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SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION  
January 11, 1976

The Mid-Winter meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Athletic Trainers Association was convened at the Sheraton-O'Hare Inn., Chicago, Illinois, at 3:45 p.m., Mr. Frank George, President, presiding and with the following present:

Mr. Frank George.....President  
Mr. Otho Davis.....Executive Director  
Mr. Wesley Jordan.....District 1  
Mr. Richard F. Malacrea.. District 2  
Mr. Craig Lewellyn.....District 3  
Mr. Robert C. White....District 4  
Mr. Wm. W. Flentje.....District 5  
Mr. Eddie Lane.....District 6  
Mr. Warren H. Lee .....District 7  
Mr. Wm. H. Chambers.... District 8  
Mr. Eugene Smith.....District 9  
Mr. Richard Melhart....District 10.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I believe, gentlemen, we are all present and ready to proceed with our meeting.

May we have a brief word of prayer?

Dear Lord, we thank you for bringing us together today. Please help us to make the right decisions as we consider the various matters before us. This we

ask in Thy name. Amen.

Thank you again, gentlemen, for being present, and welcome to Chicago.

What a hassle. I think we can get started right away and go through our agenda fairly quickly.

Now, there should be a few items on here that are going to tie us up for perhaps a little more time than usual. However, I hope they will be few in number.

First, with regard to the Audio Visual Aid Committee, is there a report? I believe there is a report in your books.

Does anyone have any questions on it?

Does anyone have any suggestions, comments or anything on the Audio Visual Report?

If not, a motion is in order to accept the report as presented.

MR. LANE: I will move that the report as presented be accepted.

MR. MELHART: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The motion before you is to accept the report as presented. Is there discussion?

All in favor indicate by saying aye; opposed no. It is accepted.

Now, at this time, I am going to request we skip over the report of the Certification Committee because that may involve a little bit of a discussion.

We will next proceed to the report of the Drug Education Committee.

MR. DAVIS: I have a letter report from John Wells of the Drug Education Committee.

He would like to entertain a request for a \$600 budget for Drug Education for Research purposes.

MR. FLENTJE: Let me ask you a question -- who is going to do the research?

MR. DAVIS: John Wells and LSU.

MR. FLENTJE: What kind of research?

MR. DAVIS: On drugs and blood. This one is going to be on Bee Pollen.

MR. FLENTJE: On what?

MR. DAVIS: On bee pollen.

MR. MALACREA: Someone is going to do this?

MR. DAVIS: As I understand it, they are going to do it at LSU.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: What is bee pollen?

MR. DAVIS: It is a pollen, a new one of these vitamins that they are saying will increase the athletic performance, etc., and they would like to do research to validate such.

John would hopefully like to see that our Drug Education Committee become more or less forerunners, not that, but what we might call authority on drugs in athletics.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: How is that spelled?

MR. DAVIS: It is spelled b-e-e, like in bumble bee. The other word is p-o-l-l-e-n.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is it a natural or synthetic?

MR. DAVIS: A natural.



PRESIDENT GEORGE: In the past, have we ever given the Drug Education Committee any money?

MR. DAVIS: Well, this is the first thing they have really done. They really have done nothing in the past.

MR. JORDAN: Does this really come in the area of Drug Education?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

MR. LANE: What are we hoping to prove or disapprove?

MR. DAVIS: They are hoping to prove or disapprove it is of value or not of value. These claims are being made and there is only one way to find out if they are valid or not and that, of course, is through research.

MR. MALACREA: What is it, something you eat?

MR. DAVIS: It is a little tablet, like a protein tablet.

MR. LANE: In other words, they want to study it as an energetic aide?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

MR. MALACREA: Do they have a protocol worked up?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

As a matter of fact, it is already in operation.

MR. FLENTJE: If it is already in operation, why do they want the money?

MR. DAVIS: To continue their research.



PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does John think it is worthwhile?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: What has he said about it? Is it a good or bad product or what has he said?

MR. DAVIS: That is essentially what they want to find out.

MR. LANE: Isn't this a radical departure, really, to have something like this through a committee like that Drug Education?

I don't believe we have ever done anything like this before, have we?

MR. DAVIS: No, we have not done anything like it. However, we really have never had a very active or real active Chairman in that aspect of it either.

MR. LANE: I was not thinking just of drug education. I was thinking of all of our other Committees.

MR. DAVIS: Well, it is a research project.

MR. MALACREA: Under whose offices will we get credit?

MR. DAVIS: Well, we will get credit and it will be published in the Journal.

MR. MALACREA: Through the NATA?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I believe we have some research and injury money which has never been spent, have we not?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

MR. LANE: On the other hand, we do not have

a precedent for something that isn't with any other Committee than Research and Injury?

MR. DAVIS: No.

Well, Audio Visual.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We gave them money for a project.

MR. LANE: To develop materials?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. MALACREA: What is the background material?

MR. DAVIS: They are going to use a group of swimmers -- taking blood samples.

MR. MALACREA: Are they pretty good samples?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

MR. FLENTJE: What about the Research and Injury Committee -- why would it not come under them?

MR. DAVIS: Because they have not done anything.

With regard to the Research and Injury Committee, the only thing they have done recently is with Nairs and we have not received the credit that was due us, I don't think, through this particular committee.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: What Committee is that?

MR. DAVIS: Research and Injury.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, gentlemen, what is your pleasure -- what do you think about it?

MR. WHITE: I think it is a good direction in which to go, if we can afford it. I think all we can do

is take Tom's word for it.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Would you like to make a motion to give him the money?

MR. WHITE: I would make that in the form of a motion.

I would so move.

MR. MALACREA: I will second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You have before you the motion and the second, is there further discussion?

MR. FLENTJE: I think they ought to get the money from the research people because that essentially is what it is. It really is not, at least to my way of thinking, for educational purposes. It is a research project and perhaps you ought to get the two together or just say that we are going to take so much of our money and give it to someone else.

MR. DAVIS: Let me advise you that neither Committee requested funds in June and that is why there is nothing there for them.

There is no doubt then that in June John could have requested the funds at that time and it would have been approved for study.

Also, Ted did not request the money either.

MR. LANE: Has John requested this of you?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

MR. LANE: However, nothing has come to us?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, gentlemen, there is a motion and a second for you to grant me these funds. We have been discussing it. Do you feel as though you are



ready to vote on it this time?

MR. FLENTJE: No.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Either one way or the other?

MR. FLENTJE: Let me say that I am not opposed to the project but I just don't like the way it is being delivered.

If there is some way it could be run through the other Committee, then I think it would be much better that way.

MR. WHITE: On the other hand, I think we are at a disadvantage if the other Committee is not doing anything and this Committee is. After all, this indicates this Committee is doing something and we should, I believe, therefore, respond to their request positively, especially if we can do so at the present time.

MR. MALACREA: On the other hand, what will our \$500 do that cannot be done without it or would not be done without it?

MR. DAVIS: Well, we are on credit right now.

I do not wish to stick my neck out on this thing and so I am asking you to bail me out. I have all but promised them we were going to back them on it because I got involved with this thing over a year ago and it involves a Company in New York City.

MR. WHITE: What?

MR. DAVIS: A company in New York City and we bought some ourselves and used it. Some guys liked it and some guys did not say anything about it.

We quit using it and then they contacted John or the LSU people. He came back, and this is over a year later, with a proposal to do a blank study using



swimmers at LSU.

There is a research physiologist involved. Now, I don't want to see this company coming back and using NATA or somebody else in relation to making their statements.

This thing has been used at Fordham, and about four schools in New York City who are giving testimonials. They have had improvements in relation to track and swimming.

As I say, this goes back something on the order of a year or a year and a half ago. It is a French Company marketing this through New York City. I don't know, offhand, the name of the company.

I might further add that I forgot all about this, at least until John came up with his proposal.

At any rate, I consider this an opportunity and, what he is really trying to do, of course, is to make NATA a real leader in this field.

Now, although the Committee is named as Drug Education, this is Drug Education in one respect. I believe anything of this type can be construed as drug education.

MR. LANE: Has it proven not to be a good item?

MR. DAVIS: Well, what he is trying to come up with is to see whether or not it is a good item and this, in turn, is an opportunity for the Association to take a stand on it and see whether or not this is a good item. When we get through here, perhaps we will end up with proof that it is or is not.

MR. LANE: In turn, we can be doing our members a real service.

MR. DAVIS: There is a lot of material on the market which comes at you and they say it is a good

the Drug Education Committee -- and we will see that it gets publicized to the Research and Injury Committee -- please say aye.

MR. SMITH: Why would it not go through Research and Injury?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: That is the reason we are giving money for things like this.

MR. DAVIS: I think it ought to go directly to the Drug Education Committee. The Research and Injury Committee is not doing the work.

MR. CHAMBERS: As long as they get the money.

MR. SMITH: To me, this would be more related to the Research and Injury Committee insofar as injuries are concerned, at least basically, would it not?

MR. DAVIS: Well, this is not research in relation to injuries.

MR. SMITH: As I understand it, this would be more related to drugs, is that correct?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I have the feeling, gentlemen, you want to give the money directly to Drug Education.

MR. SMITH: I was going to make that in the form of a motion.

MR. LANE: Let me make one comment.

Now, while I agree with Bill, my main concern is that I would hate to see a precedent set in relation to where all of a sudden all of our committees may want to get into a research project of this type. However, as long as we have control over it and can discuss it like it has been discussed in the last few minutes, then I think it is a moot point.

MR. DAVIS: All we have to do here, for example, is to dovetail into it a provision that no precedent is being established.

MR. LANE: Either we say it is or it isn't -- it is being said here right now.

MR. MALACREA: Again, it does involve the Education Committee. It is not, after all, related to the other Committee, at least insofar as I am concerned. I think they are really two separate entities -- the collection of data related to injuries and as well as the research on it.

MR. WHITE: On the contrary, I would like to say that in view of the fact these committees are asking us for money with which to do something, this at least indicates they are doing something.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Also, gentlemen, we have been begging for someone to do something like this for five years now. Nobody, up to this point, has seen fit to do it.

Well, let's vote.

Again, the motion is to give \$600 to the Drug Education Committee for a research project involving bee pollen. The motion was made by District 4 and seconded by District 2.

All in favor indicate by saying aye; is there anyone opposed?? The motion is carried.

Now, let's skip over the next Committee, which is the Ethics Committee.

MR. LANE: Just a moment. Is there any action required in relation to the rest of this material pertaining to drug education or is that just for our information?

MR. DAVIS: That is just informational.



Also, with regard to the Grants and Scholarships Committee, let us come back to that one.

MR. MALACREA: I believe we had some material come to us from the History and Archives Committee, did we not?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

MR. MALACREA: However, it was not titled or headed in any way.

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

At any rate, we can cross off the History and Archives because there is really nothing there, other than to say that the history you approved in June has not yet been published.

This is my fault and not the fault of anyone else, even the fault of Mike.

I received his report, I have looked it over and have also given it to a couple of other people to look over and, in that connection, it was felt that there were entirely too many errors that needed to be corrected before this thing went to Press. Therefore, these corrections are going to be made before it is published.

Now, the next item has to do with the Honor Awards Committee.

In this connection, let me say that I talked with George Sullivan and he has nothing to report in connection with this Mid-Year meeting.

MR. LEE: Do you have any of those criteria sheets with you?

MR. DAVIS: No.

MR. CHAMBERS: What is the deadline on these



things?

MR. DAVIS: April 1st.

MR. LANE: You request them by the first of March?

MR. DAVIS: Yes. You ought to get it to them, let's say by February 15th at the latest.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Normally he sends around a request. Did that come to everybody?

MR. DAVIS: Not yet.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I have not seen it.

The District Directors usually receive a request as to who you want to put up for the 25-year-award, the Honors Award, and we have not received that as yet.

MR. LANE: I have one question in regard to the honors award.

I have a member in my District in question.

In other words, this 25-year award has to be 25 years of continuous service, military duty excepted is that right?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes -- also not including student training time.

MR. LANE: Correct.

In my case, this individual has been in it for 19 years and out for two and he is getting back in and starting over.

MR. DAVIS: Those two do not count.

MR. WHITE: On the other hand, I don't believe

he has to start over.

He still has nineteen years.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think that is how Bobby was involved. He was out for a year or two. However, you do not lose your time, it just doesn't count toward the total.

Is there anything further with regard to the Honor Awards?

If not, we will proceed to the International Games.

In that connection, let me say that I received a good report from Dr. Hanley on the trainers who worked at the Pan Am Games. I think that generally he was satisfied with their work.

I also think he was satisfied enough with some that they are going to invite them back to the Olympic Games, but he did not indicate to me who that would be.

For the Winter Games, of the three trainers that are going, all three were the ones submitted by NATA.

There were four going. We do not pick the head trainer. The three working trainers is all that NATA recommends.

With regard to the Summer Games, they are going to be chaos because they are going to invite the trainers who they invited to the Pan Am Games and who could not go because of the date. Therefore, this will inflate the list as to the number of trainers.

Also, as I said, I think he is going to invite some back who did a good job at the Pan Am Games and to make matters worse, I think the same situation is going to occur that occurred at the Pan Am Games.

I think it may be put off until October now.

Now, this is not official, however.

MR. MALACREA: You have reference to the Games?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, the games may be put off until October but, as I say, this is not as yet official, far from it.

MR. DAVIS: I believe there is a claim they are carrying an M.D. and calling him a trainer?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

That is in relation to the hockey team, who had two positions that they could take and they wanted three people. They wanted an equipment man, they also wanted a trainer and they wanted a doctor and they asked me if they could name the equipment man and the trainer and I said "absolutely not". So then they turned around and asked me whether they could then bring in an equipment man, somebody to take care of the sticks and name the doctor and trainer and I said "yes", I had no objection.

You know, I have much less objection to that than to calling that individual an equipment man.

I really had no choice because this is what they were going to do.

As I understand it, they have an equipment man and a doctor and the doctor is going to be the trainer.

