

**RMATA, INC.
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 20, 1997
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Bill Lyons, District Director/President, called the semi-annual meeting to order.

2. INTRODUCTION OF THE RMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Scott Linaker	District Secretary
Scott Farnsworth	Arizona President/Representative
Jeff Smith for Kelli Lotito	Colorado Vice President/Representative
Rich Gerrells	New Mexico President/Representative
David Draper	Utah President/Representative
Bart Peterson	Wyoming President/Representative

3. INTRODUCTION OF EVE BECKER-DOYLE AND KENT FALB:

Kent addressed the membership and thanked them for welcoming him and for the time he spent with them in Albuquerque. He felt right at home, made some new friends, enjoyed the program and looks forward to coming back to District 7.

Kent also wanted the membership to know that education is a very important issue with him. It will impact everything that we do in the future and each practice setting will receive equal attention and consideration. Any question and concerns will be welcome.

4. SPECIAL THANKS TO RMATA MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELPED OUT WITH THE NATA ANNUAL CONVENTION:

Bill extended a special thank you to all the local members who contributed to the success of the national convention. In particular, Bill thanked Bill Bean, George Curtis, Gaye Merrill, Gerald Fischer, Deb Willardson and Kim Nelson.

5. NATA STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER SCHOLARSHIPS:

The RMATA was represented by seven students who received NATA scholarships, which represents 14% (7 of 50) of the scholarship awards. This is tremendous for a district our size. Students are strongly encouraged to continue to apply for these scholarships.

Those students receiving NATA scholarships are:

Postgraduate Scholarships:

Rand Stover, Utah State University
Valerie Rich, University of Northern Colorado
Curriculum Scholarships-
David Gallegos, New Mexico State University, Warren H. Lee
Memorial Scholarship
Melinda Mooney, Brigham Young University
Holly Van Horn, University of Northern Colorado
Internship Scholarships:
Linda Guariglio, Arizona State University
Wayne Workman, Utah State University

6. NATA ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICE AWARD:

This award recognizes those athletic trainers who have made a significant contribution to the profession of athletic training at the local level.

The individuals receiving this recognition are Steve Antonopoulos and C. David Burton.

7. NATA WILLIAM G. CLANCY JR., MD, MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED ATHLETIC TRAINING RESEARCH:

This award is presented, for the first time, in recognition of a researcher who has produced distinguished research throughout their career. This inaugural award is presented to Kenneth L. Knight.

8. NATA 25 YEAR AWARDS:

There were several RMATA members who were honored with the 25 Year Award. However, the published list is in error and it is not known at this time who the correct individuals are. Once this confusion is cleared up a list of those deserving members will be published.

9. NATA HALL OF FAME:

This most high honor of our profession has been bestowed upon Dan Libera.

10. RMATA SPECIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION:

Shannon Courtney recently sent out a letter outlining the specifics of the Dan Libera Memorial Fund. During the last three years the medical bills have started to pile up and the fund has been started to help in easing the financial burden to Dan and his family, as insurance will not cover many of the bills. For those of you who are interested in contributing to this need, financial donations can be sent to the:

Dan Libera Memorial Fund c/o Norwest Bank Colorado
Cottonwood Square 2300 West 16th Street P O Box 1058
Greeley, CO 80632-1058

Account #4305036158

In response, the RMATA Board of Director has approved an initial donation of \$1000 to the Dan Libera Memorial Fund.

11. RMATA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

In addition to the NATA Scholarship Awards, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association awards three scholarships. Those students receiving RMATA scholarships are:

Internship Scholarship:

Shannon McMahon, Northern Arizona University

Curriculum Scholarship:

Bryan Meyenberg, University of New Mexico

Postgraduate Scholarship:

Nicole Makris, University of Northern Colorado

12. RMATA HALL OF FAME DISPLAY:

Chris White has worked very hard on the design and set up of the RMATA Hall of Fame display. This display was exhibited at the main entrance to the Salt Palace Convention Center and received a lot of attention and praise.

13. RMATA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL:

The Board of Directors recently approved the RMATA Policies and Procedures. The creation and development of this document would not have been possible without tremendous input from Matt Webber, Mike Nesbitt and Rick Ball. This document will serve as part of the governing documents of the RMATA along with the Constitution and ByLaws.

In developing and reviewing this document, it became evident that some changes were needed with regard to the Constitution and By-Laws. These proposed changes will be presented to the membership at our annual meeting next March in St. George, Utah.

14. ROCKY MOUNTAIN STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION:

RMSATA President, Joe Talbert (University of Northern Colorado) strongly encouraged all students to become involved in the student association. The RMSATA needs your involvement and input to be successful.

15. NATA - FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The NATA continues to be financially sound and the national office continues to manage the finances very well.

