

P R O C E E D I N G S

of the National Athletic Trainers Association

Summary of Actions of Board of Directors

June 9-11, 1978
June 14, 1978
MGM Grand Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada

NATA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the NATA, in reviewing the various reports and agenda items referred to it during its meetings held at the MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, commencing at 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 9, 1978, continuing all day and evening on Saturday, June 10, 1978 and commencing again at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 11, 1978 and terminating its sessions at 1:40 p.m., Mr. Frank George, President, presiding, and with the following in attendance, approved the following actions concerning various reports made and recommendations considered:

PRESENT:

Mr. Frank George	President
Mr. Otho Davis	Executive Director
Mr. Bruce Melin	Parliamentarian
Mr. Wesley Jordan	District 1
Mr. Richard Malacrea	District 2
Mr. J. Herman Bunch	District 3
Mr. Gordon Stoddard	District 4
Mr. William Flentje	District 5
Mr. Frank Randall	District 5
Mr. Cash D. Birdwell	District 6
Mr. Troy Young	District 7
Mr. W. H. Chambers	District 8
Mr. Bobby Barton	District 9
Mr. Larry Standifer	District 10

TREASURER'S REPORT

Approved the report concerning the various funds as presented by Mr. Davis, indicating the total net worth of the Association for 1977-78 as being \$153,166.98.

MEMBERSHIP:

That the application for membership be the date received at the National Office. Officially adopted the following changes with regard to Certified, Code 1:

1. Units of continuing professional education (CPEU) shall be defined and designated by the Professional Education Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. To maintain certification, the minimum number of six (6) units shall be accumulated every three years.

2. A Certified Athletic Trainer is responsible for sending to the NATA National Office an approved statement of any continuing professional education units to be put on his record. Such a statement must be sent to the National Office within thirty days after the date of acquiring such units.

Officially adopted the following changes with regard to Certified, Code 2.

1. The applicant for membership in this class must have athletic training room work experience of at least 600 clock hours (no more than 300 clock hours of which may be accepted in any one year) under the direct supervision of a Certified Athletic Trainer. The work experience shall include: preventive and protective taping, recognition of injuries, immediate care of injuries and the use of usual training room modalities. The Certified Athletic Trainer under whom the person works shall sign a record of the person's work experience.

2. To be eligible for continuance of Associate Membership, the person must accumulate the minimum number of six (6) continuing professional education units (CPEU) every three (3) years, effective January 1, 1982.

3. An Associate Member is responsible for sending to the NATA National Office an approved statement of any Continuing Professional Education Units (CPEU) to be put on record. Such a statement must be sent to the National Office within thirty days after the date of acquiring such units.

4. An Associate Member who does not accumulate a recorded number of continuing professional educational units (CPEU) every three (3) calendar years equal to at least the minimum requirement shall have his membership suspended. He has the right to appeal.

5. If he does not accumulate sufficient CPEU Units to meet the minimum requirement within two years after the date his membership was suspended, his membership shall be cancelled.

6. Present Associate Members in good standing for the calendar year 1978 may continue in this class without being bound by the actively engaged requirement.

Officially approved the following change with regard to Retired, Code 3.

1. A Certified Member or an Associate Member who retires because of age shall have the privilege of continuing in the class of membership held at retirement without further payment of dues. A Certified or Associate Member who is eligible for retired status and who wishes to continue membership in the NATA in the Retired Class must request change to this class through the secretary of the district in which he is a member.

Officially approved the following change with regard to Honorary, Code 8:

1. Nominations may be made only by a Certified member through his/her district director, who will then forward the nominee's name and resume to the Chairman of the Honor and Awards Committee. The Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Officially approved the following change with regard to Approval of Applications for Membership:

1. Membership in the NATA must come through a district and is subject to the district secretary's approval. In cases of doubt regarding an applicant's qualifications for membership, the National Membership Committee should be consulted.

Officially approved a change in paragraph 3 of the provision concerning dues from the words "The Membership Committee of the District" to "The National Membership Committee."

Officially approved the revision of paragraph 1 concerning change of membership class to read as follows:

"1. If a member wishes to change his membership class and believes that he is eligible for such a change, he should request form 'Change of Membership Class' from the secretary of his district. This form should be completed and sent to the district secretary for review. If approved, the change is recorded and form sent to the National Office for final approval."

Likewise changed the section number of this paragraph from Section 5 to Section 4.

Officially approved the revision of the paragraph on Interdistrict Transfer of Membership to read as follows, after first changing this from Section 6 to Section 5:

"Any member of the Association who is in good standing and who moves into another district other than the one in which he holds membership must transfer his membership to the new district. This is done by filing an 'Application for District Transfer' request with the secretary of the district from which he is moving."

Officially approved the recommendation that the district secretaries be the Membership Committee.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES & USOC:

1. That for the 1980 Olympic Games, the experience requirement be dropped from seven to three years.
2. That there be submitted to the Sports Medicine Committee of the USOC the previously established proposal of the NATA Board of Directors for their acceptance or rejection.

AUDIO VISUAL AIDS:

Discussed briefly the proper acknowledgment regarding scholarship presentations with no official action being taken regarding this matter.

CAREER INFORMATION AND SERVICES:

1. Accepted the financial report of the Committee.
2. Approved the requested budget in the amount of \$200.

CERTIFICATION:

1. Approved the certification of Dusty Ripplemeyer with her original effective certification number.
2. Approved the budget request of \$4,525.
3. Approved the holding of a mid-winter meeting of the Certification Board, no funds being necessary.

The Board complimented Mr. McLean for his long and faithful service as the chairman of this committee, following which there ensued a long discussion regarding the certification examination.

Approved the recommendation that the Board NOT consider any special cases for certification.

NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Mr. Hoover commented on the status of the presently approved and negotiated convention sites from 1979 through 1984. Following discussion of the 1985 date, it was generally agreed that Districts 4, 5 and 6 would return with bids for the 1985 convention.

A brief discussion also ensued in relation to the holding of future conventions at three or four sites for the purpose of being able to gain better prices and more concessions, the general consensus being that this matter be taken up by the Directors with their individual districts for the purpose of ascertaining their feelings and later report to the Board.

Approved the addition of a ten-dollar (\$10.00) site registration fee for all classes of membership.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Approved the requested budget in the amount of \$2400.

Approved the recommendation that in relation to all Grants and Scholarship Awards that the name of the contributor be included in the program of the Student Awards Banquet, announced at the business meeting and made a part of the press releases and also a part of the Board minutes.

Approved the recommendation that in relation to the Pinky Newell Award that Cramer be requested to sponsor the award in the amount of five hundred dollars; that in the event of their refusal to endeavor to obtain sponsorship by another company in the amount of \$500.

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES:

Accepted as information the brief report that the NATA history was being reworked and that it was the hope that by the end of summer, this history would be in print.

Accepted a \$25.00 check tendered by Spike Dixon, this money to be placed in a separate bank account to be called the Spike Dixon Memorabilia Account.

