

RMATA INC.
TELECONFERENCE
JANUARY ,1995
8:30 P.M. MST

ATTENDANCE:

Bill Lyons	District Director/President
Scott Linaker	District Secretary
Matt Webber	Arizona Representative/President
Rich Gerrells	New Mexico Representative/President
David Draper	Utah Representative/President
Bart Peterson	Wyoming Representative/President

ABSENT:

Jim Gillen	Colorado Representative/President
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2. Bill called the meeting to order.
3. WELCOME: Welcome, Rich Gerrells, to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc, Board of Directors.
4. RMATA:

A. ANNUAL CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM AND BUSINESS MEETING: Registration is slow, as it is still fairly early.

There is a possibility of getting some sponsors for some of our functions. Sponsors should not sponsor the Friday night social. The bulk of this discussion focused on the prices and selection for our food functions and where these prices fall with regard to our budget. There was also some discussion on the cost for AV materials and where to get some of the equipment, as the hotel costs are high.

MOTION: To approve the food items and adjusted budget as discussed. (override the budget as needed)

MOTION BY: AZ (Matt)
SECOND: WY (Bart)
CARRIED: 5 - 0 (CO absent)

As Corporate Sponsors, Gatorade, Tinactin and Johnson & Johnson receive complimentary exhibit space. Will place the corporate sponsor recognition sheet in the notebooks.

Agreed to award complimentary registration to Shannon Courtney (Local Convention Chair) and Steve Antonopulos (Program Coordinator).

Freeman Decorating will waive the minimum booth requirement, but will charge \$30.00.

This price is competitive.

Dan Libera will be the Keynote Speaker for this year's meeting.

B. RMATA HALL OF FAME: The Hall of Fame Task Force has received nominations for induction into the RMATA Hall of Fame. After review, a unanimous recommendation was presented in favor of Bob Beeten. Bob will not be at our annual meeting, so formal induction will occur in Indianapolis.

MOTION: To approve Bob Beeten as the next inductee into the RMATA Hall of Fame.

MOTION BY: AZ (Matt)

SECOND: NM (Rich)

CARRIED: 5 - 0 (CO absent)

C. 1996 ANNUAL MEETING: This meeting is to be held in the state of Arizona and planning has begun. We are looking at a return visit to Flagstaff. Matt has been looking at Little America to host our meeting. But as a back up, we are also looking at Phoenix hotels.

Little America will give us a good deal, but they will not be able to seat us for lunch, they don't have enough room. Some other options may include taking a bus ride to another location for lunch. May consider having an Awards Lunch at this other site.

Little America has a Sunday morning brunch and they don't want to lose that because of our meeting taking up their space. This should not be a problem as our exhibitors will be leaving Saturday evening and the hotel can have their space for their brunch.

Matt will work with Mike Nesbitt to work out the details as far as bussing and lunch time activity is concerned.

5. NATA:

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Will be held in Birmingham, Alabama the first week-end of February. The costs are negligible as opposed to meeting in Dallas. By meeting in different parts of the country, the membership has a greater opportunity to attend these meetings.

B. EDUCATION TASK FORCE: The first meeting of this task force will meet the week-end following the NATABOD meeting (February 11 & 12). Charge is to look at athletic trainer education and the direction education must go to take us into the 21st century and be a leader in the health care profession. Will review education, continuing education, professional preparation, creating jobs, etc.. The members of the task force are: John Schrader and Richard Ray, Co-Chairs; Bob Behnke, Don Chu, Jim Gallaspy, Sue Heim, Bill Lyons, Dr. McGrew of UNM, Mike Nesbitt, Lou Osternig, Ed Ryan, Chad Starkey, Ken ?, Frank Walters and Paul Zeek are members. Denny Miller, Eve Becker-Doyle, Paul Grace, Denise Fandel are ex-officio members of this task force. Direct concerns, dealing with these educational issues, to Bill or one of these task force members.

C. RESEARCH INJURY SURVEILLANCE STUDY: This study is ready to get under way. Since our last conference call, discussion has continued with regard to the financial situation, but most of the discussion has focused on how this study will be carried out, specifically what type of controls will be in place.

The Research Committee of the NATAREF, will work hand in hand with this study. This committee will put together the guidelines and time frame, and oversee some of the research to help ensure that the money is well spent. John Powell is not getting free reign. This study will be conducted over a 3 year period and will include 10 sports.

D. NATIONAL MEETING UPDATE: In 1996, we will be going to Orlando. This meeting will follow a modified format in that the clinical sessions will begin earlier in the day (about 7:00 AM) and will end about 1:00 PM. This will allow members and their families to enjoy the attractions of Orlando. The only day in which the meetings will go later than 1:00 PM is the days when we hold district meetings. The number of days and the number of CEU's will remain the same. The dates are June 12 - 15, 1996 (Wednesday - Saturday) and there will be no lunch break.

June 12, 1996 Wednesday 7:00 AM - 2:30 PM

June 13, 1996 Thursday 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM (district meetings)

June 14, 1996 Friday 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

June 15, 1996 Saturday 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Future meeting sites: 1997 - Salt Lake City, Utah

1998 - Baltimore, Maryland

1999 - Kansas City, Missouri

2000 - Nashville, Tennessee

P. REINCORPORATION IN THE STATE OF TEXAS: There has been some discussion, from legal counsel, about the history of the NATA INC and why some districts are incorporated. The legal opinion is that districts do not need to be incorporated. If this question is presented to Bill, he will request the Board go into Executive Session behind closed doors and will respond in the following manner: "The RMATA is incorporated and we are comfortable with the incorporation. Whether or not it is a tax or liability protection for us, like we were originally told when we were incorporated, may be a moot issue. The people, who have dealt with this incorporation of the RMATA for a long period of time, have felt that this incorporation of RMATA and District 7 provides protection, by that incorporation, from the NATA. That is, should the NATA go off into left field again, a la Alan Smith, the RMATA will have protection against someone doing something along those lines. That is where my heart lies in keeping with the incorporation. To make sure that this group of people is protected financially, liability wise and tax wise, but also to protect ourselves from big brother. This has never come up and no one ever says this, but if it does come up I am going to say it this time."

We will not give up our incorporation! We do not need to change what we are doing. There is not any reason to change. It is not harming NATA.

F. THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT TASK FORCE: This task force will be meeting in the near future to investigate the issue of third party reimbursement for the athletic trainer. The Chair of this task force is Marjorie Albohm. A

number of members have voiced their concerns with this issue.

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

A. Matt received a call from Mike Nesbitt concerning the color scheme of our RMATA logo (Scott and Bill have also discussed this issue with Mike). The colors in the banner are incorrect. The correct color scheme is AZ is turquoise, Colorado is green, New Mexico is yellow, Utah is white and Wyoming is brown (this was the color scheme originally voted upon).

When presenting this logo for trademark, we will need to make sure we present the correct color scheme or present it without colors. We will need to have the logo in color.

We will also need to go back into the policies and procedures and make sure the original color scheme is correct before final approval.

B. David has some concern about the injury surveillance study not looking to other agencies to help out with funding, such as the National Institute Of Health. There is a lot of government monies out there to resource.

This is being investigated, but the time schedule was an issue at this point.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED:

MOTION To adjourn this meeting of the RMATABOD.

MOTION BY: AZ (Matt)

SECOND: UT (David)

CARRIED: 6 - 0 (CO absent)