Now, I received a call about a week ago -- can I make the games a week earlier because the doctor they picked happened to be a Pediatrician who knows nothing about ice hockey and would I go as a Trainer and I said "yes, I would". Therefore, it is one of those mixed up situations.



MR. CHAMBERS: When are they going to announce the Summer Games?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: He told me that sometime when he gets back from these Games they would let me know. They have not as yet selected the staff of the Summer Games.

MR. CHAMBERS: Which would be when?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: February, I believe. I believe that in February I would know -- probably the end of February.

MR. MALACREA: How about the date?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Right now it is still Canada and the date is the regular date.

Does anyone have a date on the top of their head?

MR. FLENTJE: The last two weeks in July.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The last two weeks in July.

Here is the problem.

Canada says they cannot get ready by the last two weeks in July and so the Olympic Committee said "okay, then Mexico will have us in October."

Canada then said, "well if you are going to go to Mexico in October, why don't you come here because we will be ready by October?"

Well, that is pretty messed up for them also.

It is cold in Canada in October.

Now, I know nothing about who the Summer Games Trainers will be other than to say they are going



to take some of our recommendations from the Pan Am list and they are going to ask some people who had been to the Pan Am Games to come back.

MR. JORDAN: Was there ever a list come out on the Winter Games, just for the Trainers?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, did you not get it?

MR. JORDAN: I believe I knew who they were.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, the statement was made that they were going to take some from the Pan Am, Games that came back.

MR. JORDAN: You mean the Mexico Pan Am Games?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. LEE: Frank, let me ask you this. Would it be hard, for example, to send us a list of the individuals that went to the Pan Am Games?

You know, I get more calls than letters, individuals just wanting to know. However, they are not really bitching.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes. However, I am sure you got that list.

MR. LEE: When?

MR. CHAMBERS: I have not had it.

MR. LEE: I never ever got a list.

MR. LANE: Not the final list -- not the guys that actually went.

MR. LEE: People are always jotting postcards or something.

MR. DAVIS: I never have seen it.

MR. LANE: There were even changes after they went. I believe, Bill, you are here, do you remember them all?

MR. FLENTJE: I know I went, as well as several others. For example, I remember John Baines from Northeastern.

...At this point, names of those who went were severally mentioned...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Another thing that I have been told and which I think you ought to know about is that there will be less trainers because there will be less athletes at the Olympic Games.

Our soccer team did not qualify.

MR. FLENTJE: I don't believe that in connection with volley ball they qualified either.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: They have not qualified yet but both teams have to try to qualify sometime this month or next.

Women's basketball has not as yet qualified. There is a tournament that will start something like two or three weeks before the Games start.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, at any rate, they expect fewer trainers and doctors because of the rules.

The rules say, for example, that you can only bring so many for so many athletes.

MR. FLENTJE: I believe it is one for every 40 or 50, something like that.

MR. JORDAN: Did not the Athletic Council of the Olympic Committee make a request for more medical coverage?

I believe I was reading that in one of the

publications on the way out here.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: What was the number?

MR. JORDAN: I believe they asked for an increase because many times, at the Olympic Games, the training sites are spread out, or the sites of the game.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I believe right now it is one for forty.

MR. JORDAN: It is one of these things that came out of Olympic House. They indicated this.

MR. FLENTJE: The only reason we got as many trainers at Mexico City as we did is because they left some administrators at home. We are filling administrative positions then that is where the numbers are controlled.

You can only take so many administrators.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We are considered as administrative coaches.

MR. FLENTJE: That is pretty much the case.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: At any rate, it is a category like that?

MR. FLENTJE: Correct.

MR. LANE: I know, for example, the Olympic Committee reserves the right to name the head trainer.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, that is correct.

MR. LANE: Have we expressed any approval or disapproval?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Not that I know of.

MR. LANE: Also, in looking at the cold, hard facts, I still think it is a slap in the face to the



athletic trainer to take a guy that is not even an athletic trainer, no matter how competent he is.

For example, I don't think it makes a nickel's worth of difference to them whether or not you are a trained athletic trainer.

This is especially true if they believe you can do the job they want done. They are going to take you then. I don't think political aspects or any other aspects make any difference here.

MR. MALACREA: You ought to see the situation at Idaho State, especially with the fellow who is the trainer there. It is a tough situation.

MR. LANE: I have had first-hand experience at the place where you are now at many years ago, especially when we worked with a track coach there who was a former trainer.

However, I know there is nothing we can do about that.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, we have more or less been discussing personalities here. Is there anything else in relation to the matter of the International Games?

If not, the next item on the agenda concerns the Journal.

I don't believe, Otho, there is anything to report on the Journal, is there?

MR. DAVIS: No.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, I do have something to say about the Journal and that is that it is always late. As a matter of fact, it is late to the point of being embarrassing.

I believe, for example, that I received the

September Issue sometime in January.

I know some of you got it in December but, you know, I did keep calling. Mine, however, did not come in December.

MR. DAVIS: I can remember why you did not get yours a long time ago.

MR. FLENTJE: What does the issue look like?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The September issue, do you remember when you got that, Warren?

MR. LEE: I believe I got mine in December.

MR. CHAMBERS: I got mine sometime during the first of February.

MR. LEE: I believe what you have there is the new one -- when is that one going to be delivered, Otho?

MR. DAVIS: When you get home -- by that time it should be there.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: At any rate, the delivery of these gets to be embarrassing. Other than that, I really don't know what to say.

MR. DAVIS: These were not put in the mail, I might add, because of the advice of other organizations, as well as the postal department, until the day after Christmas.

MR. CHAMBERS: Of course, I can appreciate that.

However, I do get complaints in my district, people complaining about the lateness of these Journals.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: That is probably the number one complaint I get -- having to do with the lateness of

the Journal.

MR. MALACREA: I believe that everyone who writes to Rod, for example, he replies to them as Editor and tells them the only option would be to have someone working full time.

Now, on that basis, I don't see how we can be too mad at him, especially during football season, because there it tends to get late.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I don't either, on that basis.

MR. MALACREA: The only problem in relation to this is wasn't there something regarding cut-off dates for certification that should have been out to the membership earlier?

Maybe we can get that out of Lindsay's office.

MR. DAVIS: These are being sent with the dues notices and the dues card. Of course, there is a blanket mailing to the Associate Members for certification.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does anybody have any suggestions in relation to the Journal?

For one thing, I think the content has really improved.

MR. WHITE: It is really on the upgrade, I think.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, is there anything we can do about the forwarding of it, the timing of it, one way or the other? What should we really do about it?

MR. LANE: Well, I don't think there is anything we can really do.

We can give them another good vote of confidence. I think they are doing the best job they can. I believe the only possible solution involves a full time



person and we all know, of course, we cannot afford that at this time.

Perhaps one possible solution may be for us to change the issue times.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Again, I get more complaints in relation to the lateness of the Journal.

MR. LANE: I know. As a matter of fact, I think my people go straight to you. I have them trained.

On the other hand, possibly one solution could be that we could change the time that they will go out-- instead of having a September issue, maybe eliminate that because it comes during football season, and perhaps, in turn, have one in December, one in March and one in June.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: That is a good idea.

MR. LANE: Possibly you can do it like that -- get it out of the critical problem in that fashion. Perhaps we can take what we are getting now and modify what we have.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: On the other hand, he tells me one of the big problems is the matter of getting together a backlog of articles and that once he doesn't have to do that -- if he could, for example, only get together a backlog of articles, that would help in relation to everything.

Therefore, every time you have a District Meeting, I would again urge you push the heck out of these guys to write something. Of course, we also realize that most trainers are not writers.

MR. DAVIS: On the other hand, that Screening Committee in relation to the articles is pretty darn tough.

MR. MALACREA: I believe there was mention

of the fact that a lot of these articles do come in and after they go through the committee, they are sent back with the request that they perhaps editorialize and dress it up a bit more and then, when it is sent back on that basis, these articles are never returned.

MR. DAVIS: A trainer does an article and he gets it looked at. For example, let me give you an example.

Ron O'Neal did one on certain test procedures in relation with particular products. As a matter of fact, he did it as a class paper in connection with one of his graduate courses. He talked to his Professor about it and the fellow indicated to him that he ought to get it published. Therefore, he sent it to the Journal.

Now, his advisor was a Ph.D. and he thought it was a pretty good piece of paper. However, our Journal Committee, in turn, indicated to him it was not worthy of publication in its present state and needed to be reworked, etc. However, he did not have time to go back and do that.

I know, for example, this is one of our problems and then I know there are others of the same type.

MR. MALACREA: For example, I think about eighty percent of the material that comes in and is sent back for reworking, etc., is never returned.

MR. DAVIS: Kenny Wolford did one the same way. It was a good article and yet they sent it back with the indication it needed to be reworked, was not worthy for publication at the present time. However, he submitted it elsewhere and it was immediately published. It was a very good article.

MR. FLENTJE: I have been involved with this thing before and have done exactly what you said people are doing but, on the other hand, I think this



needs to be done in order to upgrade our Journal unless of course, you just kind of want to be a newspaper catch as catch can type of periodical. If you want that, that is one thing. However, if you want to be more than that, I think this screening process is really necessary.

MR. DAVIS: What I am getting at, Bill, is that instead of this individual, when it comes back, sitting down and reworking it, he just sits it down and leaves it -- he does not do anything with it.

MR. FLENTJE: Of course, this is true but then whose fault is that?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think we have all had the problem, for example, where, when we have had some of these articles sent back to us, our feelings have gotten hurt and, of course, when you begin to check, you do find out that everyone who writes an article will generally always get it sent back at least the first time. As has been indicated, eighty percent of these first time articles are sent back. Of course, that is a lot.

MR. FLENTJE: Of course, some of these things you get, you would not even put in a high school newspaper.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I understand that.

Is there anything else in relation to this matter?

Are there any recommendations we desire to make to Rod, perhaps about changing the date?

Of course, we can talk to him about that in June but I think the recommendation that we can make to our membership is to keep sending the articles and then once he gets a backlog, he will be in a much better position.

MR. MALACREA: With regard to the date, if, for



example, you were to have a date in December, would not all the work have to be done in October and November?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, that is something to consider and, of course, that might involve a hard job.

MR. LANE: Perhaps you could eliminate the December issue and put it elsewhere then.

MR. MALACREA: I would think September would be a good time because then you would have the summer-time months to work on it.

MR. LANE: Maybe we can get them away from the busy season -- maybe just move the issues to some other time.

Now, in my case, I would want to know what Rod thought about that before we decided anything here.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, fellows, do you wish to discuss the Journal any more?

There is really no report or anything.

MR. LEE: Do you have a lot of back issues for sale?

MR. DAVIS: No.

We talked last week, for example, about increasing the number that are printed and trying to get a backlog or maybe publish around 200 extra copies for future years, sell them for \$3.00 each or something, you know.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Do we get many requests for these back issues?

MR. DAVIS: Well, we get some. We do sell out.

MR. LANE: You should have gotten a request

for four subscriptions. I sent them directly to Rod.

MR. DAVIS: That will come back.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there anything further on the Journal?

If not, Bruce, do you have anything in relation to the Membership Committee you would like to report?

MR. MELIN: No.

We do not even have very many complaints this year about not being able to qualify.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: There are two requests.

There is the one from Woody Graham and there is one from Lindsay McLean.

MR. MELIN: I wrote a letter to Lindsay on his idea for certification. I guess Otho got a letter off on that also.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Do you want to make any recommendations?

MR. MELIN: I think this will come from him. This will go into his report because it was a question he asked me regarding certification and I agreed with him. However, I think it belongs in his category rather than in the category of membership.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Did we discuss what he wanted to say?

I believe he wanted to present something regarding membership, in relation to Code II, it is only necessary to have two years beyond high school, and I think he wants that to involve a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or certificate in physical training.

Now, Bruce, do you want to make that recommendation?

MR. MELIN: No.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You do not want to make that recommendation?

MR. MELIN: No.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Just a moment, do you all understand what is going on?

For example, Bruce's Committee has been asked to make a recommendation that we change Code II to require a college degree.

MR. MELIN: I think we need to study this a little bit more before we make a recommendation on it.

MR. DAVIS: There is really no action required there.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does anybody desire to make a comment to Bruce's Committee regarding this?'

MR. MELIN: That would be interesting.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does anybody on the Board have a comment?

MR. WHITE: Well, I don't think we should just sit here and ignore his request. Is this Committee going to act?

MR. BRUCE: I think we need to study the implications of this from each Committee member, which I have not done as yet.

MR. WHITE: In other words, you already have it under advisement?

MR. MELIN: Correct. It is not being neglected.



PRESIDENT GEORGE: Have you written to Gordy, to let him know that?

MR. MELIN: I have not written.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does anybody want to make any comments in favor or against?

MR. MELIN: I would like to find out how you feel about it.

There are several details one can think of.

First of all, you can put in some kind of future date on it. For example, a grandfather clause could be considered, which would almost have to be considered.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: In other words, everyone who is a member now would continue in that category?

MR. MELIN: That is right and there is a future date at which this would have to be established insofar as requiring a Bachelor's Degree is concerned.

Now, one of the problems comes in with whether you want to specify physical education and athletic training or any other degree.

Therefore, there are a lot of details that are involved beyond a Bachelor's degree. Therefore, at the moment, I do not have a very good answer for these things.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let me ask you this question. How many requests do we get to come in for Code II in any one year by those not having a degree?

MR. MELIN: Well, I do not know that because they go through District Membership.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does anybody know?

MR. JORDAN: I have a question on that.

Somebody writes to me and says "I am interested in joining the Association."

Now, perhaps I am wrong in doing this but I write them and tell them I am enclosing an application for associate membership in NATA, fill it out, have it signed by a Certified Trainer and remit it with their dues to Joe Abraham.

Now, when I do this, I assume they are qualified for Associate Membership when in essence they may not be.