HONOR AWARDS:

It was indicated that there was no action to be taken by the Board at this meeting as this matter had all previously been handled through the mail.

JOURNAL:

A brief discussion ensued relative to the publication of memorial resolutions in the Journal and the criteria regarding the submission of articles. It was also further indicated that during the past year, for the first time in the history of the organization the Journal had made a slight profit.

Approved the budget request, to be used if necessary, in the amount of \$5,420.

Approved the recommendation that an order form for subscription to the Journal be included with the various mailings from the National Office.

Approved the recommendation to increase by ten percent the rate for advertisers in the Journal.

Approved the student writing contest as proposed, with a hundred dollar prize, the contest to be open to all undergraduate student members of the NATA.

Approved an expression of thanks and appreciation to Mary Edgerley and the office staff for their outstanding work in relation to the NATA Journal during the past year.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

A discussion ensued as to the volume of placement announcements sent out by the committee during the year, it being indicated that last year there were twelve releases, far too many in the opinion of the Board members. A discussion likewise ensued relative to the filing of positions with definitive Board Action being taken.

Approved the recommendation that district secretaries may reproduce position vacancies of the NATA Placement Committee in their newsletters.

Approved the recommendation that placement notices regarding placement vacancies concerning the Placement Committee be sent to the President, District Directors, District Secretaries and approved Curriculum Directors, with the provision that other individuals desiring these notices made a request to the National Office for same.

Approved the budget request of this Committee in the amount of \$4400.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS:

Attention was called to the previously furnished report, with the Board, by official action, then accepting the report and recommendations as proposed, these recommendations concerning a request for a letter of endorsement from the Committee regarding the state licensure of athletic trainers; to cooperate with any clinics formed by Dr. Flynn by providing names of certified athletic trainers in those geographic areas and to offer NATA support in development of "how to" kits of model programs to be offered to state chapters and, lastly, to continue liaison with the Committee.

AMERICAN COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION:

Accepted the brief report together with approving the recommendation to continue liaison with this group.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS MEDICINE:

Attention was called to the liaison of Ken Knight in connection with this group, with it further being indicated that a more detailed report would be presented by him at a later meeting of the Board.

AMERICAN CORRECTIVE THERAPY ASSOCIATION:

Attention was called to the \$230 request, with the consensus being that this group be contacted for additional information relative to this request and this be later reported to the Board.

JOINT COMMISSION ON THE COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS:

Mr. Davis, in presenting this report, called attention to the budget and financial aspects of this organization, indicating that all member organizations had, by official action, been assessed a sum of \$250; that the NATA as yet had not received its billing and that in due course its obligation to this group would be taken care of.

Approved the recommendation that attention of the Commission be called to the provision that face masks in ice hockey be mandatory at the high school and college level.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS:

Attention was called to the report as previously furnished with the report, by regular motion, being accepted by the Board.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE DIRECTORS OF ATHLETICS:

It was indicated that a meeting of this organization had been planned for the latter part of June and that a further report would be tendered at a subsequent session of the Board.

N.A.I.A.:

No definitive action was taken by the Board regarding this group, the general consensus being to talk with the NATA representative in order to acquire a little more input in relation to the activities recommended.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS:

Mr. George presented a brief summary regarding NATA efforts in cooperation with this group, indicating nothing tangible had been achieved up to this point and then further indicating that possibly Mr. Chambers, as the new President, might possibly write them and offer his cooperation on behalf of the NATA. This report was then indicated to be received as informational.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE:

Attention was called to the previously furnished report, with this report, by common consensus, being accepted as information.

NOCSAE:

Mr. George commented on the ease of cleaning in relation to the new helmets, concluding his comments by indicating there was nothing further to be reported at this time in relation to this committee.

NATIONAL HEAD AND NECK INJURY REGISTRY:

Mr. Davis called attention to the confidentiality of conclusions as presented to the Directors, it then being further indicated that there was nothing further to report at this time.

AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION:

It was indicated that the proposal concerning this group had previously been discussed, that it had been referred to the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and no further action was indicated at this time.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION:

Mr. Bud Miller, Mr. Dick Hoover, Dr. Al Proctor and Dr. Bachman, at the request of the Board, appeared before the Board and in considerable detail explained the problems and present accomplishments concerning the Northwestern program, following which they answered various detailed questions presented to them. The Board, by official action, then approved the recommendation that the membership of the students presently in this program be made retroactive to the date the program was begun and that graduates of this program be permitted to take the certification examination, if possible, in August of 1978 and, if not possible, in January, 1979, or within five years from the date the program commenced.

The Board, by official action, approved the following:

1. Approved the resignation of Mel Blickenstaff.
2. Approved a year's leave of absence of Phil Donley from the Committee on account of illness.
3. Approved the appointment of three members to the Committee (Osternig Schrader and Snow).
4. Approved a one-year visitation extension for Central Michigan.
5. Increased the initial application fee to \$100.

AAPHER:

Attention was called to the statement made by this group regarding the use of the trampoline. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that this statement be referred to NATA legal counsel for advice before the establishment of an NATA position in this regard.

AMERICAN CORRECTIVE THERAPY ASSOCIATION:

Approved Jeff Fair as NATA representative, with expenses not to exceed \$230.

ELECTIONS:

Unanimously elected Mr. Cash Birdwell to the office of Vice President.
Unanimously re-elected Mr. Otho Davis as Executive Director.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS NATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS Wednesday, June 14, 1978

The Board of Directors of the NATA, following the regular convention sessions, was reconvened at nine o'clock a.m., at the MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, Mr. William Chambers, President, presiding, with the following in attendance and approved the following actions concerning the various reports made and recommendations considered:

PRESENT:

Mr. William Chambers	President
Mr. Otho Davis	Executive Director
Mr. Bruce Melin	Parliamentarian
Mr. Wesley Jordan	District 1
Mr. Richard Malacrea	District 2
Mr. Andy Clawson	District 3
Mr. Gordon Stoddard	District 4
Mr. Frank Randall	District 5
Mr. Cash Birdwell	District 6
Mr. Troy Young	District 7
Mr. Don Chu	District 8
Mr. Bobby Barton	District 9
Mr. Larry Standifer	District 10

N.A.I.A.:

Attention was called to section number three of the report, namely, strongly recommending use of emergency medical personnel or technicians for all athletic events, it being indicated that this recommendation was made on the basis of there being many schools that did not have or could not support a certified athletic trainer. The Board, by official action, accepted this report with the recommendation that emergency medical personnel be provided at athletic events where the services of a certified athletic trainer was not available.

ETHICS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Tow Diehm, Chairman of the Committee, indicated that no serious problems of ethics had been presented to the Committee during the preceding year, then making several recommendations which, by official action, were approved by the Board as follows:

1. Approved the addition of the following sentence to Article I, Section 5: "It is unethical for a member to knowingly recommend a candidate for the national certification examination who has not fulfilled all the eligibility requirements as specified for the Board of Certification."
2. Approved the addition of a new Section 8 to Membership as follows: "It is unethical for a member to sponsor a candidate for membership in the NATA who does not know the candidate and his or her qualifications."
3. Approved the recommendation to place Mr. Leon Skee on the Ethics Committee.

