

RMATA, INC.
SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 13,1996
ORLANDO, FLA.

1. CALL TO ORDER:. Bill Lyons called the Semi-Annual Business Meeting of the RMATA to order.

2. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Bill introduced NATA Executive Director, Eve Becker-Doyle and NATA President-Elect, Kent Falb to the membership.

Kent addressed the membership thanking them for their support and encouraged everyone to communicate with him, as well as the other NATA Board Members. Kent went on to assure the RMATA membership that they were in good hands under the direction of Bill Lyons.

Mr. Falb will be attending the RMATA Annual Meeting next March, and we look forward to extending to him, some unique District 7 hospitality.

3. SPECIAL THANKS TO CRAMER, INC. Bill gave a special thank you to Cramer, Inc. for supplying the refreshments for our meeting, and encouraged the membership to do the same.

4. INTRODUCTION OF THE RMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Scott Linaker	District Secretary
Scott Farnsworth	Arizona
Kelli Lotito	Colorado
Rich Gerrells	New Mexico
David Draper	Utah
Bart Peterson	Wyoming

5.RECOGNITION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS: Bill recognized the following members from District 7 who received national, as well as district awards:

NATA Scholarship Awards:

Stephen Johnson- Northern Arizona Univ.
Mathew Gover - Brigham Young Univ.
Cherylann Ravfins - Brigham Young Univ.
Rand Stover - Utah State University
Valerie Rich - University of Northern Colo.

Journal of Athletic Training Outstanding Research Manuscript Award:

David Draper - Brigham Young University

25 Year Award:

Stephen Antonopolus - Denver Broncos
Lowell Bailey, Jr. - Retired
John 'Jack' Baynes - Santa Rita High School
David Binder - University of New Mexico
David Burton - University of Colorado
Hal Wyatt

Athletic Trainer Service Award
George Curtis - Brigham Young University

RMATA Scholarship Awards:

Michelle Moo - University of New Mexico
Ralph Neighbors - Arizona State/Sconsdale Community College.
Jocelyn Britton - New Mexico State University

6. NEWLY APPOINTED NATA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NATA College/University Student Athletic Trainers Committee:

George Goodridge - NAU

NATA College/University Athletic Trainers Committee:

Gaye Merrill - BYU

NATA Ethnic/Minority Advisory Council:

Cindi Nagai - Metro State

7. NATA COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINERS COMMITTEE - This committee is in the process of developing criteria for supervising athletic trainers to evaluate student athletic trainers, as well as developing criteria for student athletic trainer to evaluate supervising athletic trainers. This information is needed no later that October 1, 1996. Anyone who has information dealing with this type of evaluation tool is asked to send it to:

George Goodridge, ATC
Northern Arizona University
Box 15400
Flagstaff, Arizona
86011-5400

8. NATA BUSINESS

a. Ken Knight leaves *Journal of Athletic Training*: Ken Knight, editor in chief of the *Journal of Athletic Training* for the past 11 years, has resigned that post to take a position at Brigham Young University. The Board of Directors is accepting applications for the position of Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Athletic Training* until July 1, 1996. Three candidates who have applied for the position are being interviewed during the Annual Meeting. The candidate chosen as the new Editor in Chief will assist Ken with production of the Fall 1996 issue. Because of this, there may be a delay in receiving the Journal. Welcome Ken Knight to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers Association.

b. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bill Lyons assumes the position of chair of this committee.

The finances of the NATA are very stable and secure. Thus, the NATA Board of Directors voted to allocate a \$300,00.00 grant to the NATA districts. The money is earmarked for state expenditures in keeping with NATA's exempt purposes that relate to regulatory practices acts and third party reimbursement efforts. To this end, each state, within each district, will receive a grant in the amount of \$5,882.35

c. RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION - The REF is continuing to move forward in their efforts with regard to the education component. They are continuing the district lecture series, the home study courses and will be adding a professional education

conference beginning in February 1997. Beginning with the new cycle the REF will be offering education research grants, with more emphasis on the educational aspect. The 1995 Campaign figures have been completed, with a goal of raising \$180,000. This past March each district was challenged to do their part in reaching this goal. Each district was assigned a goal by the REF and asked to meet that goal. After tabulating the final results District 7 raised 64% of the final goal, more than any other district percentage wise. Keep up the good work.

Ronnie Barnes has resigned as the Chair of the REF, and this position will be filled by Marjorie Albohm.

d. **JOINT SEMINAR.** The NATA is again planning to co-sponsor a seminar with the Sports Medicine Section of the APTA. This seminar will take place in February 1998 at a site yet to be determined. The focus being an in-depth look at the spine, with a Friday and Saturday session and a lab session on Sunday. Enrollment will be limited.

e. **WOMEN IN ATHLETIC TRAINING TASK FORCE:** This task force presented their first report to the NATA Board of Directors concerning a survey dealing with issues specific to the female athletic trainer. An "open forum" was also held at the national meeting.

f. **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM** - This program continues to be a very viable part of the NATA. Current corporate sponsors include Gatorade, Johnson & Johnson, and Tinactin, and all are committing to a long term relationship with the NATA. Many programs within the NATA are made possible through the generous support of the Corporate Sponsors. The NATA is actively soliciting additional corporate sponsors as well.

g. **SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC TRAINERS COMMITTEE:** The National Federation of State High School Activity Associations is establishing a Sports Medicine Advisory Committee at the national, as well as the state levels. The focus will be on rules and safety issues at the high school level. Therefore, the Secondary Schools Committee is working with the NFSHSAA on establishing a Liaison between these two groups. Rich Gerrells will be getting information to each state president with regard to this advisory committee. Any high school Athletic Trainer, who would be interested in participating in this venture, should contact their respective state president. This is a great opportunity to get involved.

h. **EDUCATIONAL TASK FORCE** Discussion of the recommendations continues to take place. with some modifications being made with regard to terminology, seed money, etc., An update of these changes will be presented to the NATA Board, followed by a teleconference meeting of the task force in early August. In September the task force will make its final recommendations to the NATA Board of Directors.

i. **NATA Board of Directors.** All members are encouraged to attend the Board of Directors meetings.

j. **ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR.**

Q - Candidates sitting for the certification examination must come from a curriculum program?

A - By the year 2004, all candidates who sit for the certification examination, must have completed a CAAHEP approved program.

Q - The role of the Junior College with regard to renewing athletic training education (academics, clinical hours)?

A - There are mechanisms in place to allow the Junior college to work successfully within the proposed system. It is up to the junior college athletic trainer and their respective administration to develop a working relationship with four year institutions with regard to athletic training education. To allow students to transfer from the J.C. to the four year institution with the necessary qualifications in course work as well as clinical hours. Program directors, at four year institutions, will also need to develop the means with which to deal with the J.C. transfer student. A student could complete the required clinical hours at a J.C. or a four year institution(which does not have a curriculum), get a bachelors degree and then enroll in a CAAHEP approved program to receive the didactic portion, and then sit for the exam

Q - Why the need for a change?

A - The need to be more accountable for quality of education of the entry level athletic trainer, quality of clinical education of the entry-level athletic trainer, and problems with licensure at the state level. The NATA is the only allied health profession in the country with two routes to certification, and the internship route does not have any governance or checks and balances to it. The curriculum route has to meet certain standards of allied health care, while the internship does not. In order to keep our allied health care field under CAAHEP (there are 16 different allied health care professions under CAAHEP), the NATA had to get their standards in line. Everyone needs to look long term, stop thinking about I and start thinking about the profession and improving the profession.

K. MEETING ADJOURNED