When anyone writes to you, how do you answer this?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, as to how I would do it -- I would make them send the application back to me and when they did, I would review it in order to see if it met the qualifications of Code II.

If it didn't, then I would notify them that they did not have enough education or notify them in relation to whatever reason would be involved -- they could not enter the association as a Code II member.

MR. LANE: I had three of these this fall and I will tell you how I handled this.

One of them is still sitting on my desk, and I am still trying to figure out what to do with that one.

In connection with one, I took and made a copy of the letter and sent it to Lindsay and asked him what he thought because I wasn't sure in relation to the "actively engaged" part.

Now, in relation to the third one, the information he gave me in his letter, as to being an Associate Member, I sent him a membership form to fill

out and then it came back to me and I sent it on.

MR. JORDAN: I have been having these people send this right to Joe.

MR. MELIN: The membership application has information on there to the point that they should indicate whether the person has any college credits and if he does not have two years of college work in some respect associated with physical education or athletic training, then he technically is not eligible.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Now, if I really had any questions as to that, I would make him send me a transcript.

MR. JORDAN: This brings up one other question that I was going to bring up later on.

I don't know what the other schools are doing that are being faced with this problem but my school is faced with a severe budget problem concerning mail. I have a budget of \$25 for the year for mail, which I probably used up sometime back in November.

Now, how do you go about handling this?

Is this unique with me or are there other schools facing the same thing?

MR. DAVIS: Send it to me and I will mail it for you. (Laughter)

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I would ask that any mailing expenses you cannot meet in the District, they go to Joe Abraham.

MR. JORDAN: Up to this point, they have not hollered as yet.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I assume you are talking about sending letters back and forth.



MR. MALACREA: In my case it is packets, not letters. It all goes into a large envelope because by the time I get the membership things in, copies of the certification requirements and all of those things, it adds up to thirty or forty cents in postage per packet.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I think if it involves the District, then it should go to Joe Abraham and if not, go to Otho for the money.

MR. JORDAN: However, what do you do when you need money in the Districts? As I say, I don't know whether or not these are legitimate questions.

Right now, however, I know I am over my \$25.

MR. LANE: Perhaps I should tell you what I do.

When I get in a pinch like this, where, for example, I know I am going to have a lot of mail things, I first write to the District Secretary and tell him I have a project going, this or that going, and then I ask him to send me the stamps and he, in turn, can put this expenditure into his financial statement very easily. In that way, I can get a supply from the District.

The other way I handle it is in relation to my own personal expense and also try to sneak it in because, in connection with my school district, I am under strict rules regarding this. For example, I can send some of these things out in a school envelope, as long as, of course, I don't send out too many of them. Also, it depends on where they are addressed because they do check these addresses.

I sent it out under the guise of it being independent school district business.

Now, I want to ask something here which we will no doubt be back to in a moment and this is in relation to Lindsay's report.

His second request for Board action is

basically the same thing?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Right.

Do you want to wait until we get to his report before you discuss that?

MR. LANE: Yes.

MR. WHITE: Hold on for a moment.

In relation to change of Code II, how about, also, under Code V, Affiliate Membership. Is that also involved?

MR. LANE: That is also going to be in Lindsay's report.

MR. DAVIS: It will essentially all come under the matter of certification.

All of this is just supporting Lindsay.

MR. MALACREA: Where are we in relation to number of certified members? Where would you estimate right now?

MR. MELIN: Nationally?

Well, I would have to get that.

MR. MALACREA: Just off the top of your head.

MR. DAVIS: How many do we have?

MR. MALACREA: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think we are about 1100 now.

MR. DAVIS: 1167 Certified.

MR. MALACREA: Somewhere it talks about 3,000

Certified Members and I thought that was a little high. I believe this was in something sent to us.

MR. DAVIS: There have been two errors in recent articles. One said, for example, there were 300 and some-odd members and another said 3,000 Certified Members.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Basically, Code V is what they are asking for -- is to have those people working in high schools, paramedics and things like that, be members of the Association.

How do you feel about that -- one way or the other?

Isn't that what the request there is?

Do you have anything to say on that, Bruce?

MR. MELIN: Well, if you look at our membership classifications, you have to remember now that there are no actively engaged clauses in the membership qualifications. You will remember that went out and, therefore, anybody with proper educational qualifications can apply for membership and, as I wrote to Lindsay, hopefully, eventually the continuing education procedure will evolve in such a way that a person would have to get some kind of professional education credits in order to continue membership.

On that basis, it was then thought that would eliminate these people who were not really in any kind of proper qualifications.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Basically he is trying to upgrade one code and downgrade another.

MR. DAVIS: Gentlemen, what is going to happen is that you are going to get outsiders in who have no training insofar as athletic training is concerned.

For example, they are all ambulance drivers, EMT's, etc., and, by so doing, you are cutting out a



job for an athletic trainer.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: They are going to say, "I am a member of the Trainer's Association".

MR. DAVIS: Further, the administrators in the schools do not know the difference.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, how do you feel about it? Do you feel negative about it, about the Code V change there?

I think it should keep the degree required.

MR. MALACREA: You mean that is an endorsement?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Affiliate Membership. We are talking about Code V, not about procedures about certification.

MR. MELIN: For example, affiliate membership now requires a degree in some associated discipline.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Correct.

MR. MELIN: And also some interest in athletic training. However, it requires a college education to a greater extent than even Associate Membership because you figure that if these people are teachers or professors or in some educational area, political psychologist, if they want to get involved and be aware of athletic training, they can be affiliate members, especially if they want to pay the dues. However, on the same basis, you do not give them any kind of participation.

For example, it does not imply that they are qualified athletic trainers, to take over such duties.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Would the Board like to make a recommendation one way or the other on that?

MR. WHITE: I thought we said we were going

to discuss this under Lindsay's report.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Okay, let's go.

MR. DAVIS: The blue books just passed out are an update of the brown policy manuals, all that information, and I am also sorry that the other materials that go in there have not arrived. They were supposed to have been here when we got here from Lafayette and as to why they are not here, I don't know.

MR. MALACREA: Is this a substitute for the brown?

MR. DAVIS: Well, some of it you did not have.

You see, for example, Fran had never sent a list to us, or we never received it, but the first section is your general membership breakdown and then the other information would be the same as in your brown book.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, we will be receiving that in the mail?

MR. DAVIS: I am hoping it will be here.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Then, as I understand it, the brown book will be the blue book?

MR. DAVIS: The blue book is your new book.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Okay.

Then, as I understand it, we will leave further discussion on this until we get to Lindsay's report.

Now, the next item has to do with National Convention.

As you know, we have approved Boston, and this is as of the last Board meeting.

MR. DAVIS: You have the report there, something which was just received today from Fred Hoover's Committee, in relation to convention sites.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: As I understand it, we have approved Detroit for 1977, St. Louis for 1978, Las Vegas for 1979 and New Orleans for 1980. This was done at the June Board meeting held at Anaheim.

MR. LEE: Is that right?

MR. DAVIS: New Orleans is 1980.

MR. LEE: However, is that what we did?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, we did that in June, at least according to the minutes as I read them.

MR. DAVIS: It is number 66 in your minutes.

MR. LEE: You know, maybe I am completely wrong, but when I left there I thought it was up in the air and Bill was going to get home and talk to his people about 1978.

MR. DAVIS: Well, he was going to do that but, in relation to your Bylaws, you have to be five years in advance and that is why we stopped at five and did not go to 1981 or 1982.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Therefore, let's go.

As I understand it, both Boston and Detroit are all set.

MR. WHITE: With regard to Detroit, I would like to report that the hotel there opened right on schedule last Monday and it is the most beautiful hotel I have ever been in during my whole life.

They are having a convention & coming in there in about two weeks and they are having some 120 displays. I am going over there to take a look at this.



Now, they do admit these are not all ten by ten.

MR. DAVIS: I think Bob would be very upset with you. It is Dearborn.

MR. WHITE: Well, it is my back yard.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I also have Detroit written down.

MR. WHITE: At any rate, it is an utterly fantastic and beautiful hotel.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does that complete your report?

MR. WHITE: Yes.

However, I merely wanted you to know you are coming to the prettiest hotel in the world there.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let me ask you, Bill, whether you and your District have come to some agreement in relation to the 1978 Convention?

MR. FLENTJE: I have talked to Gene a little bit about this. Insofar as we are concerned, we don't see any problem.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: As I understand it, you are going to handle everything but the program and, Gene, you are going to do the program?

MR. SMITH: I polled all the states and the people there and, basically, it is unanimous.

They will give the program with District 5 and give up New Orleans in 1980.

Now, there have been several reports from the Louisiana people. They are not against trying to put

on the program in 1980 but their concern involves the overall costs of New Orleans. They feel it is just a bad time there and they would be afraid of the feelings of the people.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, as I understand it, essentially what we are saying is that District No. 5 and District No. 9 are going to co-sponsor the 1978 Convention.

We are almost now looking for a substitute city for New Orleans for 1980.

MR. DAVIS: I think that should be in the form of a motion. That will wipe that one out.

MR. MALACREA: District 9 is going to be involved with the program.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, would you like to make a motion to disregard New Orleans as the 1980 convention site?

MR. SMITH: Yes, I would so move.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there a second?

MR. LANE: What was the motion, I am sorry.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The motion is to disregard New Orleans as the 1980 convention site.

MR. FLENTJE: I will second the motion.

MR. WHITE: Well, the only problem you have there is, in connection with the Bylaws, we need to have five places and unless we are ready to have them ---

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We are going to change it.

MR. DAVIS: However, we are first going to wipe this one out.

MR. WHITE: Then you are going to have to create a new one. However, are we ready to create a new one?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We are.

MR. WHITE: Okay, if we are ready for it, all right.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We have a motion to disregard New Orleans for 1980. The motion was made by District 9 and seconded by District 5. Is there any discussion?

If not, all in favor of the motion raise your right hand; is there anyone opposed? It is carried.

Now, would any District like to make a bid or motion that a District or City in a District be considered for the 1980 convention?

First of all, what has Fred to say about that?

MR. DAVIS: Prior to June, the next one in order would have been Washington, D.C. but I believe there was a hassle there. It was argued, for example, that if we would have gone in that order, that would have thrown Fort Worth one more year down and Seattle back to 1983.

Therefore, by former discussion but not by your approval, Washington D.C. would be the one to be considered.

Now, also, in the back of your material, you have a letter from Bill Hill at Columbus, Ohio.

MR. WHITE: However, District No. 4 has not approved that, have they?

MR. DAVIS: Correct. This is only from a City and not by the District.



PRESIDENT GEORGE: Are we, by way of concept, still thinking as a Board that it should be East, Central, West, Central, East Central, West, Central?

Is everyone in agreement with that particular concept as to Convention sites?

MR. JORDAN: Are we not going to go to Central?

MR. MALACREA: I thought we were going to go five.

MR. DAVIS: We would like to get back on our rotation.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Fred, for example, told me that because of good attendance in California, that it seems now, no matter where we have a convention, we are going to get a good attendance and, therefore, he would like to go East, Central, West, Central, East, Central.

This has been our theory or concept for as long as I can remember. Now, do you want to stay with that?

..Cries of "yes"...

Does anybody want to change that?

If not, well, okay, it looks to me like we are East and then we are Central, because that is what we agreed on the last time. Then we are West at Las Vegas and 1980 would be Central.

Okay, we are coming back to Central for 1980.

Does everyone agree that Las Vegas is West?

Do you agree with that?

We are now therefore looking for a Central

convention site for 1980.

MR. FLENTJE: What is considered Central?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I would think from Denver to Ohio. That, at least to me, seems Central.

MR. FLENTJE: In other words, Ft. Worth and Columbus?

MR. DAVIS: Do you want to move it up, Eddie?

MR. LANE: No, because we are in the process right now of gearing toward 1981.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: What was that? You already have something printed for 1981?

MR. DAVIS: They printed the placemats? (Laughter)

MR. LANE: Well, I know, for example, my district would be opposed to it going to 1980 because everything has been kind of pointed to 1981, especially inasmuch as we had this hassle before.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: If we pick that as being Central, then you won't be getting 1981 -- it will be coming East, am I right?

MR. DAVIS: In relation to page 2 of Fred's report, he would have 1980 and 1981 as Central; 1982 would be going to the West.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: So that is not in accordance with our theory at all?

MR. DAVIS: However, you have two Centrals, in 1977 and 1978.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, what he told me and what he has written here are not the same.

MR. MALACREA: Did not we do this in order to

bring everybody together and kind of keep it in the middle until we saw what was happening nationwide with the Association and then swing afterwards.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

Now, he said, after the last one, he thinks we can go just about anywhere and get a good draw.

MR. MALACREA: However, in the meantime, we have ourselves locked in here.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Only locked in through 1979 now. Well, we are really not locked into anything.

MR. SMITH: I thought we had originally set all of this up?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: For five years, through 1980, and that was it.

MR. SMITH: I thought we had set it up as Washington, D.C. and this is what we were discussing -- in other words, switching Washington and Ft. Worth.

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

The way it would read is that Washington would then be in 1980, making that in the East and then, back to 1981, to Ft. Worth as Central.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Did Washington not want it?

MR. LEWELLYN: I have not had any conversations with anybody.

MR. DAVIS: I don't know why Washington came up. I think it was because of a letter from Columbus Ohio that they would like to have it in 1980.

George, really, we would rather have the request be a District request than a city request. I believe it should rather be a request coming from the District.



Am I correct in saying that -- that it should initially come from a Director of the District?

MR. JORDAN: Did I not understand somebody to say last year that we should stay in the middle because of the economic situation?

Isn't that initially why we got away from the Washington site -- because we would then be coming back to an extreme coast position?

MR. LANE: I believe something like that was mentioned at the tail end of the discussion.

MR. SMITH: Yes, at the very end.

However, did we not just finally interject St. Louis, bingo and that was it, and everything moved down?

