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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

Thank you for attending our 35th Anniversary Symposium at WeKoPa. It was amazing to see so many leaders in our profession join for a united effort to celebrate our past, recognize our educational and leadership roots and listen to the vision of the future. In speaking with the NATA Board of Directors just after our symposium, our president Tory Lindley, 4 District Directors and our Executive Director that were in attendance (Yes, 1/2 of the NATA Board of Directors attended), all made comments that The Evolution of Athletic Training Education and Certification sequence is a presentation all members need to watch. RMATA couldn't agree more. We are working on the recordings and a new Learning Management System where we can host our videos online and provide access to those that could not attend. We had 3 presentations from 3 of the 1st four Professional Education Chairs and a presentation from J. Lindsay McClean, who is credited with developing the 1st certification exam. It was truly amazing to hear about our

unique profession, our accreditation and the recognition process by the American Medical Association. There was also a recommended reading packet that accompanied the presentation. That can be downloaded from our home page. I do want to thank all those who helped make the entire event a success. Our Annual Clinical Symposium Committee lead by Heather Downs, our Sage Advisors, our Student Senate, Student Leadership Committee and our Young Professionals all led by Shannon Courtney and of course our Programing Chair, Chris Mathewson and our Board of Directors.

When our platform is up and running, we will share it with you. Until then, please listen for the stories and the continued direction of our updated RMATA strategic plan where our goal is to tell the stories our of association and membership and provide support that will foster AT passion and positive movement forward (**#RMATAONTHEMOVE**).

NATIONAL BRIEFING

Each month the NATA reports on supported initiatives and connects them to the NATA strategic plan of Advocacy, Engagement and Development. These monthly reports are archived on our website [HERE](#). This is a great report to understand how the association supports the profession and

where your dues are directed. We have a yearly membership renewal rate over 75% which is well over the 35% average for comparable allied healthcare associations. I believe that is because of transparency and value. [READ APRIL 2019](#)

NEXT STEPS

I hope to see you in Las Vegas! Our 2019 convention themes are manual therapy, performing arts, healthcare across the life span and tactical athletes. Please look for information announcing our RMATA social and our membership meeting. As always, our business meeting is open to our membership and we encourage your attendance. We have many great topics on the agenda including congratulating our

incoming Secretary and President. It is an election year, so please look for information in the near future about our candidates on the voting process.

AT Passion!