CONVENTIONS:

The Board listened to the presentations of Mr. Tom Higler and Mr. Jerry Baker relative to the availability and offerings of the City of Amarillo, Texas as a possible future convention site for the NATA

Mr. Standifer commented upon the feelings of his District regarding the holding of the convention in Seattle, reporting that his District felt that this would be appropriate, that this city met all of the requirements of the National Convention criteria and that in the event of any unforeseen difficulties that Vancouver and Sun Valley might likewise be considered as alternate sites. The Board received this report as information without any definitive action being taken and with the proviso that reports would be made on a periodic basis regarding progress relative to this site.

Mr. Stoddard likewise again mentioned the possibility of Columbus, Ohio, for a

possible future site, with it being indicated that the Board would merely accept this as information and as a part of the record regarding convention sites.

A further discussion as to the advantage of three or four regularly selected sites ensued, with this matter being left in the status of having Mr. Hoover continue selecting convention sites in the same manner as was presently being followed.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, the Board approved the following:

1. Reapproved the following athletic training educational programs: Indiana University (undergraduate program); Ohio University; Oregon University (undergraduate program); Northeastern University; Purdue University and Southwest Texas State University.
2. Approved for probation the programs at Western Illinois University; Louisiana State University and the Indiana State University (graduate program).
3. Approved the recommendation that the Board of Directors remove from probation and approve the athletic training educational program at California State University at Long Beach since they have met all of the stipulations placed upon this program by the NATA.
4. Approved the recommendation that the following athletic training educational programs be placed on probation for one year and at that time be reevaluated to see if they have satisfactorily met the stipulations as presented for reapproval by the NATA: Oregon State University; Washington State University; Texas Christian University; Ball State University and Appalachian State University.
5. Approved the new programs at Ithaca College, Western Michigan University (graduate program) and the Indiana State University (graduate program), and withholding approval of the State University of New York at Brockport until such time as a new program director was hired and it meets the NATA guidelines.
6. Did NOT adopt, for lack of a second, the recommendation that the program directors may only endorse applicants for Section I of the NATA Procedures for Certification.
7. Approved the following revisions in the Guidelines for Development and Implementation of NATA Approved Undergraduate Athletic Training Education Programs:
That, page 7, item 4, "Equal Opportunity", read as follows: "Equal access policies for admission to the athletic training education program must be consistent with the admission policies of the institution sponsoring the program. Athletic training education programs must insure equal opportunity for classroom instruction, clinical experience and other educational activities for all students in the program. Institutions sponsoring coeducational programs designed to prepare students to work as athletic trainers must insure academic and clinical experience opportunities in both men's and women's athletic programs."
That page 12, item 2, "Clinical Instructors" read as follows: "A minimum of one year of experience as an athletic trainer beyond the undergraduate level. Certified Athletic Trainers who have less than one year of experience may serve as clinical instructors under the supervision and direction of otherwise qualified full time clinical instructors."
That in relation to NATA Short Term Course Approval, the last sentence in item 8 read as follows: "Short term courses primarily developed for student trainers shall not be approved."
8. By official action, returned to the Education Committee for further interpretation the suggested change with regard to Page 10, "c", "Program Director."
9. Approved the budget request of \$8,400 for the employment of a part-time secretary and then likewise approved the budget as corrected.

CERTIFICATION BOARD:

Mr. Rod Moore, in reporting for the Certification Board briefly commented upon arrangements being made for the moving of the Board Office facilities to Valparaiso University; called attention to the yearly increase in candidates thus also necessitating a change in sites and format and that these changes must be continually faced by the Board. The Board of Directors, in relation to the recommendations submitted, officially approved the following:

1. That the funding requested by Lindsay McLean for secretarial help along with additional monies appropriated for said services be transferred on a quarterly basis to the Board of Certification Account.
2. Approved the reappointment of the following members to the Board of Certification:

Marjorie Albohm; Indiana University
James Dodson, Midland High School
Joe Gieck, University of Virginia
Buford Harmon, Mt. San Antonio Jr. College
Richard F. Irvin, Oregon State University
Carl Krein, Central Connecticut State College
Russell Miller (On leave 1977-1979)

3. The Board likewise approved the reappointment of Edward J. Pillings until at least February 1, 1979, with a replacement to be named at the January meeting of the Board.
4. Approved the new appointment of Michael Capetto of Columbia University to the Board of Certification.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS MEDICINE:

Mr. Ken Knight gave a report concerning the last meeting of this organization, indicating it was their intent to cooperate more fully with the NATA in the future, to the point that this organization desired to co-sponsor a symposium with the NATA. Mr. Knight further called attention to the intent of this organization to create some form of Fellowship class for Athletic Trainers.

In closing his brief report, Mr. Knight indicated the need of an on going liaison representative to this organization rather than following the present procedure wherein each time this organization has a meeting, of sending the closest NATA representative.

It was indicated that the Board would take these matters under advisement and that perhaps at the January meeting of the Board, the College would be in a position of submitting some form of proposal to the Board for its consideration concerning the matter of Fellowship status for trainers.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE STUDENT CLASS:

Mr. Melin, in order to provide ways for certain students to continue membership in

the Student Class in situations not presently covered submitted the following proposals as additions to the statements in the Bylaws, Article XXVI under Student Membership, which proposals were approved by the Board.

1. A Student Member who is awarded a degree (bachelor's or master's) and who ceases to be a full-time student, and who does not become Certified but does not obtain a job as an actively engaged Athletic Trainer may continue membership in the Student Class for one year after the degree is awarded.

2. A Student Member who transfers to a school (as a full-time student) at which he/she is unable to satisfy the requirement of performing athletic training under direct supervision of a Certified Athletic Trainer may continue membership in the Student Class provided that he/she has had a minimum of 600 hours of acceptable athletic training experience under direct supervision of a Certified Athletic Trainer.

DISTRICT 4 STUDY PROPOSAL:

Mr. Stoddard presented and moved adoption of the recommendation that the President and the Board of Directors reconsider the request of District 4 to have the present NATA structure as it relates to representation of the total membership reflected in the Board of Directors, the results of such a study to be made available to the NATA membership.

Following a lengthy discussion involving the reasons for this request, how it was to be done, the motion was voted upon and was declared to be defeated with Districts 2 and 4 being in favor, Districts 3, 6, 9 and 10 being in opposition and Districts 1, 5, 7 and 8 abstaining. It was further suggested that District 4 appoint a subcommittee, if so desired, to further explore this matter relative to the scope of the study and objectives to be gained and if it so desires, that this information be presented at a subsequent Board Meeting.

DATES OF ELECTION OF NATA PRESIDENT:

The Board officially approved the changing of the present dates to the procedure wherein ballots for this election would be mailed prior to February 1st and with the provision that they be returned prior to March 1st or earlier.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

June 14, 1978

The meeting of the Board of Directors was reconvened at eleven-thirty p.m., President Chambers presiding and with the items as indicated below being considered and acted upon as indicated.

