meeting this year. All members are encouraged to attend to voice their concerns with regard to renewing athletic training education. Members who are unable to attend these meetings are also encourage to discuss their concerns with a member of the task force.

District 7 representatives on this task force include Bill Lyons, Mike Nesbitt and Ed Ryan.

A Report from the Educational Task Force may be found in the February 1996 issue of the *NATA NEWS*. Be informed.

D. Future Conventions:

1996 Orlando, FL

1997 Salt Lake City, UT

1998 Baltimore, MD

1999 Kansas City, MO (50th Anniversary of the NATA)

2000 Nashville, TN

2001 Los Angeles, CA

E. Eve Becker-Doyle signs new three year contract with NATA:

The NATA Board of Directors have signed Eve Becker-Doyle to a new three year contract. We look forward to our continued relationship with Eve.

F. NATA Home Page:

The NATA has a Home Page which, besides offering pertinent information about the

NATA, will allow Internet browses to link to other sports medicine and athletic training pages. Members may also access the Placement Vacancy Notice when searching for employment opportunities.

The NATA Home Page address is as follows:  
<http://www.nata.org>

G. Financial Report:

The NATA finances are on very solid ground, however, it is always advantages to look at projected revenue and expenditures over the next five years. The Finance Committee continually reviews the financial status and projects an annual increase in revenue at 3% or 4% and an annual increase in expenditures at 5%. This process allows for better financial planning.

For at least within the next year, it appears that there is no need to increase membership dues. However, beyond that, it remains to be seen. By NATA Constitution, any increase in dues must be brought back to the district for discussion. It is the plan of the NATA Board of Directors to have small increases in membership dues over time, as opposed to larger increases at one time.

H. Supervision of the Student Athletic Trainer: A VERY BIG CONCERN: The supervision of student athletic trainers is a very big concern for the Board of Directors, the NATA Board of Certification, as well as with the Educational Task Force. There have been a number of reports, from across the nation, that college students are working in the high school setting without supervision, and those hours are being credited to the student, with regard to the certification process, as supervised hours. **THIS CAN NOT BE FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH, UNSUPERVISED HOURS DO NOT COUNT!** Supervising Athletic Trainers should not be signing off for the hours a student is not directly supervised.

Without even getting into the ethics and morals of this practice, this is a certification issue. Anyone who knows that this is going on needs to report the incident to the NATA Board of Certification. Reports can be made to your district BOC Representative or the BOC President, with a copy of the complaint being forwarded to the BOC Executive Director.

I am an Athletic Trainer!

The NATA Board of Directors would like the membership to join them in reaffirming the terms Athletic Trainer and Certified Athletic Trainer. This is who we are!

There has been much discussion concerning changing our name. This would be logistically impossible, let alone foolish. To make a change would require changing 35 practice acts in this country. Those with licensure or some sort of regulatory acts, can imagine the difficulties, the obstacles, the nightmares that would come about by revisiting this legislation again, just to change a name. A name change would also have a great impact, with regard to identity, on what the Reimbursement Advisory Group has done and is doing.

Athletic Trainers is what we are, making a name change will not solve an identity crisis.

J. Corporate Sponsorship:

The NATA Corporate Sponsorship income remains solid and is slowly increasing. With three current sponsors in Johnson & Johnson, Gatorade and Tinactin, the NATA is able to filter some of the corporat sponsorship funds down to the district level.

The funds generated through the sponsorship program have allowed the NATA to engage in some very important ventures and to accomplish more than we normally would without the support.

K. Vendor Contracts:

The NATA maintains contracts for services with certain vendors such as Legal Counsel, Accountants and Liability Insurance. The NATA policy is to solicit bids every three years, both from existing vendors as well as other vendors.

One particular area of concern is with the liability insurance company, this is because the insurance company must be licensed to serve in all fifty states.

L. Co-Sponsor of Clinical Symposium:

In 1997 or 1998, the NATA will again join with APTA Sports Medicine Section to sponsor a professional preparation conference. Exact details will be forthcoming.

M. Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee and the Injury Surveillance Study:

On February 15, 1996 at the Dallas Cowboys media center in Irving, Texas, the NATA released the results of the football portion of the National High School Injury Survey. The press conference was consider to be very successful and attracted media representatives from television, radio and newspaper. After the press conference interviews were give to *USA Today*, *Bloomberg Business Report* and *The Associated Press*.

The Board feels very strongly about this endeavor and has designated the funds to carry this study for two more years.

For result of the football portion of the study, refer to the April 1996 issue of the *NATA NEws*.

N. College & University Athletic Trainers' Committee:

This committee has been working very hard to influence the NCAA regarding Proposal 70, and in December were successful in getting this proposal off the NCAA agenda. This will be a great benefit -to all college and university athletic trainers. Congratulations on a job well done.

O. Paralympic Games and National Safe Kids Campaign:

The NATA will be undertaking a recognition campaign by associating itself with the Paralympic Games and the National Safe Kids Campaign. These are very worthwhile

ventures and the NATA is pleased to be involved with them both of these programs.

12. **Business From The Floor:**

A. **Women in Athletic Training Task Force:** Jenny Stone represents District 7 on this Task Force and would like to hear from women athletic trainers with regard to concern they might have which specifically deal with the woman in the athletic training setting.

B. **RMSATA Election Results:**

RMSATA President is Jennifer Henley from Northern Arizona University. RMSATA Vice President is Nicole Makris.

RMSATA Secretary is Valerie Rich.

Congratulations!

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.