



SEATA Executive Board Conference Call
August 2, 2005
12 noon EDT - 1:50 pm



AGENDA

1. Call to Order: President Chris Gillespie called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm
2. Roll Call

District Director: R.T. Floyd	Alabama: Brad Montgomery
President: Chris Gillespie	Florida: Marisa Brunett
Vice-President: Marisa Brunett	Georgia: Garry Gillis
Secretary: Jim Mackie	Kentucky: Greg Rose
Treasurer: MaryBeth Horodyski	Louisiana: Gary Lewis / Gerard White
	Mississippi: Donna Wesley
	Tennessee: Nick Pappas
3. Approval of Minutes from June Meeting was deferred until the Secretary sends out for approval following this session to the Executive Board.
4. President's Report
 - Report on SEATA Strategic Planning Meeting
 - Chris reports this is an expensive process from the people available in Birmingham or Atlanta. This would require one additional night of travel and hotel for all involved as well. Chris & R.T. will continue to research this opportunity and report as more information becomes available.
 - Chris took the opportunity to express his concerns regarding the NATA-REF financial issue and asked that it be thoroughly discussed later in this call.
5. Director's Report
 - CMS issue information is available on the NATA web site & NATA News
 - Looking into the appeals process, overall it was favorable support
 - NATA-BOD minutes have been forwarded to the SEATA Executive Board for their review
6. Vice-President's Report
 - Annual Meeting Comments
 - Please forward all suggestion and concerns to Marissa as soon as possible
 - Committee Chair Funding Proposal Progress
 - Marisa will forward a proposal to the Board. Please respond and cc to Jim, MaryBeth & Chris with your comments & concerns
7. Secretary's Report
 - Newsletter deferred till after this call & should be available by the 15th of August on line
 - Lori Groover, Elections Committee shared in this report
 - Election nomination deadline is August 15th
 - Ballots out by Sept 15 & returned by October 15th
 - Membership to be notified by Nov. 1
8. Treasurer's Report
 - Has received two proposals regarding future meetings but they were both considered too small to accommodate our need.
 - MaryBeth is also looking into an appropriate gift for out going vice president Kelli Sabiston
9. State Reports (all were deferred at this time)
10. By-Law Changes (Please refer to Committee Chair, Nick Pappas document for review)

- Nick stated his concerns regarding some of the articles that continue to need some change prior to approval
- A discussion was held regarding the need for length of service on district committees
- A change from 4 years to 3 years the length of service as committee chair was recommended.
- A table on our web site should reflect the current committee membership.

Motion by Nick Pappas, TN to accept the proposed by-laws with changes so membership may vote on these changes, Second by Lori Groover, GA: Approved 7-0-0

- Jim is asked to place on the web site a version noting current & proposed changes to be available for review prior to the ballot in September.
- Nick will forward a clean (with changes) copy and a current & proposed change copy to the Executive Board for informational purposes.
- A hard copy will be made available to members who request it of the Secretary

11. Policies & Procedures for SEATA

- Following explanation and discussion, a Motion was offered by Nick Pappas, TN to accept the latest amended version of the Policy & Procedures as the current working document to replace the existing version. The Committee members will continue at the request of the President to update the Policies & Procedures as necessary. Second Lori Groover, GA, Approved 7-0-0

12. Meeting planners or District Director exchange with District 1 & 2

- A motion was presented by Donna Wesley, MS to accept the invitation of District 1 & 2 for one year for an exchange of meeting planners, District Director, or the Presidents designee in exchange for free registration & hotel at their meeting for the purpose of observation and exchange of ideas. Visiting district designee would be responsible for airfare and other necessary expenses (within current SEATA Travel Policy) reimbursed through their district. Second by Nick Pappas, TN; Approved 7-0-0
- It is noted that President will communicate with the host District and confirm this is a reciprocal relationship and will be in effect for 2006. The President will also designate who will attend this meeting to represent District 9.

13. NATA-REF funding issue discussion continued from June Meeting

- A motion was presented by Brad Montgomery, AL & Seconded by Donna Wesley, MS to overturn the vote of June placing this issue on the election ballot for the membership. Motion Failed 3-4-0
- A motion was presented by Greg Rose, KY & seconded by Lori Groover, GA, to form a committee to draft appropriate wording to address this REF funding issue and to present the language to the Executive Board for final approval prior to the September ballot and membership consideration. Approved 7-0-0
- This Committee will consist of Greg Rose, KY; Donna Wesley, MS, Lori Groover, GA, & Gerald White, LA. Included also as consultants are Mike Wilkinson, District 9 REF representative and Jim Mackie, Secretary. The language will be submitted to be approved by the Executive Board by Sept 1 with a final deadline of September 5 for placement on the Ballot to be sent out by September 15.

14. New Business

- Noted by Donna Wesley of a computer scam regarding "Management SEATA.ORG". All are advised not to open this e-mail.

15. Adjourned at 1:50 pm