NAIRS:

Mr. Powell, in making his report, called attention to the present status of the HEW study, the use of NATA statistics therein and then followed with a brief report indicating the status of various other research projects. The Board then acted on the recommendations presented as follows:

1. Disapproved the proposed budget for travel as listed at a figure of \$1400.

2. Approved the recommendation to go on record as in full support of research efforts from the membership.

3. Approved the proposal for the development of a research symposia to be in the present format used by other organizations and to be conducted in relation to the National Meeting to be held at St. Louis.

4. Approved the development and implementation of a membership survey both in depth and annually as previously requested by the Board.

5. Denied the request for the Committee to come in a day early in connection with its next meeting in relation to its in-depth evaluation necessary to determine the quality of research.

6. Held up approval of the proposed budget pending further clarification.

WOJECKI AWARD:

Approved the recommendation that the Wojecki Award be awarded to that individual who scores the highest number of points on the certification examination.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDICS PROPOSAL:

1. Rejected the proposal as offered in relation to the \$16,000 mentioned in this proposal.

2. Adopted the recommendation that the Certification Committee and the Education Committee meet and come up with some alternate proposals for the use of the \$16,000 mentioned by the Academy and that a further report on this matter be made at the mid-year Board Meeting.

GENERAL:

Discussed the use of the term "Chairman" versus "Chairperson", with it being indicated that it was the feeling of the Library of Congress that the use of the term "Chairman" was still proper.

That a letter of welcome be issued from the District Director accompanying the membership card to all new members and that a like procedure be followed relative to newly certified candidates.

That the President's Challenge Award, Honor Awards and all other matters of special recognition presented to the Board be accompanied with a brief biography of the nominee.

Upon the recommendations of both Districts 4 and 5, approved the request to have the University of Iowa transferred to District 5 from District 4.

Approved the establishment of criteria for the appointment of liaison representative members to other organizations and to inform appointees of their role in representing the NATA to their organizations.

Approved the recommendation that the Trainer of the Year Award be authorized for another year.

Approved the disposal of the presidential election ballots by Mr. Davis.

Regarding the Twenty-Five Year Award, approved the recommendation that Mr. Sullivan be instructed to find some way of upgrading the presentation certificate involving this award.

PROCEEDINGS of the NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION

Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting

June 13, 1978
MGM Grand Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

June 13, 1978

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the National Athletic Trainers Association was convened at the MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 11:15 o'clock a.m., Mr. Frank George, President, presiding.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you for coming to this meeting and good morning. I would like to welcome the members of the National Athletic Trainers Association and their guests to Las Vegas and to this Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting.

If you will all stand, we will have the Pledge of Allegiance. . . . The membership arose and rendered the Pledge of Allegiance. . . .

PRESIDENT GEORGE: If you will remain standing, we will have the invocation. Dear Lord, thank you for bringing us together today. Please instill in us the knowledge and ability to perform our duties as athletic trainers and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve NATA. Amen.

Now, I would like to extend a special thanks from the Association to Bill Chambers, the Las Vegas Symposium Chairman and our new President; to Don Chu, the Program Chairman; Lew Crowl and Gary Tuthill, the Banquet Chairman; Roger Dennis and Monte Smith, for developing the Student Trainer Program and to our host trainer, Dave Knoepfel of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

I would also like to thank all of the Committee members for the many hours of work they devoted to the Association to make this Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the NATA a success.

The first order of business is that I would request a motion to dispense with the roll call.

May I have that motion?

. . . The motion was made by Paul Zeek, seconded by Ken Murray, voted upon and carried. . . .

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The next item concerns the approval of the minutes of our 1977 business. These were published in the Journal and at this time I will entertain a motion for the dispensing of the reading of those minutes.

May I have such a motion?

. . . The motion was made by Dick Milder, seconded by Billy Pickard, was voted upon and carried. . . .

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The next order of business we will entertain is that of Otho Davis, who will give us the 1977-1978 Report of the Treasurer.

MR. OTHO DAVIS: This is the Treasurer's Report for the year 1977-1978, NATA, submitted by the Executive Director on June 9, 1978, to the Board of Directors as follows:

General Fund Account, \$14,163.78.
Deposited in the First State Bank of Greenville, North Carolina, certification account, \$9,505.66.

Certificate Savings Account, \$4,837.68.
Certificate Plannne Account, \$2,426.95.

All three of those are deposited with the National Bank and Trust Company, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Journal Account, \$1,126.98.
Journal Account B, \$4,399.64.

Both of these accounts are deposited with the First State Bank of Greenville, North Carolina.

National Convention Account, \$25,991.12, deposited with the First National Bank of South Carolina.

Deposited in the Philadelphia National Bank, mortgage and realty account in the amount of \$78,000.

Fixed Maturity Certificate, \$10,000.
Passbook Savings Account, \$2,623.99.

Career and Information Services Committee, \$91.18, deposited with the Pioneer National Bank.

Total assets, \$153,166.98.

Disbursements for the fiscal year 1977-1978 were \$211,462.72 and this does include transfer of funds from specific checking accounts to the savings accounts.

There was a figure of receipts in the amount of \$292,206.31, giving a total of \$14,163.78 in General Funds.

As a comment, let me say that the Journal of Athletic Training, for the first time in the history of the Association, has operated at a profit.

Therefore, our total assets at the present time are \$153,166.98.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, Otho.

May I have a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report?

. . . The motion was made by Warren Lee, seconded by Tom Little, voted upon and carried. . . .

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We will now have the Report of our Executive Director concerning a summary of the actions of the Board of Directors from June 9, to June 11 of 1978.

MR. DAVIS: This is a summary of actions of the Board of Directors.

The first meeting was held commencing at seven p.m. on Friday, June 9th, continued all day and into the evening of Saturday and adjourned on Sunday, June 11th at approximately one-forty o'clock p.m.

Mr. Frank George, our President, presided.

Regarding Career and Information Services, the Board accepted the financial report of the Committee and approved a budget request in the amount of \$200.

Regarding the Certification Committee, approved certification of Dusty Ripplmeyer, with her original effective certification number; approved a budget request in the amount of \$4,000 and approved the holding of a Mid-winter Meeting of the Certification Board, no funding being necessary.

Regarding the National Convention Committee, that in relation to all grants and scholarship awards, that the name of the contributor be included in the program of the Student Awards Banquet; announced at the Business Meeting; made a part of the press releases and also a part of the Board minutes.

Concerning History and Archives, accepted the report that the NATA history was being reworked and it was hoped by the end of the summer it would be in print.

The Board likewise accepted a \$25 check tendered by Spike Dixon, this money to be placed in a separate bank account to be called the Spike Dixon Memorabilia Account. This is for the future years' collection of various modalities, etc., concerning old trainers.

Regarding the International Games and the USOC, that for the 1980 Olympic Games, the experience requirement be dropped from seven to three years and that there be submitted to the Sports Medicine Committee of the USOC the previously established proposal of the NATA Board of Directors for their acceptance or rejection.