MR. DAVIS: At the tail end we did, but, in relation to St. Louis, we voted on that the first day we met.

MR. SMITH: And then everything else was moved down because New Orleans was supposed to have 1979?

MR. DAVIS: Herman and Eddie, on a gentleman's agreement, agreed to switch years.

MR. LANE: That is what I am trying to remember.

MR. SMITH: Because here, for example, I have the arrows just reversed, so they could switch that around.

MR. LANE: That is right.

MR. SMITH: So that Ft. Worth-Dallas could have the 1981 year and that was going to move Washington down to 1982, is that correct?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: All right, let's disregard that because it got so messed up -- it really did.

It involved last-minute interjections and everything else.

I want to know, however, do we, as a Board, still want East, Central, West, Central, East, Central, West, Central?

Is that what you want?

MR. WHITE: Well, I think that is the ideal direction in which to aim but I think we would get ourselves into trouble if we try to tie ourselves to it.

MR. CHAMBERS: We may not be able to hold it because the way we are going is there will not be a lot of cities that can really handle us.

MR. DAVIS: This is also a comment that Fred has made.

He is going to have to go to convention centers.

MR. CHAMBERS: It looks like it is going to take a lot in the way of facilities before people can even handle us and, on that basis, we may end up in a big mess and people are going to say "to hell with it". Therefore, I think we are going to have to essentially aim for the places that can really handle us.

MR. LANE: As a matter of fact, I think that was Fred's recommendation.

MR. MALACREA: On the other hand, wasn't there a concern about Dearborn?

MR. CHAMBERS: Not any more but I believe at the time there was. I guess it was a question as to

whether or not Columbus could handle us. It involved transportation in and out.

Years ago we were back there, back in the stone ages, we had a convention there and things were pretty cramped then.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I have been to a few bad places during the past couple of weeks. I believe, Dick you were at one of these places with us and, therefore, I believe accessibility to a city is very, very important.

MR. CHAMBERS: I think, ideally, to get us to, let us say, East, Central-West, Central, ping-pong it back and forth like that is great, but I don't see how we can do it in connection with our present size and our future growth.

Really, we are going to have to go where we can really be adequately served and this, in turn, will tend to kill us, especially if we cannot get into places where people can get in and out of it quickly.

I think we have to kind of try to go along that line.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, we are then looking for something in relation to 1980 in the East and that is really Districts 1, 2,3 and 9. It is up to them to say if they want anything for 1980 and if you want to pass your turn, then we will open it up to everybody.

To me, at the present time, this would look like the best way to handle it -- Districts 1, 2,3, and 9, have them pick a place. I consider 9 as being in the East right now. Florida is in the East and there is no way we can get around that.

MR. SMITH: The District of Columbia is already there. That was the one already.

MR. DAVIS: That, as a matter of fact, is what



we originally agreed on.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is the District of Columbia No. 3 now? Do you want that 1980 convention at Washington, D.C.?

MR. LEWELLYN: I don't know, as a matter of fact, why it was taken off.

MR. DAVIS: Craig was not here. It was Herman who was present.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, if we did that -- went East and then went 1981 to Ft. Worth, we would stay within the schedule?

Is that correct?

That would then be east, Central?

MR. SMITH: We are jumping this.

For example, if you go to Las Vegas in 1979 and go to the District of Columbia, which would be East in 1980, we would then be coming back to Central.

MR. MALACREA: However, at some point, we have to get back on the track.

MR. SMITH: On the other hand, you are going West again because Seattle basically was in 1982.

MR. DAVIS: What I would like to know, for example, is to how much actually has been done in connection with 1981?

MR. LANE: Nothing positive, other than talking.

We have talked -- Elmer and the people in Ft. Worth have talked to the convention people and that is probably the only thing that has been done -- some talk about 1981.

That is really the only concrete thing that has been done.

MR. CHAMBERS: Well, it would solve a lot of problems if we could go there.

MR. DAVIS: Let me ask you this.

How much of a problem would it be to get us back on schedule if you took it in 1980?

MR. LANE: I think we can handle it with no problem.

MR. CHAMBERS: I think it would be the way to go.

MR. LANE: If we are going to do it, there is time to do it, because I do have one more Board meeting after this and then, between now and then, they can throw me out and I will be out.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, looking at this from the long-range point of view, as has been indicated, somewhere we have to make a change in order to get back on schedule.

MR. CHAMBERS: What will we be doing in 1981?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, this doesn't keep Seattle to where we promised it to them for 1982.

MR. SMITH: No, they have been moved up to 1983.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: With regard to Seattle, do you want it in 1983?

MR. MELHART: Originally we were asking for 1982 and were pushed to 1983. However, that is all right with me.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, it apparently works

out fine.

Now, Eddie, do you want 1980?

MR. LANE: That would be all right.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, here then are the convention cities:

MR. DAVIS: Wait a moment, let's be fair to Eddie now.

MR. LANE: That is all right with me but I am thinking about the letter, for example, from the City of Columbus.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, as I said before, we would like all of that to come from a District.

We will have Fred write to him and tell him.

MR. DAVIS: Did you hear from him at all, Bob?

MR. WHITE: From Bill? Well, just what you have.

However, we will be having our District meeting soon.

MR. DAVIS: I sent a copy of the letter back to him and wrote a note on there -- that he would have to go to you.

MR. WHITE: I called Kent on it as soon as I got that copy.

MR. DAVIS: Did he send you a copy?

MR. WHITE: Yes, and I asked him, "what is Bill doing here?"

He replied, "well, he realizes that in order



to get some backing on it that they have to bring it up at a District meeting, which will be in March, on March 12th to be exact.

MR. LANE: I feel as though the Columbus situation is a little bit out of line at this time -- that it has not been properly handled but, at the same time, I think if the District wants it, they ought to make a good, concerted effort. However, I think they first ought to know what they really want to do before submitting it.

MR. WHITE: Well, if I understand your statement and you are asking me about it, right off of the top of my head, for example, I doubt that I will go for it. However, that is purely off the top of my head.

MR. CHAMBERS: You know, it is kind of like us. We have had five years in between but you would only have 1977 and between that and 1980, you would only have three years before you would have to put on another one.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, as I understand it now, we are looking now for a motion, I suppose, to have Dallas-Ft. Worth be given consideration as the 1980 convention site. Is it Ft. Worth, Dallas, or is it Dallas-Ft. Worth?

MR. LANE: It is Ft. Worth.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Do you wish to so move, Eddie, that it be Ft. Worth for 1980?

MR. LANE: I would so move.

Well, let me ask you, do you want consideration of this or do you want this to be definite?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I would like to have Ft. Worth named the 1980 convention site.

MR. LANE: On that basis, making it definite, I would so move.

MR. CHAMBERS: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: It has been moved by No. 6 and seconded by No. 8 that Ft. Worth be the 1980 convention site. Is there further discussion-

MR. FLENTJE: Are we, for example, going to take one place at a time?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: That will be the five years.

MR. FLENTJE: Okay, good.

MR. CHAMBERS: Do you then want 1981 in June?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We will need one more in June and it should be something in the East. That takes 1, 2 and 3 and 9 and they should come up with something for the East and, when each of you proposes a city, the Board will decide which of the four cities proposed are the best.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Again, you have the motion and the second before you. Is there further discussion? If not all those in favor indicate by saying "aye"; are there any opposed? It is carried.

MR. MELHART: What about Seattle which was, I believe, for 1982 and then 1983 was mentioned, and I said that was all right. Is this going to have to be approved again in three years, making all the presentations and all of that?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I would hope that each year when that comes in we will remember the promise made to you.

MR. DAVIS: What you can do is to vote on that right now.

MR. CHAMBERS: Well, in view of what happened to us, we ought to get it on the record right now.

MR. LANE: Did we act on the motion regarding Ft. Worth for 1980?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, that has been voted on and it was carried by ten in favor and nobody against.

Now, we have promised Dick Melhart -- well let's see if it works out -- the East will be 1981, Central will be 1982, The West will be 1983 and, in relation to 1983, we have promised Dick Melhart Seattle, Washington will be the convention site.

Now, Dick, would you like to make a motion to the effect that this will be it?

MR. MELHART: I would move, for 1983, that the convention site be Seattle, Washington.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: 1981 and 1982 will be left blank, to be named.

We now have the proposal that Seattle, Washington, be the 1983 convention site. That is the motion before us. Is there a second?

MR. LANE: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there further discussion on that one?

I am sure we have heard plenty about Seattle.

All in favor indicate by saying aye; anybody opposed. The vote is ten in favor and nobody opposed.

For the record, that motion was made by District 10 and seconded by District 1.

Now, we have a recommendation from Fred to increase the registration fees at the National Convention



at \$15 .

MR. DAVIS: This is in relation to page 2 of the report, item 4, a recommendation for Board action concerning registration fees.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let us consider that now.

I think, in this connection, we are still and would be still much lower than any other convention we go to. Some charge \$25, some \$30 and some \$50.

Is there any discussion in relation to this recommendation?

For example, do you think we are getting too high?

Please say so if you do?

MR. CHAMBERS: I think that what has been recommended right here is in line.

MR. MELHART: Is the increase because, for example, we are running out of money in connection with the convention?

MR. DAVIS: One of the reasons this year is they want to have a folio of material to hand out.

MR. CHAMBERS: I believe the last time we did something to this effect was some two years ago in Kansas City, is that correct?

MR. DAVIS: No, that particular one was a gift.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: This is in connection with Boston and the Centennial, I believe.

MR. DAVIS: This would have the NATA logo on one side and the Bicentennial on the other.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think we should get back

to these registration fee recommendations.

MR. DAVIS: He wants to change the Certified, Associate and Affiliate. That should then go in there.

MR. LANE: To get the matter before us, I make a motion we approve the recommendation of the Convention Committee to increase registration fees at national conventions.

MR. CHAMBERS: Second the motion.

MR. JORDAN: What is this daily fee that is listed on there?

MR. CHAMBERS: That is if anybody desires to come in on Monday or on Tuesday only.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I have had a request, in connection with Boston, they want to know what the daily fees are going to be.

However, there is a motion and a second to approve these fees as presented. It would be \$15 for the certified members, \$15 for the Associate Members, \$15 for the Affiliate Members; \$15 for the Advisory Members; \$10 for the Student Members and \$35 for the Non-Members.

Is there any more discussion on this motion? If not, all in favor please raise your hands. Those opposed?? It is carried.

Now, I believe that takes care of the National Convention Committee items and recommendations. Is there anything further in connection with this report?

If not, we will go to the report of the Placement Committee.

I believe there is a report here, a Mid-Year report and, further, I have been told by Otho that they

are doing very well in connection with the handling of the secretarial work out there at Las Vegas and that there is no action in relation to this report.

MR. FLENTJE: What is the meaning of the pink sheets in relation to this?

MR. DAVIS: Nothing, they are merely a break.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Next on the agenda is the matter of the Professional Education Committee.

Do you want to tell about the meeting we just had or do you want to come back?

MR. MELHART: I want to make some comments on it later.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You do not have any proposals, do you?

MR. MELHART: Just three or four but very minor.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Very well, we will then pass on to the Public Relations Committee.

I believe we had discussed this in the past and there was, I think, a recommendation that we get a Public Relations man in the area or to have a Sports Information Director handle our public relations.

I believe it was the recommendation of the Chairman that we get somebody to help out because, let's face it, we need advice in relation to many things and this is one of them.

MR. WHITE: There is a sheet in there that says "NATA Honor Society".

MR. DAVIS: That is under Professional Education.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We will come back to all of that.



Now, getting back to this latter concept, do you all understand what this concept is, of hiring an SID in the area, someone from Detroit or Dearborn to handle your public relations work there?

MR. DAVIS: This is not what he says.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, a Sports Information Director, is that what most of you call him?

MR. WHITE: For example, when does he become responsible for disseminating information; how much do you pay him? Is it on a flat rate, etc.? I think these are some of the questions we need answered.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I believe we discussed a rate of \$500 but I thought that was on the high side.

I am sure it would be less than that.

Now, they have not discussed any fees or given any indication as to what it would be.

As I said, I heard it was going to be done but I had not received this particular letter until just now and so I do not know anything more to tell you other than we did give Fritz permission to do this.

MR. WHITE: Spend the money -- to spend \$500?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. LANE: Fred also wants this.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Fred Hoover?

MR. LANE: Yes.

MR. WHITE: I think it is a great idea.

MR. MALACREA: Let me say I tried it in Kansas City and I did the things I thought should be done. We

had the room laid out. It was great. However, nobody came, nothing. Now, we did get good newspaper coverage but not a great deal.

I thought that if somebody were there, had the contacts and the know-how to do this, this would help us. I think it cost us \$500 and that is what is suggested.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: That was the suggestion -- that is what Fritz requested by way of budget request.

MR. WHITE: However, I am sure he is going to need an expense account besides that.

MR. MALACREA: I think that is all a part of it.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

The \$500 was not going to be for salary only -- it was going to be for everything.

MR. DAVIS: I think we might be able to get a little money from Schering to help us on that.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I talked to Larry at the Education Meeting and he is willing to help physically and to write things, which is really good.

MR. DAVIS: He is an old pro. He ran Public Relations, for example, at Madison Square Garden for a while a few years back.

MR. CHAMBERS: He certainly has a lot of good ideas.

He really came on at Anaheim with some good ideas as to what should be done insofar as publicizing our convention was concerned and, further, I really think he has us at heart when he does things.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: He certainly also spends money on us.

MR. CHAMBERS: I spent six hours with him and he had a lot of good ideas. He is really very energetic and has many good ideas.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We have already, in his budget request for last year, given Fritz that \$500 and so this is kind of a mid-year report in order to bring us up on it.

I am going to contact him and Larry told me he was going to contact him to make sure he gets in touch with Larry on this.

Eddie Miller is a nice guy and I think you will like him. He is a Public Relations man, well-liked by the people in that area. He uses crutches and really is a popular guy with all the writers up there.