16. NATABOC:

The NATABOC is undergoing some changes beginning July 1, 1997. One of the changes has the Board going to an eight member board. Five of those members will be certified athletic trainers, one will be a physician member, one will be a public member and one will be a corporate member.

This will mean that all districts will not be represented, however, the NATABOC will send a representative to each district meeting to gain input from the members.

The NATABOC is not a membership board, and to prevent a conflict of interest will not allow for anyone to sit on the NATABOC Board of Directors or a committee, who is also sitting on the NATA Board of Directors or a committee.

Paul Grace is resigning the position of Executive Director of the NATABOC effective August 31, 1997. Denise Fandel will assume the position of Administrator of Credentialing Programs, a position which will replace the Executive Director.

Brad Sherman has assumed the position of President of the NATABOC.

The NATABOC will be relocating their office to Omaha shortly after July 1, 1997.

17. NATA - EDUCATION COUNCIL:

A preliminary report was submitted to the board by Chad Starkey, which outlined the process of formulation of the various committees of the Education Council. There were over 200 applicants for the 35-37 available positions.

One of the first concerns is to review the Role Delineation Study and determine what course of action should take place.

18. NATA - ATC LOGO DEVELOPMENT:

The NATA Board has been reviewing proposed logos for the Certified Athletic Trainer (similar in nature to the patches from years past). The logos will be presented to the membership in an upcoming issue of the *NATA NEWS*, from which each member will have an opportunity to vote their choice. This will be a logo for certified athletic trainers to use, unlike the NATA logo which may only be used for official NATA business/functions.

19. NATA - CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND ATHLETIC TRAINING:

All certified members are reminded to use the following term when referring to themselves, Certified Athletic Trainers, and all members are reminded to refer to our profession as Athletic Training.

20. NATA - *JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING AND NATA NEWS*:

There have been some internal changes with the *JOURNAL OF ATHLETIC TRAINING AND NATA NEWS*, with regard to advertisement sales. Sales of advertisements will now be handled in house, as opposed to using an outside vendor.

21. NATA - HISTORY AND ARCHIVES:

The NATA History and Archives are being reviewed at this time in preparation for their storage at the University of Texas at Arlington.

22. NATA - REF:

The NATA Research & Education Foundation continues to receive financial support which will be used to help certified athletic trainers further their research and education. The RMATA has exceeded the financial goal set for this campaign and based on a number of members to dollars given ratio, leads all other districts.

The REF has raised about \$92,000 this year, which came from 3% of the membership. Therefore, the REF is asking for more membership participation. Any amount and all donations are greatly appreciated.

23. NATA - 50TH ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE:

This task force continues to work on details surrounding the 50th anniversary of the NATA. An attempt is being made to contact some of the original members who attended the first meeting in Kansas City, and hopefully have them in attendance once again in Kansas City in 1999.

24. NATA - PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Placement Committee continues to be very busy during the national meeting. There were 411 position announcements this year, compared to 386 last year.

The Placement Committee has increased the job classifications from 4 to 8 in an attempt to gather more detailed information to help the membership better in determining exactly where the jobs are.

25. NATA - ETHICS PANEL:

The NATA Board recently appointed an Ethics Panel to deal with the appeal process. This panel consists of Rod Walters, Carl Krein and Sue Stanley.

26. CONCERNS FROM THE FLOOR:

26.1. NATABOD AND COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY (CATS):

The question: asked for clarification concerning the perception of animosity between the NATABOD and the College Athletic Trainers' Society (CATS).

The clarification: During the initial organization of CATS, there were some individuals (who are no longer involved at this point in time) who were projecting some disturbing undertones as to the motivation behind this situation. There has been some significant progress made recently and this concern is closer to being resolved, and further discussion will continue in an attempt to completely resolve this issue.

The concern: There were over 150 NATA members who attended a meeting at the University of Utah. District 7 is asked to take a stand to bring this society (CATS) into the same status that similar societies enjoy within our association, such as the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society and the National Basketball Trainers' Association. There does not seem to be a reason why this group of professionals must find an off-site meeting place.

The response: District 7 will take this concern to the NATABOD and support it.

26.2. SPORTS MEDICINE TECHNICIANS:

The question: Asked for clarification concerning the Utah Careers College and their advertisement about a Sports Medicine Technician degree.

The response: The NATABOD is aware of this situation and that there is an upstart organization called the American Sports Medicine Association. But CAAHEP guidelines, do not address the degree, the school or the setting, but rather the program.

Legal counsel advises to be careful of anti-trust issues. We need to promote our own profession and can't go out and attack other professions. It is a concern which will be watched closely, especially with regard to the used of "Athletic Trainer".

27. FINAL REMINDERS:

The lines of communication are always open, so don't hesitate to voice you concerns to any board member.

Elections for District Director/President and Secretary are forthcoming, s please vote your choice.

Look for future information in the September issue of the RMATA Newsletter.