Regarding the Journal, approved an expression of thanks and appreciation to Mary Edgerley and the Office Staff for their outstanding work in relation to the NATA Journal during the past year in bringing it up to its present state and as I indicated, for the first time in history, it showing a profit.

The Board also approved that an order form for the subscription to the Journal be included with the various mailings from the National Office.

It likewise increased by ten percent the rate for advertisers in the Journal and, further, approved the Student Writing Contest as proposed, with a \$100 prize, the contest to be open to all undergraduate students members of NATA.

Concerning the Report of the Treasurer, the Board approved the report relative to the various funds, indicating a total net worth for 1977-1978 as being \$153,166.98.

With regard to Membership, the Board considered the various elements relative to membership criteria and by official action clarifying various items to eliminate confusion on the part of the general membership.

Concerning the American Corrective Therapy Association, approved Jeff Farr as NATA Representative to the next meeting in July.

Regarding the Professional Education Committee, approved the resignation of Mel Blickenstaff; approved a year's leave of absence for Phil Donley; approved the appointment of three members to the Committee; approved a one-year visitation extension for Central Michigan; increased the initial application fee to \$100 in relation to schools applying for approved accreditation.

Concerning the Public Relations Committee, accepted the resignation of Fritz Massman, with the proviso that the District Directors take this matter up with their respective Districts with a view toward obtaining District recommendations concerning the future solution of the problem of the Committee Chairmen for Public Relations.

Regarding the Placement Committee, approved the recommendation that the District Secretaries may reproduce position vacancies of the NATA Placement Committee in their Newsletters; that placement notices be sent to the President, District Directors, District Secretaries and approved Curriculum Directors and also approved a budget request in the amount of \$4400.

Concerning Liaison Reports to the various areas, and referring to the AAHPER, that this group's policy statement regarding the use of the trampoline be referred to NATA Legal Counsel for advice before the establishment of an NATA position in this regard.

Concerning the matter of elections, the Board unanimously elected Mr. Cash Birdwell to the office of Vice President and unanimously re-elected Mr. Otho Davis as Executive Director.

In relation to other actions, the Board approved the recommendation that the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, through the NATA Representative, have called to their attention the request that face masks in ice hockey be mandatory at the scholastic and collegiate levels.

That a letter of welcome be issued from the District Director accompanying the membership card to all new members and that a like procedure be followed relative to newly certified candidates.

That the President's Challenge Award, Honor Award and all other matters of special recognition presented to the Board be accompanied with a brief biography of the nominee.

Upon the recommendations of both Districts Nos. 4 and 5, approved the request to have the University of Iowa transferred to District 5 from District No. 4.

Approved the establishment of criteria for the appointment of liaison representative members to other organizations and to inform appointees of their role in representing the NATA to other organizations.

Regarding the Northwestern University Faculty Trainer Education Program, that the membership of these students by made retroactive to the date the program was begun and that graduates of this program be permitted to take the certification examination, if possible, in August of 1978 and, if not possible, in January, 1979 or within five years from the date the program commenced.

The Board approved action on Article XX of the Bylaws, Membership Committee, Section 3, that the District Secretaries from each of the ten Districts of NATA will now make up the Membership Committee of the National Committee.

The Board of Directors approved membership provisions and the dues section under the Associate Class Code II of membership, that a member must be actively engaged in athletic training and continue to be actively engaged during the course of Associate Membership.

The NATA definition of actively engaged is as follows: "A person on a salary basis, not a fee-for-service basis, employed full time in an educational institution, professional athletic organization or other bona fide athletic association for the duration of the institution's school year or length of athletic organization sports season and who performs the duties of athletic trainer as a major responsibility of his or her employment.

The applicant for membership in this class must have athletic training work experience of at least 600 clock hours, no more than 300 clock hours which may be accepted in any one year, under the direct supervision of a Certified Athletic Trainer.

The work experience shall include preventive protective taping, recognition of injuries, medical care of injuries and the use of the usual training room modalities. The Certified Athletic Trainer under whom the person works will sign a record of the person's work experience.

For the continuance of Associate Membership, the person must accumulate a minimum number of six continuing professional education units every three years, this being effective January 1, 1982.

Present Associate Members in good standing for the calendar year 1978 may continue in this class without being bound by the actively engaged requirement. The effective date of this provision is June 10, 1978.

Under Section D, for Honorary Members, nominations may be only by a certified member through his or her District Director, who will then forward the nominees' names and resumes to the Chairman of the Honors and Awards Committee.

The Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Regarding Section 4, pertaining to Military Service, this Section was omitted from the Bylaws.

Under Article XXVI, Section 5, the old Section 5, Change of Membership Class, is now changed to Section 4.

The Inter-District Transfer of Membership has now been made as Section 5 and reads as follows: "Any member of the Association in good standing and who moves into another District other than the one in which he holds membership, must transfer membership to the new District. This is done by filing an application or District Transfer request with the Secretary of the District in which he or she is moving from.

Another action of importance concerned the establishment of criteria for the appointment of liaison representatives, which was approved.

Likewise, there was a discussion pertaining to the redistricting request from District No. 4, regarding the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee by the President to study the feasibility of voting on Board matters and District allocation of votes.

This request was not approved by a vote of three in favor, five against and two abstaining.

That completes the report.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, Otho, and now I need a motion for the acceptance of this report concerning Board actions.

... Mr. Tow Diehm moved acceptance, which motion was seconded by Porky Morgan, was voted upon and carried.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Now, the next order of business is Memorial Resolutions. These should be presented by each District and should be presented to me now, if you have them. Therefore, please turn in any Memorial Resolutions either from the audience or from the Board of Directors.

Some have already been turned in.

Now, at this point, I would like to have all of you please stand and rise for a moment of silence for our departed brothers.

... The membership arose in a moment of silence ...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The next order of business is for Porky Morgan to read to us the winners of the 25-year awards. These awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet tomorrow evening.

MR. PORKY MORGAN: The Award winners are as follows:

- Harold J. Blackwell, District No. 4.
- Jim Conby, District No. 7.
- John T. Gimmler, District No. 2.
- Louis K. Grevelle, District No. 6.
- Eugene I. Harvey, District No. 9.
- Fred Hoover, District No. 3.
- Victor A. Keedy, District No. 1.
- R.A. "Bobby" Lane, District No. 6.
- Fritz Massmann, District No. 2.
- Melvin Moretti, District No. 8.
- Warren Morris, District No. 9.
- Albert W. Rector, District No. 4.
- C. Roy Rylander, District No. 2.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, Porky.

The next order of business is for George Sullivan to read the Honorary Membership Award recipients. George is Chairman of the Honors and Awards Committee.

MR. SULLIVAN: These Honorary Memberships go to the following:

- Dr. Frederic L. Behling.
- Dr. Leslie M. Bodner.
- Dr. Alfred H. Griess.
- Dr. Philip H. McFarland.
- Dr. Marcus S. Stewart.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, George.