We next proceed to the Recruitment Committee.

Mel, as you know, last June indicated that he desired to be relieved of the Committee Chairmanship this June and so we will be asking you for approval for a new Committee Chairman for that particular spot.

MR. WHITE: Is action being taken?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: This is just a report.

MR. WHITE: Has he suggested ways of coming up with other people?

Who is going to do that?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: No, he has not.

MR. WHITE: I believe he indicated people from within the Committee. He thought everybody in the Committee should be given an opportunity. As a matter of fact, they made several suggestions there.



PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, this is the first time I have seen this.

MR. WHITE: His original suggestion, for example, was to ask all the Committee members if they would like to be Chairman and then he would be willing to make recommendations.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I saw Mel at the Education meeting, of course, and no-one on his committee had indicated they wanted to be Chairman of it. He did not recommend anyone on his Committee. He recommended someone outside of his Committee.

MR. WHITE: He said he would also recommend someone from the outside.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I know that. He did say that.

MR. WHITE: I think that when we accept his resignation that we also need to be ready to fill that slot.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We have several ready. We did talk to him.

Mr. LANE: Do we need any action on this report?

MR. DAVIS: No.

Let me say, for example, that Mel recommended Chuck DeMeers and he is from Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Massachusetts. That is who Chuck recommended and, also, one of Chuck's best friends is Fred Kelly.

Mel did not let me know he would recommend anyone and when I was talking to Fred I asked him if he would be interested and so it was kind of embarrassing to me -- two guys rooming together at the convention and everything and both are trainers who have a nice job like mine, a good deal of extra time. Do you

understand what I mean?

For example, no spring football, etc.

I think that Dartmouth has five full-time assistants and they are going to hire another one next year. He had a lot of help and so he thought he could handle it and would like to handle the job.

MR. FLENTJE: Excuse me, you are talking about Kelly?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

Deerfield Academy is a situation wherein you report for football around September 15th and you get the month of December and most of January off.

You get spring vacation off. You do get a house to live in and, therefore, both of them could handle the job, I think, nicely.

However, it just happened I asked Fred rather than Chuck. Chuck and I worked together.

MR. CHAMBERS: Perhaps you can make a good co-Chairman out of him?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, Bill, I don't like co-chairmen. At any rate, it was embarrassing for me.

MR. FLENTJE: Are either one of these people in approved programs?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, neither one are, no. That did not even cross my mind. It did not cross Mel's mind when I recommended Chuck.

Now, do you think it should be someone from an approved program?

MR. WHITE: The only advantage, of course, is that you can get them to do a lot of the work.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Almost everyone in approved programs have indicated a willingness to work and do more on that Education Committee. They are loaded. That was one of Mel's big things, that he could not handle both the Education Committee and the Recruitment Committee.

MR. WHITE: Some of their laboratory experience for example, was stuffing envelopes.

MR. MELHART: That is what he indicated.

MR. SMITH: Does he not mention somewhere in one of his reports on changing it from Recruitment to Information?

MR. WHITE: Changing the name of the Committee?

MR. DAVIS: To the Committee on Information Services -- which it should be.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Also, if you know Fred Kelly, he is a good one for information services. If it were in the New York City area, we probably would have asked him to be public relations. He is big in that type of thing, a Springfield College graduate, works at Virginia. I believe he has been at the college now for some nine years. However, he just had a back operation but, nevertheless, he is also young and he will recover.

MR. LANE: Let me ask this.

With the convention being in Boston and with DeMeers and Kelly being in that part of the country, could we help ourselves by going ahead and accepting Mel's resignation at this meeting, appointing one of those to assume the chairmanship and change the name -- do it all -- everything that Mel has asked for here?

In other words, do it right now and then, as of June, get Kelly, Mel or Kelly or DeMeers or whoever it is and help ourselves a lot?



PRESIDENT GEORGE: That is good.

MR. LANE: I would like to recommend that to you for approval.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, first of all I would like to recommend we accept Mel's resignation as of June 1976 as Chairman of the Recruitment Committee.

MR. WHITE: I will so move.

MR. LEE: Second the motion.

MR. LANE: Of course, we can go ahead and add to that.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I would merely like to entertain that motion at this point.

The motion has been made and seconded -- is there further discussion?

If not, all of those in favor kindly raise their hands; any opposition? It is unanimously carried.

Now, I would like to make a recommendation that Fred Kelly be named Recruitment Committee Chairman.

MR. JORDAN: Are you going to change that title now?

MR. DAVIS: Perhaps you should first change the title.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Okay, we will first change the title. Would somebody like to make that motion?

MR. WHITE: Before doing that, may I ask that a letter of commendation be sent to Mel regarding his chairmanship?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Surely.

Do you want to make a motion or just want to

make sure it gets done?

MR. WHITE: I would like to make sure it gets done.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We can also say something at the business meeting so that it gets into the minutes. I will also say something at the business meeting so that it does get into the minutes.

MR. WHITE: Fine.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does somebody wish to make a motion to change this to Information Services?

MR. JORDAN: This is Mel's recommendation.

MR. LANE: I make a motion we change the name of the Recruitment Committee to Committee of Information and Services.

MR. MALACREA: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think the Public Relations Committee also has "information" in it. Does that seem to conflict with public relations at all.

MR. DAVIS: All you need to do is scratch out the words "and information" from the Public Relations Committee.

MR. MELIN: This would have to be done by motion.

The idea would be to change the Public Relations Committee to just The Public Relations Committee and the Recruitment Committee to Information Committee.

MR. DAVIS: That is in the Bylaws. I think we will keep the public relations as just that, public relations.

MR. MELIN: However, it says "Public Relations and Information Committee" now. That is the way it is

now.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: What date is that?

MR. DAVIS: January of 1974.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, in deference, you probably ought to make a motion to change Public Relations and Information Services to just Public Relations and then make a motion to change Recruitment to Information Services.

MR. DAVIS: It is Article XXIII in the Bylaws.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think that gets kind of confusing.

MR. LANE: I don't think we can change either our Constitution or Bylaws here.

MR. DAVIS: We can change a Bylaw, yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Can you think of another name other than "Information Services"?

MR. DAVIS: "Public Relations Committee." Just scratch the words "and information".

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Will someone make that motion.

We are asking for a motion to change a Bylaw the title of it being "Public Relations Committee." It is not "Public Relations and Information Services".

MR. MELIN: "Public Relations and Information Committee." Not "Information Services".

MR. MALACREA: I would so move.

MR. SMITH: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: It has been moved and seconded to drop the words "and information" from the



title of the Public Relations Committee. Is there any discussion on this?

If that is done, it would now read "Public Relations Committee".

MR. WHITE: There is no problem with the Bylaws, is there?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: No.

MR. LEE: Just a moment, will you go over that again?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, Section 23 of the Bylaws state that the title of the Committee now is "Public Relations and Information Committee", and we would like to have it read "Public Relations Committee". There has been a motion and second to change it to "Public Relation Committee".

MR. LANE: I think they should use up all of the old stationery first.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I believe on that it is only Public Relations Committee. I never realized it was on there.

At any rate, you have before you the motion and the second.

Is there further discussion?

If not, all in favor raise your hands. The motion is carried.

Now, there is also a motion to change the title of the Recruitment Committee to Information Services Committee.

MR. MALACREA: "Committee on Information and Services", or should it be consistent with the rest of these?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let's make it the same as all the rest.

MR. DAVIS: I wonder if that would be "Committee of Career Information and Services"?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: That is better, yes.

Change the name to "Career Information and Services Committee and then it will be consistent.

Very good.

However, do we need "and services"?

MR. LANE: Perhaps it could just be Career Information Committee, because when you mention to me "and services", I don't know what that means. I think, likewise, we should move to keep it open for expansion rather than possibly have to be renaming it again within a few years.

I can see growth in our organization to the point where we might be offering services in an informative way to other organizations and where we might have to create a committee to handle that function of it.

MR. WHITE: It is this committee that goes out to national meetings and sets up things -- sets up displays and career information booths.

MR. MELIN: Well, if you want the word "services" in there, I would suggest the wording of "Career Information and Services".

MR. DAVIS: Career Information and Services Committee.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, you don't know what the "and services" means there.

MR. MELIN: I would expect it would mean any

kind of service to promote understanding of the NATA.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, gentlemen, we are dragging a little bit.

What do you want, Career Information and Services Committee, or just Career Information Committee?

MR. MALACREA: I like it the way Mel recommended it. He must have had a reason for so doing.

MR. DAVIS: Career Information and Services Committee.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Okay. Is there any more discussion on this particular motion?

If not, all in favor raise your hands; any opposed?

The motion is carried.

Now, are you ready to nominate a Chairman, effective in June, for this Committee?

I would like to recommend Fred Kelly from Dartmouth College.

MR. LANE: You are submitting his name?

You cannot make a motion.

MR. JORDAN: I would move that Fred Kelly be Chairman of the Career Information and Services Committee.

MR. CHAMBERS: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there any discussion?

Do you think he should be one of the Directors of our schools?

MR. FLENTJE: Well, I don't know if it has to



be a Director. It seems to me that someone that has a direct relationship with one of these schools is in a better position to have the information that this Committee is responsible for.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Are there further comments?

MR. DAVIS: I believe the Education Committee has a liaison to that in order to keep him informed.

MR. FLENTJE: This is something else again.

Mel recommends, if not a member of the present Committee, that everybody be wiped out and they start all over again.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, we have not done that with other Committees in relation to which we have changed the Committee Chairman and it has not been moved up -- we have not wiped the Committee out. We have usually kept that Committee and tried to work it and if it hasn't worked then changes have been made as have been seen fit.

MR. DAVIS: Further, the Committee Chairman names his own Committee.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Basically, it is not really a Committee working because many of our committees consist of one man doing everything. What it amounts to is that he gets requests for brochures, 50, 30, 150 -- he puts them in a package and mails them out and that is basically the function of this Committee.

MR. MALACREA: Plus answering any specific questions related to those.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, and every once in a while that brochure is rewritten and given to us for approval as to the written material in it.

That is basically what they have done -- a lot of work in regard to stuffing the mailers and things like

that but not a lot of Committee work.

Fred asked me about that and I don't know how you can break that up. They all have to be in one place. The requests have come to that place and then he needs a fairly large postage budget and that is about it.

Kelly is in a position to help us here if he would. He is also a baseball coach.

MR. FLENTJE: Is he in a position to help also as a baseball coach?

MR. DAVIS: I mean in reaching athletic people.

MR. MELHART: Well, he has a large staff. I believe there are four or five people there.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: It is four full-time men and one woman and next year they are adding another woman and man -- one full-time and one part-time.

MR. MALACREA: There are two women.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think that is what Fred told me. Someone in his Department above him, while he was in the hospital, requested evidently another assistant and a half.

MR. FLENTJE: Where does his interest lie, in athletic training or baseball?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: He is a freshman baseball coach up there.

MR. MALACREA: There is no more freshman baseball.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, that is right.

However, I am sure he will stay on the coaching staff. He could coach baseball or something. They have

an excellent baseball program there.

I don't know what to tell you about the Ivy League trainers in the spring, as to what they do.

Well, there is a motion and a second before us and we have had some discussion. Are you ready to vote?

All those in favor of approving Fred kindly raise your hands; is there anybody opposed? Any abstentions?

Very well, the motion is unanimously carried.

I am sorry, District 5 abstained.

We next proceed to the Research and Injury Committee. Do you wish to discuss the information from this Committee, Otho?

Well, at Temple University they have what is called, and someone give me some help here, the Temple University Sports Medicine Department. The Administrator of this Department is a Dr. Tworg, who has done all the studies on cleats.

The Assistant Administrator, Association Director of this is Ted Quantenfield, who was formerly the trainer at Temple. He was the Head Trainer.

MR. MALACREA: Not the Head Trainer. He does not have to attend football games. In fact, he did not attend all football games this year for the first time.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, it is a hazy situation. However, in essence, I think he is still the Head Trainer there but then maybe he is not. At any rate, he is the Chairman of our Research and Injury Committee.

They are engaged in head and neck injuries and surveys because of a number of things.



Now, they have had some accidents up there, for example, one individual with multiple cervical fractures but neurologically intact and so they got interested in finding out how many others there are like this across the country because most of this really never gets down into table form or becomes a statistic at any time.

As a result of this, they got out a form. I am sorry I did not bring it with me.

MR. DAVIS: It is in the book.

MR. MALACREA: They are asking people to go back and kind of document their neck injuries that occurred but which have never appeared in statistics.

We had two at our school. We had a fracture C-1 and a C-7.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: At any rate, we have been asked to publicize that in the Journal and he also asked us to seek the cooperation of our members in filling out the form when it comes around.

They are calling it the National Head and Neck Injury Register.

MR. DAVIS: He is the Chairman of our Research and Injury Committee and he has done, what I think, is a good job for us at Washington in connection with HEW.

We said we thought we would like to have NATA receive more recognition in regard to this subject and we did, in other words, say that it be a joint study and he, as Chairman of the Committee, would like to get some recognition to the effect that NATA be included in recognition of this study.

Therefore, that is where we stand right now insofar as this particular study is concerned and where the Research and Injury Committee is concerned.

Now, I have a letter, and you will get a copy, I just got it Friday, stating that we would receive proper recognition and Dr. Tworg feels the same way.

MR. DAVIS: I would like to see you make a motion to the effect that we accept this and encourage, not direct but encourage them to use the Penn State computer services through NAIRS because they are also our Liaison to the NAIRS at Penn State and after visiting up there and talking with Casey Clark this past week, they can help on that and give great input to it.

I think they have the machinery at Temple.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think this has been agreed upon, am I correct.

MR. DAVIS: Ted and Casey have talked, yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think that has been agreed upon.

MR. DAVIS: I would like to see it come about that we are in favor of the work they are planning to do and would encourage them to use the other systems.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: In other words, we are asking you for approval.

MR. LANE: Let me ask you a question.

