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NATA Board of Directors - District 7

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## DEFINITION

# RMATA

**VERB** 1 Collegiality. 2 Education. 3 Travel.

**NOUN** 1 Mavericks. 2 Mentors. 3 Students

**ADVERB** Unique

## RMATA Board of Directors

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## NOTEWORTHY

I would like to recognize **Mark Letendre, ATC** for his upcoming induction into the NATA Hall of Fame. Mark is a staple in Major League Baseball, active in RMATA and NATA and an entrepreneur within the professional sports setting creating a unique sports medicine service line for MLB officials. Please share your congratulations on a well deserved recognition.

## NATIONAL BRIEFING

I am super excited to share the historical results of this year's NATA Joint Committee Board of Directors Meetings. After a year of discussion, presentations at each of the District symposiums and thorough review of our Bylaws, I am excited to let you know that we approved the request brought forth by District 4 to split thereby creating a new District 11. This request by the states of District 4 was brought forth in part because of limited membership service opportunities that exist when a District of 9,000 plus members are allowed the same national participation in committees and voice as a district of 2,000 members. Bylaw 5.2 allows for a district that represents 20% of the national membership to split if the request is brought forth by the states. After listening to our state leadership feedback and spending much time researching the Bylaws I am confident this is the correct choice. Look for the implementation of **District 11 January 2021**.

I am also honored to have participated in the NATA Presidential Nomination Committee where two final candidates were selected from a pool of four. This is the first time two women will run for office. Both **Kathy Dieringer** and **Katie Walsh Flanagan** will serve our profession well. Please look for additional information coming from the NATA communication channels (website, Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

## NEXT STEPS

The **2020 RMATA Annual Clinical Symposia** is upon us. Registration is now open with information found on our website. The RMATA Symposium Committee continues to provide the best value in District symposiums with a great opportunity for both Category A and EBP CEU's at a low cost. See you in Albuquerque, NM April 2-5, 2020!

In 2019 the RMATA Board of Directors approved my request to establish a **RMATA Core Values Workgroup** to guide informed association decisions, provide resources for our membership and improve the athletic training healthcare narrative. "How does the US Border affect healthcare in our district?" "How does the Native American population affect and guide athletic healthcare?" "What can we learn from our LDS membership?" If questions like these interest you, please participate in a forthcoming survey that will help identify first steps in the effort.

RMATA Passion