I would now like to read the Citizen's Savings Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame Awards but, before so doing, I would like to say that an award to the Hall of Fame is the largest and best honor we can bestow in behalf of our Association.

These awards will be presented at the banquet to the following.

- C. M. Blickenstaff.
- Dr. Martin J. Broussard.
- Earl J. Porche.
- George F. Sullivan.
- Thomas D. Wilson, Jr.

Congratulations to all of you. (Applause)

I would also like to announce the award winner in connection with one of our scholarships, the W.E. Newell Award.

This award is being presented to Robert Edward Osborne, University of Pittsburgh, and if he is here, I would like to have him come up. This concerns a donation of \$500, donated and sponsored by Cramer Products, Incorporated.

Is Jim Cody in the audience? Well, he has had a delay but as you know, Kwik-Kold Products again has presented us with the President's Challenge Award, which is a \$1500 award to be given to someone who has made a significant contribution in the field of sports medicine or athletic training and, along with it goes a unique piece of art work. The art work in and of itself is worth \$1500. The announcement of the recipient and presentation will be made at the Awards Banquet tomorrow evening.

Now, I would like to call upon Lindsay McLean to announce the winner of the Eddie Wojewicki Scholarship Award. As most of you probably know, this will be Lindsay's last time in giving this award because he is retiring as Chairman of the Certification Committee and if you all could realize how important and how much of a contribution Certification has made to the profession of athletic training; if you can realize the people who write and want to be certified, how important this has been and that Certification is Lindsay McLean and Lindsay McLean is Certification in NATA, I am sure you will appreciate his efforts.

Therefore, I am happy to recognize Lindsay at this time. (Applause)

MR. LINDSY McLEAN: Thank you very much, Frank.

It has been my honor to have the opportunity to do this function for the NATA and it has been a privilege that I am sure that I will always remember.

You know, there are an awful lot of people in our organization capable of contributing a great deal to our future and that is one of the great things about our Association. I think it is nice to finally get somebody like me out of it and perhaps to give a younger individual, not necessarily a younger one, but a different one, an opportunity.

Now, the 1978 recipient of the Eddie Wojewicki Scholarship Award, sponsored by Larson Laboratories of Erie, Pennsylvania, is Frank S. Harper, Athletic Trainer of Rose High School, Greenville, North Carolina. (Applause)

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, Lindsay.

I would now like to have Pinky Newell to announce the winners of the NATA Scholarships but before Pinky does, I would like to have him come forward to receive a check from Otho Davis, a special contribution from the National Football League.

MR. OTHO DAVIS: It is with great pleasure, representing the National Football League Charities and the National Football League and its Commissioners, as well as the 28 National Football League Teams, that I present a check for \$5,000 to the NATA Grants and Scholarships Committee.

... Presentation of check and applause ensued ...

MR. NEWELL: Mr. President, I accept on behalf of the Committee with appreciation and, let me say, \$4,000 of this will be placed in the Endowment Fund; \$1,000, which was given last night, into Scholarships.

I would like to read the 1978 Scholarship Award winners for inclusion in the minutes.

The Undergraduate Scholarship Award goes to Eugene Selso Montano, California State University; Amy E. Oursler, Lock Haven State College and to Sayers John Miller of Penn State University.

The Robert H. Gunn Scholarship Award goes to Rex Lee Sharp, Ball State University. The sponsor is the National Athletic Trainers Association.

The Dan Arnhem Scholarship Award goes to Patrick K. Mahaffey, California State University.

The sponsor is Dr. Daniel D. Arnhem.

The William E. Newell Scholarship Award goes to Robert Edward Osborne, University of Pittsburgh. The sponsor is Cramer Products, Incorporated.

The Living Memorial Scholarship Award goes to R. Richard Ray, University of Michigan.

The Postgraduate Scholarship Award goes to Hillary Anne Ennis, Muehlenburg College and to Roger D. Harbour, Ohio University.

The Dell C. Humphrey Postgraduate Scholarship Award goes to Joseph E. Theisen of Mankato State University.

The G.E. "Moose" Dettly Postgraduate Scholarship Award goes to Donald K. Laxton of East Carolina University.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, Pinky. (Applause)

I am sure you are all aware of how hard Pinky has worked in order to raise that money and as the funds become tighter, how much more difficult it is but he is learning to be more successful at it.

The next order of business is for Otho Davis to present the individual awards in recognition for work throughout the year on the Convention Committee.

MR. DAVIS: They all did a superb job and I'm sure all of you will agree. Before I even start presenting these awards, may I have a round of applause for the entire Committee, which has done such a tremendous job here in Las Vegas. (Applause)

Now, Mr. President, we would like to recognize Bill Chambers for the hard work that Bill has done in relation to the 1978 Convention.

... Presentation of Plaque and applause ensued ...

MR. DAVIS: I would like to have Bill present the awards to his working committee.

MR. CHAMBERS: Let me say that several of our people who have worked very hard in order to put this meeting on are over at the Student Trainer Section doing things over there but I would like to recognize them at this time.

Monte Smith did handle our Student Trainer Program and is over there with it right now. He is from Chapman College.

Roger Dennis, are you here?

Well, Roger was in charge of the Student Trainer Program and they are both over there now. However, I did want to recognize them.

Lew Crowl. He is Co-Chairman of the Banquet. Just wait until tomorrow night and that is all I have to say. Thanks a lot, Lew.

... Presentation of award and applause ensued ...

MR. CHAMBERS: Gary Tuthill, are you here?

He is working with Lew on the Banquet and I did want to get his name into the minutes.

Also, our Clinical Program Chairman, Don Chu. Thank you, Don.

... Presentation of award and applause ensued ...

Last and certainly not least, our Host Trainer, Dave Knoepfel from the University of Las Vegas.

MR. DAVIS: Will Fred Hoover come forward, please?

Well, at any rate, he is busy with his activities. At any rate, I can say to you that I certainly can not say enough for Fred Hoover and all of his people in relation to the National Clinical Symposium Committee. I would like to say to you that it is a year-in job, especially all he goes through in relation to phone calls, even receiving some of them at two o'clock in the morning concerning people griping about why they did not get their hotel reservation, especially when they did not send their material in on time. Nevertheless, he has survived.

Is Glen Johnson here?

Will you please come forward.

... Presentation of award and applause ensued ...

MR. DAVIS: Dean Weber.

... Presentation of award and applause ensued ...

MR. DAVIS: Andy Clawson.

... Presentation of award and applause ensued ...

MR. DAVIS: Don Pickering.

I guess he is not present.

Also, Bud Tice. Sorry, he is already gone.

However, let us all give them a round of applause anyway.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I believe Otho now has awards for two outgoing Directors.

MR. DAVIS: Well, let me first see what we do have here.

First of all we have a plaque for Bill Flentje, who is the Vice President of NATA for 1977-1978.

... Presentation and applause ensued ...

This is presented to Bill in recognition and appreciation for outstanding service on the NATA Board of Directors from 1974 to 1978.