Who is going to handle the expense of this?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Temple University.

The Temple University Sports Medicine Institute.

MR. LANE: They are financing it?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

MR. LANE: In other words, we are getting recognition out of it but they are financing it?

MR. DAVIS: Well, Ted originally came to us and wanted a booth at the Convention and Frank and I talked about it and I told Frank it is fine but here is an opportunity for him to do something for the Committee that he is Chairperson of. During the last two years they have not done a thing. However, here was an opportunity for them to do something and I felt this would utilize the services of the Committee and that we would back them.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I might add here that they offered to pay for the booth but we feel this is a scientific exhibit and I think this might create problems.

MR. LANE: In relation to the Research and Injury Committee, there is a member from every district, am I correct?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. LANE: And this individual could help gather that information at each one of our districts?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. LANE: The reason I ask this is that Ted called me and asked if I would be the one in Texas to help him gather the information. I told him I would but now I see another more effective way to use our Research and Injury Committee by using our District No. 6 member, for example, to help him.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: That is right.

They have had an individual in District No. 1 and also in District No. 2.

MR. LANE: I have this information laying on my desk to mail when I get back tomorrow and also to put it in our newsletter.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, basically, we are



looking to the Board for approval -- to say, yes, they can have a booth at the National Convention for a scientific exhibit free of charge.

MR. LANE: Well, as I understand it, we are talking about two different agenda items here now.

We are talking about this agenda item and then you also are talking about agenda item No. 49 which has to do with the National Head and Neck Injury Registry.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, seeing as to how this all comes together, let us do it all now.

MR. LANE: I would agree.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I have three or four different things here and here is what it is.

To provide a booth at the National Convention for a scientific exhibit, free of charge, provided there is proper recognition of the NATA Research and Injury Committee.

Secondly, encouragement of NATA members to help provide this information.

Thirdly, check data through District Representatives of the Research and Injury Committee.

Fourth, encourage the use of NAIRS facilities.

Now, there are four recommendations here and we can do them all at one time or one at a time.

What is your pleasure?

...Cries of "all at once"...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Would anybody like to split that?

MR. LANE: I wonder if we could have those

again?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Encouragement of NATA members to provide necessary information.

Again, the complete recommendations are as follows:

1. That a booth will be provided at the NATA Convention at Boston for 1976 for a scientific exhibit, free of charge, provided there is proper recognition of the NATA Research and Injury Committee.

2. Encouragement of NATA members to provide necessary information.

3. Collect data through the District representatives of the NATA Research and Injury Committee.

4. Encourage the use of NAIRS facilities.

Now, do you all understand these four steps that are being requested here?

Would anybody like to make a motion? This is what we are going to ask them to do.

MR. FLENTJE: I would so move.

MR. WHITE: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there more discussion on this motion?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

MR. MALACREA: That the Temple Sports Medicine Division is picking up the tab on the survey and NAIRS thinks they are picking that up out of their funds and so it is really not costing us anything. This is merely a matter for clarification.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: They are paying for the

data processing and Temple is paying for the mailing and all of that.

Now, all of those in favor of these proposals indicate by holding up your hands; are there any in opposition? Are there any abstentions?

The motion is carried.

For the record, the motion was made by District 3 and seconded by District 5.

Now, for the moment, we will pass item 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

In relation to item 22, there is no longer that Committee. I noticed, for example, that I had appointed myself to be a representative to that. However, that is no longer a committee -- well, excuse me, the American Medical Association, Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports, they no longer have a meeting.

Let me add, however, that Bobby did encourage us to meet with the Orthopedic group.

Fred Miller spoke to that group last year. He gave them a paper on preparation for athletic training.

Now, I might just as well speak to you now about this. He gave them a paper, as I say, in relation to the professional preparation of an athletic trainer.

Now, for your information, we are on item 22 at this time.

Further instead of being called the American Medical Association Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports, it is the Orthopedic Society that is now taking that over -- the Orthopedic Academy of Surgeons -- the American Academy of Orthopedics.

MR. DAVIS: I believe it is the Sports Medicine



PRESIDENT GEORGE: There is a man now in the East operating as their representative. I could not reach them.

MR. LEE: Is this the Society of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: It is from a big clinic in Seattle, this representative is.

MR. MELIN: I think that is one of their professional education courses.

MR. DAVIS: They are meeting next week or the week after.

MR. MELIN: Their annual meeting is in January or February.

MR. DAVIS: They are meeting in two weeks. It was in the paper.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, this has to be something new -- this is a new Society.

MR. LEE: I am a little confused here at the moment. Will you start off with that again, as to where we presently are with them?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: They would like a trainer or group of trainers to come and put on a taping demonstration -- use some modality -- describe the rehabilitation equipment and things like that. They do not think it will be too much of a problem. For example, their belief is that a man could throw all of this stuff in the back of a station wagon and drive up there.

Well, this is at Durango, Colorado and, therefore, my first thought was to find out if there is anybody up in that area and, secondly, whether or not expenses would be met by this group.

Now, is there anybody near Durango, Colorado?

MR. LEE: Well, they do not have a trainer per se in that area.

That is by Fort Louis College there. They do not have a trainer there.

Also, Tol Diehm is closer there than I am.

Now, after I thought of that and after reading the request, I then said, "wait a minute -- put all of that stuff in the back of a station wagon?"

MR. LEE:: Well, perhaps it can be done. Perhaps you should show me the request and we can talk further about it.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, what I am first going to do is to talk to him, find out exactly what he wants and find out if the expenses will be met -- whether or not it will cost us anything.

MR. LEE: Does this not involve the Society?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. LEE: This is different from the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. This is the Society?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, it is another group. This is the group that met in New Orleans last year.

MR. LEE: One of my team physicians is in it.

MR. FLENTJE: It is the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine.

MR. LEE: Something like that.

MR. MELIN: There is another offshoot like that.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, this is only their second meeting, their second annual meeting.

MR. MELIN: It is not the Academy but there are a lot of team physicians in this particular group.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: At any rate, what I am going to do is to get back to them, find out if they will meet expenses and then try to find someone to go.

MR. LEE: We will talk about it later, okay?

MR. GEORGE: Very well.

Now, that is all I have on that item and if there is no further discussion, we will go on to item 23 having to do with the American Physical Therapy Association.

This is my liaison report for this meeting, which was right after our last meeting in California.

They are getting more and more interest in Sports Medicine.

On their Nominating Committee for example, is Bob Moore, who is an NATA Certified trainer and active trainer in the San Diego area, is that right?

MR. CHAMBERS: San Diego State University.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I was very impressed with him.

He was named to their Nominating Committee, which is a very influential committee now.

Further, their newsletter, which is a different item, is now being written by Dick Hoover, who as you know, asked both Otho and I what we thought about his taking over their newsletter and we both recommended that he did.

The first newsletter was all about NATA



qualifications for certification and things like that and also a lot on the faculty trainer's program.

The big thing that seemed to concern us was with what they called specialization in athletic training and I have included to you the policy statement on recognition of specialists in physical therapy and this has been approved by the Board of Directors of their organization and they are now in the study phase of it.

First, how to determine if someone is a specialist in physical therapy.

Secondly, how should they test him.

Thirdly, there are eight different things there but that is basically it.

In other words, how would someone be considered a specialist in Sports Medicine and how would they test him?

Richard, you are raising your hand. Do you have something you wanted to say?

MR. MALACREA: No.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there anything anyone else desires to say in connection with this report or on the matter of recognition of specialists in physical therapy?

MR. WHITE: I was wondering, and this is just off the top of my head, if a person were a certified athletic trainer, why would that not make him be one of their criteria for specialization?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, they did write to Joe Giek, I and a few others on what we thought would be a good way to certify these people and we said the NATA certification examination.

MR. FLENTJE: Do you think they are going to

go into all of these specialties?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, as I said, there was a large group in APTA that does not want to go into specialties and does not want to see the organization go into specialties. In other words, they do not want a physical therapist who specializes in chest therapy and another one for EMG and another one for Pediatrics and so on.

There are many, many in the Association who do not want that and I think a good number of people do want it and so I don't know how it is going to work out.

Two years, ago, for example, I did not think it would get this far at all and now they are at the part where they are going to study it. Ron Peyton, who is an NATA member, is on that study force.

MR. FLENTJE: How do you feel?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: How do I feel?

Well, I think they will get specialization.

MR. FLENTJE: Are you in favor of it?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: No, because I don't want them interferring with us and I told them that.

I wrote that down and I also told that to Joe Giek.

MR. MALACREA: They already have some 500 members in the section and I would expect that within two years they would have 3,000 members and that within three or four years they will have more members within that section that will have certified trainers.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I will agree.

MR. MALACREA: On the other hand, that bothers

me a little bit. I am a physical therapist and, therefore, I think about all of this and wonder about it.

MR. DAVIS: You see, they have been cut back on Medicare. Therefore, they are looking for another avenue.

MR. MALACREA: Yes, that is true and that is also what bothers me.

I am thinking of kids coming along -- we have programs all geared up and then I hear things like I hear in here and then, of course, I believe we are going to have trouble finding jobs for all of these people.

I have come to that conclusion, at least from all of the literature that has been coming out.

MR. LEE: What is coming out here is something that, as Directors, we should be a little bit aware of.

MR. MALACREA: Their Sports Medicine Newsletter, that is the first thing.

However, there is a second one that came out, something like a pamphlet and I wonder what happened to the second one.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The second one was from a guy in Atlanta.

MR. MALACREA: However, it is not a newsletter of this section?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: No, it is a newsletter supplement.

MR. MALACREA: Well, I am sorry, I guess I should have read it.

MR. LEE: On the otherhand, is this something



we should have?

MR. FLENTJE: I think it is something that is tied into our licensure.

I think we are all being bothered by the same thing and I think we had better get on top of it.

MR. MALACREA: Again, if I am correct, there are some 500 members in the Sports Medicine Section of the APTA -- presently some 500 members.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You know that is the first thing I heard about it and I believe I reported that to you.

MR. LEE: However, it apparently sort of went by us. I know, however, Frank, you brought it up.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I still want you to be aware of the fact that there is a problem.

MR. MALACREA: A big question is in relation to the survey, such as asking "what things do you think you are good in and what things do you think you need help in?"

Therefore, it seems to me that they are gearing up not only for a strong educational program but other things as well.

Now, I don't know if any of you have seen this (indicating). This is a survey which came to the physical therapists.

MR. WHITE: This is from Phil Donnelly.

MR. MALACREA: Yes, and he is a member of their committee and this is his questionnaire for the Sports Medical Section.

Now, also, Ron Peyton runs the Sports Medicine Education Institute and they have some nice courses for physical therapists, pushing them up and finding work

for them in athletics. This involves Atlanta.

Therefore, I think we do have some concerns here.

I am not sure what our concerns are but I think it is something we ought to think about.

MR. LEE: What do you think, Frank?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think it is a big threat.

MR. LANE: How do we nullify that threat?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, as long as they have licensure and we do not, we cannot.

The only place you are safe right now is in Texas.

MR. SMITH: How about Illinois?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Illinois did not pass.

MR. LANE: They did not?

MR. WHITE: No, it did not get out of Committee.

MR. LANE: I thought it did.

Now, when we get to licensure, I will talk to you about it and tell you some of the fight we expect.

MR. MALACREA: Some states, if you read the supplemental legislation, you will find they can hire people to act as their assistants and give physical therapy services, which would be athletic training services.

In other words, a physical therapist can work

two or three high schools in a district and he can have assistants who he is supervising directly.

MR. DAVIS: They are already starting that.

MR. SMITH: We are.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I believe there is one organization that has been doing that in Northern California.

However, there is one thing about the 500 members -- about 50 really know anything about athletic training or do more than pay the \$5 dues a year.

MR. FLENTJE: However, it certainly is a problem.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: About 50 are active trainers and want to get into the profession. The other 500 are people who think they are trainers.

MR. DAVIS: Also, the high school administrators are looking for a way to cut their own budgets and so they will do anything to save a dollar.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I am sure this is not the first time you have heard about all of this.

MR. LANE: I am getting told right now in the City of Dallas as to how to treat kids.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, okay, that is the report and when we get to legislation, please keep some of these things in mind.

We will proceed to the next item, number 24, having to do with the Division for Girls and Women's Sports. Well, let's pass that one. I think there was a report there.

MR. LANE: We are coming back to that?



PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

Now, do you want to make any more comments on this other item -- what to do, how to fight it?

MR. FLENTJE: Well, right now it looks a little bit like David and Goliath.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: It is 23,000 or 24,000 members paying \$50 dues a year. Now, while this doesn't scare me, it doesn't do too much good either, you know. It really doesn't help our membership, who are physical therapists and who are the people we are going to talk about when we come to legislation.

These are the people we are going to have to protect.

MR. MALACREA: Well, it seems to me that the sooner we move on some of these things and get licensure of athletic trainers, that is the only way we are going to protect them.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, the next item concerns the Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

MR. DAVIS: All I can say here is that they are meeting this week.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I guess there is nothing to report, at least at this time on that.

Next is the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

MR. SMITH: Just a moment, what happened to the Division for Girls and Women's Sports?

MR. DAVIS: That has been put back.

MR. LANE: How about item No. 26, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics?

MR. WHITE: Just a moment. In regard to

item 25, is that meeting going to be in Detroit?

MR. DAVIS: They will be meeting in St. Louis.

MR. WHITE: I am sorry.

MR. CHAMBERS: They are meeting in St. Louis, when?

MR. DAVIS: The 13th and 14th.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: While we are talking on girls and womens sports, let me say that Holley has been our representative to the DWGPF and, a long time ago, as much as two years ago, we named Marge our representative to the AIAW. That is another women's group.

Now, the AIAW never wrote back to us or the Joint Commission other than to say that they were trying to decide then who they would have liaison activities with and they had not decided on anyone.

Well, in the fall I received another request from Marge, would I please write them. She thought the climate was right and so I wrote to them and still have not received an answer.

