



**District Council  
October 30, 2024  
8:30am**

**I. Call to Order**

- President Gage called the meeting to order at approximately 8:31am

**II. Roll Call:**

- **Members Present:**
  - Matt Gage – District President
  - Ray Davis – District Director
  - Scott Cook – District Vice President
  - Erin Cash – District Secretary
  - Mat Lyden – District Treasurer
  - Shannon Fooks – President, DCATA
  - Jean Perez – Past-President, MATA LATE
  - Nina Walker – President, NCATA
  - Will Christman – President, SCATA
  - Kirk Armstrong – President-Elect, VATA
  - Samantha Scarneo-Miller – President, WVATA LATE
- **Guests Present:**
  - Andy Massey – District Parliamentarian
  - Katie Walsh Flanagan – Past District Director
  - Emily Hildebrand – Student Senate Faculty Advisor LATE
  - Xavion Santiago – Chair – Ethnic & Diversity
- **Members Absent:**
  - Rachel Moore – President, MATA
  - Mike Kotelnicki – President, VATA

**III. District Secretary – Erin Cash**

- a. Approval of minutes of previous District Council Meeting – (9/25/2024)
  - a. Motion to approve – Scott Cook
    - 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nina
    - 2. No Discussion
  - b. Passed unanimously

**IV. MAATA Ethnic & Diversity Committee – Xavion Santiago**

- a. Had October EDAC meeting yesterday
  - a. Main focus was getting the new awards that they announced in New Orleans up and running. They have been approved by the Board of Directors for NATA but they are working to get the wording correct for each award on the website. They are hoping to have it on the website by December as the goal is nominations due by January. Hoping to have 6 weeks for nominations and then do applications. They have structured and decided the Selection Committees – most of them have an EDAC awards coordinator, a member and then another outside entity. They have only had 1 award for as long as EDAC has existed so

they really wanted to expand to more awards in order to have more members eligible while also diversifying the awards

- b. They also spoke about mentoring and how they can increase that. They hope to work with the Student Leadership Committee since that seems to be the best way to get students – to go through students
- c. Continuing to work on creating pathways for students to get into AT programs especially at HBCU's

**V. District Director – Ray Davis**

- a. Membership Push
- b. BOC Maintenance Fee
- c. GATher Applicants-SLC
- d. Budget changes
- e. Watch for social media announcements for podcasts, town halls, etc. Please share with your membership
- f. JCM – Last weekend in January
- g. Approval for Kahoot

**VI. Past District Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan**

- a. Only 215 members voted for the Vice President position
- b. Ashley Thrasher will shadow Scott and then take over in May at the Symposium

**VII. District Secretary – Erin Cash**

- a. National membership at a glance
- b. District membership at a glance
- c. Website activity at a glance
- d. Proposed Publication Dates
- e. Newsletter Went Out 10/21/24
- f. Monthly E-Blast Due Dates – Please keep short and sweet
  - a. December 9, 2024

**VIII. District Vice-President – Scott Cook**

- a. 2025 Meeting
  - a. Meeting Date May 2-4, 2026, Founders Inn, Virginia Beach
  - b. Deadline for Proposals Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Early registration to begin January 13<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Same registration fee as last year
- b. Reviewed Site Proposals:
  - a. Identified 5 properties to visit and review
  - b. Maryland – Princess Royale – Claire Adkinson and Jon Glover (Ocean City)
  - c. North Carolina – Novant Health – Scott Gook and Matt Gage (Winston Salem)
  - d. South Carolina – Double Tree —Sheila Gordon Mat Lyden (Myrtle Beach)
  - e. Virginia -- Holiday Inn and Sheraton Norfolk –Renee Cork (Norfolk)
- c. Meet November 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss and make a Recommendation to District Council
- d. Forward recommendation to District Council by November 13<sup>th</sup> for District Council to review and vote on recommendation at November 20<sup>th</sup> District Council Meeting
- e. 2027 Meeting
  - a. April 30-May 2, 2027

**IX. District Treasurer – Mat Lyden**

- a. Showed Treasurer's Report
- b. Preparing FY25 Draft on Annual Budget to vote in November
  - a. Will include income forecast, investment income forecast,
- c. Working on Policy and Procedure document
- d. Continue using OPR form
- e. Exploring some investment options

**X. District President – Matt Gage**

- a. State Presidents please send Matt a representative for the COPA Task Force
- b. State Presidents please send Matt a representative for the Bylaws and Constitution
- c. Email sent showing what committee the DC are liaisons for, please reach out to them

**XI. Student Senate/Student Education Program – Emily Hildebrand**

- a. Student Senate Constitution & By-laws revisions
- b. 14 Student senator applications from 11 different programs
- c. 5 new student senators

- a. Keilani Rebello, Towson
- b. Alania Lustine- George Mason
- c. Kendal Mader- WVU
- d. Jackie Moncada Velazquez- Western Carolina
- e. Justin May- Charleston Southern
- d. Need to add Student Senate to MAATA Constitutions and Bylaws

## **XII. State Presidents Reports:**

- a. *District of Columbia* – Shannon Fooks
  - a. Thank you to Kirk from Virginia for helping us get our content for the DC Board CEU requirement
  - b. Trying to have the licensing board meet with the DC Board of Health
  - c. Changed their renewal system to align with each licensee’s month of birth so there is a chance people will have to renew next year which is expensive so they are trying to get clarification on that
  - d. December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Business Meeting
- b. *Maryland* – Jean Perez
  - a. Advocacy Day on January 9<sup>th</sup>, potentially changing the make up of the Athletic Training Advisory Committee for the Board of Physicians
  - b. Have a few social gatherings coming up for the holiday season
- c. *North Carolina* – Nina Walker
  - a. Thank you to everyone for reaching out, checking in and donating to those affected in Western Carolina
  - b. Launched their OATH program early to help with Hurricane relief
    - 1. Took some of their investment funds to help members in the state if they have a hardship, have a young professional who needs help with dues, etc.
    - 2. Working closely with Freedom High School and Montreat
    - 3. An OATH donation button is active to collect money directly for the program
  - c. DEI series was adaptive sports in the Paralympics, next one is Marge Albohn speaking on gender equity and how to promote yourself. These talks are open to anyone in the country, just email the DEI address to get the Zoom link
  - d. Kevin King organized a student BOC prep program that will be hosted on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bank of America Stadium
    - 1. Hosting a social for the students to social and network
- d. *South Carolina* – Will Christman
  - a. Thank you to everyone for reaching out – SCATA reached out to all members in the state to check on them
  - b. Many schools have been displaced to other campuses
  - c. Opening registration for Secondary School Workshop in January. Has a sponsor for the event
  - d. Working on a fundraising effort in South Carolina – any ideas, please share with Will
    - 1. Working on a big push with the local government but looking to fundraise in order to pay lobbyists
- e. *West Virginia* – Samantha Scarneo-Miller
  - a. Also working on fundraising and would like any suggestions or ideas
  - b. Super excited to announce that they have secured a lobbyist firm for 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the cost that was requested!
    - 1. Working to manage expectations with the funds available
  - c. Putting a CPR initiative together in hopes of raising money to pay for some state ATCs to become CPR instructors so they can then go and train people in their local communities at either a small cost or, if they fundraise enough, free
  - d. Working on changing their Bylaws, having lots of discussions on that in hopes to bring a vote to the membership at the April meeting

## **XIII. Adjournment of meeting**

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting – Ray Davis
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mat Lyden
  - b. Passed unanimously
  - c. Meeting was adjourned 9:54am