Also, recognition to another Board of Directors member, your friend and mine, Bill Chambers.

... Presentation of plaque and applause ensued ...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The 1977-1978 NATA Board of Directors are as follows:

Wes Jordan, University of Maine, District 1.

Richard Malacrea, Princeton University, District 2.

J. Herman Bunch, North Carolina State, District 3.

Gordon Stoddard, University of Wisconsin, District 4.

Bill Flentje, University of Missouri, District 5.

Cash Birdwell, Southern Methodist University, District 6.

Troy Young, Arizona State University, District 7.

William H. Chambers, Fullerton Junior College, District 8.

Bobby Barton, Eastern Kentucky University, District 9.

Larry Standifer, University of Oregon, District 10.

New Board Members will be Frank Randall for District 5 and Donald Chu for District 8.

Now, this will be the last opportunity I will have to address the Association and my last chance to express my gratitude for all the assistance I have received in the past four years.

I must especially thank the trainers at Brown University, who did so much to help me. They are Joe Castro, Joanne Dolcemanchio and Ed Jamiel.

There are few Associations whose members are as dedicated to a profession as the NATA member is.

There are three men who, over the past few years, have dedicated their lives to NATA in the tradition of Pinky Newell and Bobby Gunn. We could never thank them enough. These men are Otho Davis, our Executive Director, Bud Miller, Chairman of the Professional Education Committee, and Lindsay McLean, the Chairman of the Certification Committee.

Today we tried to express our gratitude to Lindsay, who is stepping down as Chairman of the Certification Committee.

These men have certainly given much of their lives to us and we all certainly appreciate it.

The professional image of the NATA and the athletic trainer have certainly improved. This has not happened by chance. The two most important contributing factors to this improvement have been Education and Certification. Lindsay and Bud should be proud and we are very grateful for the contributions they have made to this profession.

Now, as our Association grows, and it is growing at an astounding rate, our administrative problems become more complicated. In the past year, Otho Davis has spent a great deal of time and effort solving these administrative problems and we thank him for this.

We, all the members of the NATA, have a tremendous challenge and responsibility which must be met in the very near future. There are many thousands of high school athletes who need and would benefit from the services of a Certified Athletic Trainer. If the concept of a faculty-trainer is understood, it should be accepted. This is the concept by which many of the high school coaches are hired. The salary should be equal to that of the coach. I do not believe that would put an unreasonable strain on a high school athletic budget.

Another challenge which must be met concerns licensure. Our congratulations go to Kentucky, the third state to have a license for athletic trainers. This is something every one of us should be working and striving for in our own states.

This Thursday some members of the NATA will be meeting with members of the APTA to discuss and hopefully to influence APTA positively regarding the licensure of athletic trainers. I have met with the President of the APTA and discussed this. He has established a committee to make a recommendation to the APTA Board of Directors and House of Delegates last year.

It has really been an honor for me to serve as President of the NATA. I appreciate all of the assistance I have received from the membership. I appreciate the warmth and friendship that was extended to me from all of the Districts of NATA.

Further, there is so much to be done. I wish I could have accomplished more.

Now, I was just going to turn this over to Bill Chambers but there is an item of old business that I have to take care of first.

I have talked to the Districts about it and there is controversy and some of us have a problem with others in the District.

This has to do with the proposal from District No. 4 that was brought up at the Business Meeting last year at Dearborn.

I received a letter from the District President and I would like to read to you the short paragraph regarding what the proposal is.

Now, this is a letter from Bob Behnke which came to me in March. I turned it over to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

Bob has tried to make some very important points in relation to his letter.

I would like to call to your attention this paragraph.

"We are not requesting restructuring of the ruling body of the Association, we are not requesting re-districting, new districts or any one of this nature. We are requesting that an Ad Hoc Committee, named by the NATA President, conduct a feasibility study. That study would be to determine whether or not a method to provide a more equitable

representation of the total membership of the NATA reflected in its Board of Directors is a valid and feasible request".

Now, I think the next item I must talk to you about is that the Director of District 4, at the Board Meeting, asked me to name that Committee, an Ad Hoc Committee to perform that feasibility study and not go through the Board of Directors to get that done.

Now, I really cannot think of many things that I did in the last four years that I did not ask the Board for their approval on and there comes a time when something you want, "you" meaning a certain group of members out there, and Otho and I push it through and do not put it through the Board of Directors, well, we are criticized for railroading.

Now, maybe it is not too bad, especially if it is something you desire. However, if it is something everybody else doesn't want, at least they should have the right to discuss it.

I asked the parliamentarian, in front of all of the Board of Director members, what he thought and he said he thought the best thing to do would be to put it to the Board of Directors and so that is what we did and Otho read you the results.

I want you to be encouraged by the results.

The vote was three in favor, five against, with two abstentions. Last year you could not even get a second on it.

You know, you have Pinky Newell and you should know how many times requests of his, in the past, have been turned down. However, he did not quit after one or two of them being turned down — he kept coming back with them, changing words a little bit here and there with the hope that, after a while, his request would be recognized. In some cases we eventually gave in to him.

You have to keep trying but, of course, the people you have to convince are the people out there sitting right next to you. You have to convince the members of the Districts that voted against it that they should convince their Director to vote for it.

Now, I am sure that somebody from District 4 would like to get up and speak on the matter and, if they do, will they please come to one of the microphones, either Bob Behnke or Woody Graham or others.

MR. GRAHAM: Well, let me say, Mr. Chairman, as an elected representative of the District, that you took a little of the thunder away with your presentation there. However, again, we want to emphasize that all we have requested is the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to study particularly the advantages or disadvantages of changing our District boundaries to allow for more equal representation within the District, especially as reflected in our Board of Directors.

As has been indicated, during the past eight years, we have tripled in size. Further, this died twice because of the lack of a second and the last time, while it was second, it died by a vote of three in favor, five against and two abstentions.

Now, in checking, we have found that the three ayes represented some 48 percent of the Certified Membership of our District, of the National Association, excuse me.

Really, all we are asking is the members to return to your District meetings this afternoon, discuss support of the formation of such a committee and, really all we want to do is to have a study made as to the advantages and disadvantages of possibly changing some boundaries, maybe eventually even restructuring.

Now, I think what we would like to do is to hear comments from the District Directors as to why this study could not be performed.

... Cries of "out of order" ...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I will ask Bruce, is that out of order?

The Parliamentarian says it is out of order.

Now, I will recognize the District Directors to speak to it.

First of all, Wes, do you have any comments you would like to make?

MR. JORDAN: I would like to first talk to my District.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Now, District 5 voted against it and, therefore, Bill, is there anything you would like to say?

MR. FLENTJE: I think it is the feeling of District 5 that at this point in time we are not in favor of this study. Our District is satisfied with the way that the organization is being operated.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I believe that District 6 also voted against it. Cash, do you want to say something?

MR. BIRDWELL: I presented this to the District during the year. There were no votes for it and so I voted the way my District felt.