Well, I think that twice is enough.

MR. MALACREA: And this is what?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The AIAW.

MR. LEE: However, did we not receive some information from her recently?

I have reference to Marge.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: From Marge, yes.

As a matter of fact, she wrote to me requesting me to write to the President again.

MR. LANE: And, as I understand it you did and received no reply?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, and that is twice now and I think that is enough.

MR. DAVIS: Forget about it, at least until you hear from them.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I think I have tried enough.

MR. LANE: In relation to the NAIA, I found out last week that Joe Richardson was reappointed from his district to be our liaison person with them. I found out, however, he is no longer a trainer at his school and that there was a coaching change there.

Now, I have not had an opportunity to check this out because I only found out about this last week.

I don't know, but maybe we may have to make a change there and I wanted to make everybody aware of that. I have to go back and write a letter to Joe and find out about his status.

MR. DAVIS: How long has he been there?

MR. LANE: A long time. They fired the full staff, including the trainer.

MR. DAVIS: Who went in there?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I believe they named somebody last week.

MR. LANE: Well, as I say, I just found out about this last week and have not had a chance to check it over.

Well, at any rate, the reason I mention it is that we may have to make a change in our liaison



person to them and, therefore, everybody should again start thinking about somebody.

MR. DAVIS: With regard to the NCAA Football Rules Committee, they will meet at Nashville on January 19th.

We can come back to that, I think, to make a recommendation after talking on your spearing.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: How about the request from Wes?

MR. DAVIS: That would go in. We already talked to Warren the other day about it.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Very well, next is the National Federation of State High School Associations.

MR. DAVIS: There is nothing on that.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I think the climate in relation to them is becoming better.

MR. FLENTJE: Is it appropriate to bring this thing I want to do in here or elsewhere?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, right now.

I had asked Bill to represent us.

I asked him to go to the Athletic Directors' Meeting. Bill went and represented us there and I think the climate is becoming better.

They really went berserk when we backed out and I think things are better.

My understanding is, however, that if some of these things were done on a state level, we could expect more cooperation from them but not to expect any cooperation from them on a federal level.

MR. MALACREA: What about the matter of pushing

for a trainer in every school, a certified trainer?

Would that be something reasonable to ask -- for some trainer to supervise a District?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, they did not say anything about that.

MR. MALACREA: Well, I thought I read that in here somewhere.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, nothing was said to me.

MR. FLENTJE: The consensus I got in talking to Jack Roberts just very briefly was that they are very much in favor of making a coach the athletic trainer and that he was also very insistent on the point they wanted the coach to be the trainer.

Now, I pointed out to him that, well, this might be okay, but we did not think he could really do two jobs at one time. Now, he bought this a little bit but still held to his ground.

They are not too hot on having other faculty people being the trainers. They would rather have in-service programs, have physicians or other trainers come in and educate the coaches on athletic training techniques and procedures. However, insofar as institutes were concerned, they did not show much in enthusiasm.

As long as, you know, we will provide trainers to educate the coaches, that is great but anything else, forget it.

MR. DAVIS: Cliff Fagan was in Philadelphia and we had a little discussion on it.

Of course, he states they are in favor of schools having trainers and that this is something that cannot come overnight -- it has to be drawn out over

a period of time -- that we had picked the wrong man to wave the flag in Dellums.

I don't think it will ever pass through him but, he was favorable and that is all the guy could say. He has been raked over the coals a little bit himself but what else can you do?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Do you get the impression you get different stories from different people? This guy Frederick up there wants a favor from us, you know, and he wants it bad.

MR. FLENTJE: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We are not going to give it to him.

Well, at any rate, you do get different stories from everybody, depending on what they want from us.

Fagan is real nice and smooth and we have also come to the point where Casey Clark has said he is going to approach Fagan and ask him for a letter of support stating that he believes the certified trainer in every high school is the approach to follow.

Now, I think once we get something like that, we are there.

MR. FLENTJE: Good luck.

MR. DAVIS: Well, we might get it because he is going to retire.

MR. MALACREA: Although we have not been favored with a copy of the re-introduction of the bill, it seems to us there are many areas and many avenues we can approach.

It would seem that District support behind the plan would be sufficient in some areas.



MR. FLENTJE: On the other hand, they devoted, I thought, a very large proportion of their meeting to safety in sports medicine or whatever you want to call it.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Also, Dr. Cooper really made a much stronger stand than I have heard him generally make in relation to head and neck injuries. These were the high school athletic directors and he basically told them that they had better make sure that they are at least on record as coaching in relation to head and primary point of contact insofar as football was concerned.

MR. DAVIS: Of course, they have to take that type of stand because they can be involved in a lawsuit if they have not already done so.

MR. FLENTJE: He cited a number of cases that were then already awarded or pending.

Then they had another presentation in relation to the setting up of a high school athletic training system. I was not too impressed with the person they selected to make the presentation.

Insofar as setting up the system was concerned, he did a good job there but insofar as representing our organization, it was very poor.

MR. DAVIS: In your report, Bill, you noted that Ron Freeman is not a Certified Trainer. Well, I think he is.

I don't know if he has taken the examination now or plans to in the future.

MR. FLENTJE: Well, I asked him if he was certified and he said, "no, he was going to take the test one of these days".

MR. DAVIS: Well, this person, from what I have been able to find out from people who know him very well,

is a very competent young trainer but he is also involved in a lawsuit.

There was a young man that came in with an abrasion on his shin or knee area, lower leg, and he treated him, and he is in the high school program, and the student trainer started treating the young boy, putting moist heat on there and low and behold it became infected and the kid had to go to his family doctor.

Now, there really was no problem. The kid probably did what everybody in the room has done and still does but, nevertheless, it was unfortunate that this high school student had to go to his family doctor and the doctor gave him a shot of penicillin and he got well and there was no problem.

However, anyway, his mother became alarmed and so they are suing him and the school for practicing medicine without a license.

MR. LEE: This happened while at a high school this year?

Well, last year he was at a college job and the same thing happened. He had a problem there to.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, that is about where we stand with the Federation.

Now, we go to NOCSAE, the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Commitment.

MR. WHITE: They are going to be meeting at Detroit, on the 26th and 27th and I am going to be on the program there for them.

I had told the individual setting up the program to write to our representative -- to the effect that if he was busy, I would represent us there. However, he will be at the meeting anyhow. However, I had not heard from him.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there anything else on this?

Well, Dick, how about all of those questions?

MR. MALACREA: Well, I have had a lot of concerns about the rules and regulations. I have all kinds of questions as to what it is going to mean to us.

In relation to our program, for example, we are going to have to purchase some 300 football helmets and I was wondering as to the standards and who is going to enforce them and is it possible for these helmets to be certified and this kind of thing.

Now, I have not gotten an answer but I did see a couple of other things.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Who did you write to? Was that to Tom Wall?

MR. MALACREA: Yes.

Also, as of 1978, all of the helmets in use must be certified, and this is every helmet whether at the high school or collegiate level and no matter who wears it.

Now, I had questions about all of this.

For example, if I drill holes in it for a face mask, does this uncertify a helmet?

Of course, I lose my guarantee that I have every year. As soon as you drill a hole or holes you lose the guarantee and the warranty on the helmet.

I was also questioning whether there was any problem with regard to the type of face mask.

For example, some manufacturers say that in order to maintain certification of a helmet, it has to have a particular type of face mask. I don't have the



answer on that either.

Further, does my changing the helmet by the use of a shim or anything like that void the certification?

Also, after the first season of use, is it ever inspected and recertified?

Further, what causes a helmet to be uncertified.

Likewise, could I use a crash helmet as long as it has the seal and still be safe?

Are there any standards in relation to inspection?

Who is responsible for insuring that the certified helmet is used during the course of practice or course of a game?

Is there any provision in relation to a helmet purchased before 1975, ones used or that are unused?

Now, in relation to these questions, I have already indicated that I did not get any direct answers.

However, from a meeting not too long ago, I did get involved in an individual from Wilson Sporting Goods who said right now the 1975 helmets that have the NOCSAE Seal on the inside, according to him in 1976, they are all going to be on the outside so that, instead any official or inspector can look on the outside of the helmet and see that seal.

However, there are also a number of qualified re-conditioners that are being certified by NOCSAE and they will retest helmets right in batches to recertify them and they will put their reconditioner seal on them and, further, they said they are going to use only one test instead of all of the tests now in existence.

I also asked them as to what it was going to cost in relation to the re-conditioning of helmets because it seems to me that all of this is going to have a tremendous influence on us in high school and he had no comments on that.

I posed the same questions to a representative of metal gladiator and he just pointed out that it will be the moral obligation of the school to see that the individual involved is wearing a certified helmet.

Of course, there are no provisions for testing helmets that were made in 1975 and they are hopeful that, at the high school level, all helmets will be out of service by 1980, those that have not been certified.

He was very appreciative to see somebody asking some decent questions because, after all, it is the manufacturer of the product who essentially supports NOCSAE.

I think the big thing here is that they are saying that when a helmet is manufactured it will be a certified helmet and that is it. That is all they are saying.

Now, there are still a lot of questions that have to be answered here and, of course, in their case, they are testing only one size. This is seven and three-eighths inches.

MR. WHITE: I don't think that is true.

MR. FLENTJE: According to Dr. Hodgson in St. Louis, that is not the case.

MR. MALACREA: In other words, they are testing more than that?

MR. FLENTJE: Yes.

As a matter of fact, he said the only ones they could not test now were the very small ones, like a six and six and a quarter, or something like that.

MR. MALACREA: Well, in connection with the testing, I did manage to get a copy of the test itself, all of the data and how they rate it, how they make the head form and how it compares with the average and if anybody is interested, they can read this material. It also shows how they make the slide and all that it does.

MR. WHITE: I would like to get a copy of that letter, together with all of the questions.

MR. DAVIS: We will see what we can find out insofar as the separating of testing standards is concerned -- if they are making it harder, for example, to pass the examination.

The reason for that is that I have heard, for example, there is one particular manufacturer who knows what the minimum standards are in order to pass the test and this is the material that is going to be put into the helmet now.

The minimum, of course, is going to cost less than the better, let us say, rubber padding.

Therefore, as long as his brand can pass the test, then that is the only thing in the world he is going to be interested in.

I think we are going to make an attempt to see if they are taking steps to upgrade that minimum level.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I would think, for example, if there is any way in the world we can get the results of these tests, it would certainly be to our advantage.

MR. MALACREA: I don't think that NOCSAE will give it to us.

I think it would be their moral obligation not to give it to us.

However, if it were the Investigator, maybe



Penn State, maybe Olympic Reconditioners, who have a machine now and do some of their own testing, that would be different.

MR. WHITE: Well, before we leave here, can we have a copy of this letter, together with all of the questions in connection with it?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I am sure that can be furnished.

Now, are there any more comments in relation to NOCSAE?

MR. SMITH: Perhaps Dick can run off a sufficient amount of copies so that everybody can have them. Do we have a machine that can do that here?

MR. DAVIS: I am sure we can have something like that done.

MR. WHITE: I would like one before we leave this meeting, however.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, next is the United States Olympic Committee and we have already talked some about that.

MR. DAVIS: I would like to say one more thing.

We have now gone through the liaison aspects of the Committee and, with regard to the future of our liaison with them, you might give some thought, for example, to picking an individual who is in the local area of that particular office instead of a person whom we have to send to a meeting each year. I think, by so doing, we just might be able to get a little more out of it. Somebody, let us say, from the Chicago area, who is familiar with the high school federation or that is here when there is a problem, so that he can go out, sit down with them and talk with them.

The same thing would also be true in connection

with some of these other organizations.

For example, in relation to the American College of Sports Medicine, the first thought here is, for example, we have a trainer in the same building where their home office is, Madison, Wisconsin. Are they still in Madison?

As I say, by working it on this basis, I think we would get more out of it, out of each one and get more contacts than we are getting from going to a convention.

I merely throw that out so that you can give a little thought to it.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does anyone have any comments on this?

I would also hope that we would get big enough and strong enough that this liaison activity would be kind of reciprocal with everybody with whom we are in contact with.

I would like to think, on their part, they would also send someone to us, especially if we are sending someone to them -- make themselves known and really try to foster good relationships between the two associations.

MR. LANE: I have something to say off the record at this point, if I may be permitted to do so.

...Off the record comments by Mr. Lane...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: As you know, with regard to these trainers that get assigned to the Olympic Team, we don't have anything to say about that. Most of those come from the AAU.

Now, I would like to have someone from the Board charge Eddie Lane with the responsibility of developing relationships with the AAU.

MR. FLENTJE: I would so move.

MR. MELHART: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: All those in favor raise your hand; any opposed?

Any abstentions?

The motion is unanimously carried.

Now, as I say, we have already taken care of the United States Olympic Committee.

The next item on the agenda concerns my letter to the Board. I think we will also hold off on that until we get to the matter of legislation.

We next proceed to item 36, having to do with the Athletic Injury Survey and the HEW meeting held at Washington, D.C.

Now, I had a letter from HEW asking if I would send a representative to their meeting at Washington, D.C., for discussion in relation to the HEW Study which is being done in relation to deaths and injuries at the high school and college level.

Is there anyone present here whose school is not involved in that study?

MR. MALACREA: You say in connection with the HEW?

Well, I am not involved.

MR. WHITE: Your President did not get a letter and send it down to you?

MR. FLENTJE: We got the letter a long time ago asking for names to be submitted but we were not involved in it.



PRESIDENT GEORGE: You did not get a copy of the survey?

Well, I am surprised.

MR. MALACREA: We were not involved in it either.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, I assume that everybody else is, is that right?

Gene, are you in it?

MR. SMITH: Yes.

MR. MELHART: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: At any rate, it involves some 600 colleges, 600 junior high colleges and 2400 high schools. It is a special study in relation to injuries and deaths.

Through past Board meetings, you know about the comments we have made about the study -- mainly, that we as an association do not approve of the study form because it does not answer what it is designed to do.