Our feeling was, or in Dearborn we got the impression, that there was a lack of communication in other areas. Now, we have certain guidelines in our area insofar as communication is concerned. If they are not met, we take care of them in order to see they are met.

We felt that better communication between the membership, possibly bringing down and electing State Chairmen to communicate with your National Director from your District, would open up these lines of communication and that is our feeling.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Troy Young, District 7, do you wish to say anything?

MR. YOUNG: I felt a lot like Cash did — that it was something that should be taken care of within your District, within the lines of communication. However, I will bring it up to my members this afternoon at our Business Meeting. We are always open for comments.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Bob Behnke is the President of District 4 and would like to make some comments.

MR. BEHNKE: A couple of comments, Mr. President.

First of all, speaking to the Directors of Districts 6 and 7, I don't know the type of jobs you do in your District but Gordon Stoddard has kept District 4 informed during the last two years as well, if not better, than any of the other Districts in this organization.

However, that is not the point and perhaps we can very briefly show you what we are talking about.

For example, if you will look at the distribution of the membership of this organization — well, one example I can cite to you is that our District, District No. 4, has over 450 Certified Members. There is another District that has approximately 87 Certified Members. We outnumber that District approximately five to one in our voting power and yet our District Director has one vote out of ten.

Now, we are not looking toward having District No. 4 dominate this organization and, in fact, if you will look at this closely, District 4, from the standpoint of membership is going to be drastically weakened if we do reorganize and maintain ten Directors across this country.

In fact, District 5 will grow in strength and numbers as a result of change in redistricting.

You will gain from us. District 2 will gain from us.

Our organization is willing to sacrifice its membership so that each and every one of your Directors up there represent approximately the same percentage of voting membership of this Organization.

Thank you very much. (Applause)

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, from the applause, it appears that there are a lot of you who seem to be in support of that. When you go to your District Meetings, you have to tell your Director how you want him to vote.

Now, is there anyone else from District 4 who would like to be heard on this matter?

Is there anyone else who would like to be heard?

MR. TOW DIEHM: Would this not require an amendment to our Constitution?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, okay.

To do the study, and I will ask our Parliamentarian to verify this for me, it would not require any amendment or Bylaw change or anything like that. However, after the study is done and recommendations are made to the Board of Directors, then it would require a Constitutional change, which, in turn, would have to be voted on by the entire membership before it could be passed. A Constitutional change would require the membership having at least a sufficient notice until they could be permitted a vote.

MR. HICKMAN: The only thing I would like to say is the fact that we presented this motion at Dearborn last year and, at that time, I think there was a misunderstanding on the part of the membership.

Again, we are not trying to change anything. We are satisfied presently as the Board of Directors have acted. However, what we are suggesting is that there be a study attempted by the Committee and presented to the membership and to the Board of Directors. We are not recommending any kind of changes in a resolution form, as it stands at the present time.

This is what we are trying to get across to the membership — we do not want to force any type of change. We want the Committee to study all the possibilities insofar as redistricting is concerned, making individual boundaries, a House of Delegates or whatever, to give the NATA more equal representation in relation to all of its members.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you, Skip.

Is there anyone else who would like to speak for or against this particular subject before we go on to another subject?

I believe Otho has something he would like to say.

MR. DAVIS: As a member of the NATA and not as any representative of any office, I, as a member, would like to again ask the members of District 4 if they feel that they have ever been misrepresented in any way on voting matters of the Association.

MR. SKIP HICKMAN: The only thing I can say to you is that the way the Board has voted on this resolution, it was three in favor, five against and two abstentions and yet those three aye votes had about 48 percent of the total membership. Certified Membership of the National Organization. Therefore, I do feel that it does show some unequal representation insofar as the votes are concerned.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does anybody else have any comment they would like to make on this subject before we proceed?

I will recognize Gordon Stoddard, Director of District 4.

MR. STODDARD: I really do not believe the question is whether there has been any misrepresentation or whether District 4 has been dealt with fairly or not.

The question is one of whether or not the possibility of a change is necessary. All we are asking for is a study to be conducted. It could well be that a change would not be necessary but we would at least like to have the opportunity to have someone study this situation and come up with possible recommendations.

I do not believe that District 4 feels they have been treated unfairly but would like to have a little more representation in terms of total National Membership.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Thank you. Is there anybody else?

MR. JOE GODAK (District 2): I spoke in favor of it this last year. It is inconceivable to me how an organization that prides itself in its growth and progress can possibly suddenly become afraid of self examination. (Applause)

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, okay.

Now, in taking this to your Districts, what you have to do is to sell the other people out there to indicate to their District Directors how to vote. That is what you should be

working on.

Now, is there anything under old business?

If not, my first item of new business is a very pleasurable one. I have appreciated having had the opportunity to serve as President of the NATA and I would like to present Bill Chambers, our new President of the NATA, with his gavel and membership name tag with "President" at the bottom of it.

... The membership arose and applauded as Mr. Chambers was presented the gavel.

PRESIDENT CHAMBERS: My first order of business is something that I am sure that Frank George is happy to receive, his Past President's badge. (Laughter)

You know, I have a lot of admiration for him because of all the hard work he has done, not only for the Association but for me and for his District and I don't think people here realize what he has done for us. He has really taken us down some rocky roads and we have had to replace the shocks a couple of times.

Frank, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I am able to present you with your Past President's badge.

... Presentation of Past President's badge and applause ensued ...

PRESIDENT CHAMBERS: I am honored and pleased to accept the opportunity to serve you as your President. I welcome the challenge.

There are just a couple of things that I would like to say before we continue this morning.

I can remember, as a youngster, when my father purchased for me my first bicycle. I had never ridden one before. Patiently my family and friends tried to teach me the art of cycling. I soon found out, however, there was one thing I must do if I was to stay on the bicycle and that was to keep moving forward because if I did not, I would fall and hurt myself.

We can never live this life on the highest plane and attain the things we want for the NATA unless we are continually growing and moving forward.

To do this, each of you must have confidence and faith in your elected officers, your Association and, most of all, yourself.

The first verse of the eleventh chapter of the Book of Hebrews states "To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of things we can not see".

I am asking each of you to have faith in your officers and also in your fellow trainers. If we have faith in one another and patiently grow and move forward, I am sure we will continue to become stronger and, hopefully, a unified organization.

I would be very remiss if I did not say something to one special person, Ken Rawlinson. To the man whose patience and faith has allowed me to be where I presently am, I say simply this — if I do not do a good job, as President, it is my fault. If I do a job most of the members are pleased with, Ken, it is because of you.

I hope and pray that my service to you will be equal to the confidence you have shown by electing me to this position.

Thanks for allowing me to have the privilege of serving as your President. (Applause)

Now, our next order of business is that of new business.

Is there any new business to be brought to the floor?

If not, may I have a motion to adjourn?

MR. BOBBY PATTON: I would so move.

MR. DAVID HEATH: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT CHAMBERS: All in favor will say aye; opposed?

The motion is carried and we are now adjourned.

... Whereupon, at 2:15 o'clock p.m., the meeting was adjourned ...