Now, it does have two designs.

For example, it is designed by Congressman Forsythe to determine if an athletic trainer on the scene or in the school would reduce the number of athletic injuries which occur and, secondly, to determine how many athletic injuries actually do occur in sports.

Well, as I say, we were not in favor of the design of the form and for a number of reasons.

First of all, it includes physical education and intramural sports, which I know in my own situation and in many other situations, the athletic trainer has no way of knowing how long that boy would be out of action or that athlete would be out of action and

that this is really not the same because for intramural kids out three weeks, I think, is a little bit different from a varsity athlete who stays out for three weeks.

At any rate, this was one reason as to why we were against this.

Another reason is that if you missed three weeks because of a sprained ankle or because you broke your neck and had a severe brain concussion and would never be normal again, the study has no way of indicating that. As long as you missed three weeks, that is the same degree of injury, whether it be cerebral damage or whether it be a sprained ankle.

Another thing that we are not in favor of is that if you miss from one day to three weeks, that was considered the same severity of injury and, of course, I as well as you know that we have some kids missing one day of practice and you cannot tell me that this is the same as a kid missing three weeks. If I, for example, say three weeks, that is a bad injury.

Therefore, these are some of the reasons we were not in favor of the study form.

I indicated that to HEW and we asked Ted to represent us, and for a number of reasons.

First of all, he is the Chairman of our research and Injury Committee and, secondly, this is a statistics project. Further, he is involved with NAIRS and, therefore, we thought he would do a good job.

Now, he went to the meeting and he indicated his displeasure and the Association's displeasure with the study.

In general, they agreed with him. As a matter of fact, they agreed that it was not a good study form but, on the other hand, it was all that they could do with the money available. It comes to a pretty bad state of affairs where the people who are actually



in charge of the study did not actually design it.

There are many different governmental branches that are in charge of this so that it has gotten completely out of hand.

It in no way, for example, will show that an athletic trainer on the scene will reduce the number of injuries. In fact we have told them that we know of none and, as a matter of fact, there will probably be an increase in the number of injuries if a trainer is there, especially in relation to where a kid has somebody to report to than, on the other hand, at a school where that kid has nobody to report to.

In the final analysis, we believe that this is just not a good study and everyone seems to agree that it is not a good study.

Now, there were a number of different people from different places at this meeting. Now, Ted, if you know him, has a tendency to get very emotional.

He is a trainer, a trainer at heart, that is his profession, being an athletic trainer.

Now, while there, he got emotional because of two things.

First of all, that there were people there who seemed to think that you could give a coach one course in sports medicine or athletic medicine, one workshop in athletic training, and he would then qualify to become the trainer for that school.

Fred got so emotional about that to the point where I received a report as to how bad he acted there. I did not say bad -- I told Ted I thought he acted great to fight people like that, especially when he was in the minority.

Basically, if there were thirty people at that



meeting, twenty of them did not know a darn thing about athletic injuries.

Five of them thought they knew a lot and in that letter and I know you received Ted's letter, he quotes some people as being "the enemy".

I think that anybody who thinks that you can make an athletic trainer with one course in athletic training or one workshop and put him on as a high school trainer, in a high school or college situation, that person has to be considered "the enemy".

I think that Ted did a good job in representing us there.

Now, he did not win us many friends but he did a good job in representing us.

This has to be said in his favor and, also, I think had I been there I would have reacted in a similar manner.

Now, are there any questions?

Let me add that this HEW study is a loss insofar as we are concerned.

MR. MALACREA: You might want to say something about the ACHS Committee on Sports Medicine.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I have already given that report to this group. That has been handled in the past.

The American College Health Association has contemplated a study as answering what needs to be answered.

MR. JORDAN: Did they not make some revisions in this?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. JORDAN: My Athletic Director gave me a letter several days ago.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, while minor revisions were made, it still would not answer the questions that it was supposed to answer -- how many injuries and the severity of injuries and will the Athletic Trainer on the scene reduce the number of injuries?

It will give us figures which are largely, I guess, guesswork.

Now, let me interrupt and say that Bob Hartman from our Insurance Agency is coming down. As you know, the malpractice insurance rates doubled last year and I hope he is not going to give us any bad news like that this year.

MR. DAVIS: He is going to talk to us about some other programs.

Do you have anything on it, Bob?

MR. WHITE: No. We were just going to cover the whole thing on it.

MR. FLENTJE: While he is coming down, can we call a brief recess at this point?

...At this point a brief recess ensued...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Gentlemen, I believe we are ready to get started again.

We have with us Bob Hartman from our Insurance Agent, who is ready to answer your questions with regard to our insurance program.

MR. HARTMAN: Let me say that you have all received the brochure.

I presume you have read it and I do not need to go into detail. However, I will be happy to answer

any questions you may have at this point.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let me ask you, would a man be eligible for this program if he were both a member of the APTA and the NATA?

MR. HARTMAN: It is a matching, identical program.

Furthermore, there is one advantage in that if, in fact, you are a member of APTA or both, the maximum amount available in connection with the program through either plan is \$100,000. However, if you are a member of both, you can get up to \$160,000 between both plans.

It will not, for example, go to a maximum of \$200,000 but it will go sixty percent in relation to the second Association program.

Therefore, this indicates quite a lot of insurance being made available on a voluntary and liberal underwriting program.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: In relation to this group therapy insurance, am I correct in saying that this is a low rate because of all women in the group?

MR. HARTMAN: No, it is an exceptionally low rate because we have negotiated with the Company and what we have done in connection with every program in this proposal, is that we have incorporated this into a trust.

To simplify it, it is a pooling effect.

What we have done, for example, is that we have taken 50 diverse associations and we have put them all under one master policy and, therefore, regardless of whether one Athletic Trainer takes advantage of it or the total membership does, the program does in fact stay in force and it will be polled with, for example, with



respiratory therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and various nursing groups and people in the allied health professions.

Therefore, what it in effect does is that it protects your individual rate because it takes and spreads the rest out to a much greater number of bodies and people.

MR. DAVIS: How many other organizations are involved in this trust program itself?

MR. HARTMAN: Right offhand, I believe we have somewhere in the area of 33 various associations involved.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Just to give you an example, while the pages are not numbered, but in the middle of the book, under "Group Term Life", about the middle of the book, for \$10,000 of insurance, for someone between 35 and 39, the annual premium is \$28 a year. This is lower, for example, than the Texas firm which handles all of the Army people. That is lower than the TIAA, which most of our school associations have.

I have compared it with those too and find it much lower.

MR. MALACREA: Also, the TIAA is a decreasing term policy.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: This, however, does not decrease until you are seventy years old.

MR. HARTMAN: That is correct.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: To my way of thinking, that is pretty good and, further, it would not cost you anything to offer this to the membership.

MR. HARTMAN: It is absolutely nothing for the Association to offer any programs at all.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Do you have a whole life

program?

MR. HARTMAN: That is down further in the book.

There is one other thing I wanted to point out in relation to this program, and that is that any members under age 25 are guaranteed \$10,000 regardless.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: This is without a physical examination?

MR. HARTMAN: No physical examination.

What they have done is that they have taken what normally classified as Table II and if anybody here isn't familiar with Table II, this just leaves a little higher risk than standard, someone in perfect health, and they have made the Table II a standard risk.

Therefore, if an application looks kind of shakey, they may come back and ask for an attending physician's statement, which means that individual would have to go to the doctor and say, "here, fill this thing out, because they are not really believing what I am saying in the application."

However, 98 percent of the time that does not happen and so it is not a medical accept or reject.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Also, in relation to the premium, you can pay it twice a year -- you don't have to pay it all in one shot, is that correct?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, you can pay it semi-annually or, on this type of a program, and I have never seen another program offered on a voluntary basis, where you can pay up to 25 percent of whatever you buy on the face of it for your spouse and up to 10 percent for each child.

This means, for example, if you wanted to purchase \$100,000 program, you would get \$25,000 for your

wife and \$10,000 for each child.

MR. MALACREA: And that is an additional premium in the right column?

MR. HARTMAN: Correct.

For example, just for a member under thirty, it would be \$140 for the member and then an additional \$10,000 and \$3500 for the spouse and child, making that additional \$25.

MR. JORDAN: These rates stay in effect at the age at which you take out the policies? In other words these figures that you quote are the figures at the time you take out the policy and when you move into the next age bracket the premium will increase?

MR. HARTMAN: Yes, every five years.

MR. MALACREA: Now, I will acknowledge I have not looked at my life insurance for many, many years and it might be worthwhile to take a look at it.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Do you have a whole life plan?

MR. MALACREA: Yes.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Are the rates comparable?

Are they comparatively low?

MR. MALACREA: Right.

You know, the real problem with selling whole life with life insurance and with cash values is that it is difficult to put in a brochure and sell it.

In the past, for example, it was recommended to people to just go out and ask the agent because he could sit down and explain it over a cup of coffee and three hours at the kitchen table.



Now, what we have come up with on a whole life basis, ordinary life plan is a money purchase. This makes it a little simpler.

For example, for \$5 a month, you can purchase X number of dollars of insurance. If you want to purchase double that, you just spend \$10, \$15 or \$20 a month.

Now, it is a kind of Mickey Mouse approach to selling life insurance but, really, it is the only way you can do it through the mail.

As you know, we do not solicit eyeball to eyeball. Everything we do with association membership is through the mail. We do not come back. We do come to conventions, of course, in the event somebody wants to ask a question but the program, I really could not say that it is a lot better than what you would find on the street insofar as individual policies are concerned.

The only real benefit to it is that there is no policy premium and so even if a matching rate to an individual policy were involved, you save that \$15 or \$20 that you would pay a local agent and which they tack on for his annualized premium.

They do charge \$15 or \$20 a year.

Therefore, if that is any great savings, that is probably the only great savings there is.

Most ordinary life products are within pennies.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: However, you consider your term to be comparable?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, I have never seen one cheaper. These programs all are designed to be supplemental to what you presently have.

Now, the cost of living goes up, standards

go up and most premiums just kind of are left where they were fifteen years ago. Now, of course, as your house goes up in value, and if in ten years that house burns down, and you still have ten percent to what it was fifteen years ago, then you are in difficulty.

Most people don't check that, they do not check life insurance.

What we do in connection with this, particularly the term life, it gives you a lot of insurance for a little bit of money. That is really all it does -- a lot of protection for a little bit of money.

Again, it is supplemental. Every program in that booklet, for example, is designed to supplement what you have presently now either through employment or whatever you purchase as an individual.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let me ask you this question -- how many of our members have taken advantage of this?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, not enough. We are running about 85 to 90 members.

MR. FLENTJE: How many suits or cases like this have you had?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, we just got our first incident report on Friday as a matter of fact. This is the very first incident report since the program went into effect in less than a year.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is that good or bad, considering ninety people involved?

A. Well, we would say it is very bad. Eighty times \$44. If that particular claim is settled for \$200,000, that is a long way off.

MR. DAVIS: I might say, not naming the individual



or the location, this individual is also covered by his place of employment and we talked about it, told him the best thing for him to do was to go ahead and let Bob know and do this without his place of employment knowing and this is what he has done and they have made a file and Bob has made a file on the case and so, in this case, if something does come up in years to come and he is no longer at that particular place, he still has a little bit of coverage for himself or, if other things develop, he still has something that will give him ease of mind.

MR. HARTMAN: I would say that most of the coverage, if in fact they do cover the trainer, are written on a claims-made basis -- they cover you while you are employed. However, this program covers anything happening to you regardless of what you are doing, when you are doing it. You can leave the profession, for example, and take up automechanics and be sued twenty years later for something you did while practicing as an athletic trainer and you are still covered for that particular time.

This involves a dramatic difference in the types of policies issued. The possibility does exist, also, that there is a subrogation clause written into the plan like there is in hospitals and if that is the case, granted, they will pay the claim for you but the underwriting company has the right to come back and sue you to gain back the money they just spent in your defense.

Therefore, for \$44 a year, I think it is just a matter of education.

MR. FLENTJE: I had a couple of questions on that also.

I think, in our district, in relation to students, for example, there is no special rate and anything else for them, is that correct?

MR. HARTMAN: No.



MR. MALACREA: Well, if somebody is suing, they can sue you.

MR. FLENTJE: Are either we or they liable?

MR. MALACREA: This involves students, I presume, we supervise.

MR. HARTMAN: Probably the best way I can explain it is, in relation to the way the underwriting companies review it and that is that everybody is responsible for their own actions.

You can be sued because, for example, you ill-advise a student on how to do something.

There was a case recently brought up here in Illinois where an instructor, a nursing instructor, told a certain student how to do a certain thing. The student graduated and went out into practice and was practicing under a license and under the whole bit.

In her performance, she screwed up and then, in turn, came back and charged the instructor.

There are a lot of funny things along this line that can happen.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You know, it surprises me to learn that a man was insured by his school and yet this man turned in a claim to you and yet bought his own policy. This surprises me.

MR. DAVIS: He did?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. MALACREA: If you are working not as a physical therapist, but how do you define if it is you are a physical therapist as well as an athletic trainer.

Do you take out a policy as a physical therapist or is it all athletic training?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, it doesn't make any difference. The only difference is if you are a self-employed physical therapist. Then the rate is substantially higher than for an employed physical therapist. The higher rate prevails and that would still cover athletic training.

MR. DAVIS: It all comes down to the fee basis.

MR. HARTMAN: There are really two sets of rates involved.

On the employed physical therapist, he pays the same as an NATA member because you are in a totally employed situation. A totally employed physical therapist pays the same rate.

However, those self employed, who may have people working for them, have employees on their facilities, they pay a higher premium simply because of the self-employment feature and the underwriting involved. The underwriting exposure here is much greater because they are not protected, for example, by the hospital environment or even the clinical environment or whatever.

MR. FLENTJE: Is there a student rate for physical therapy students?

MR. HARTMAN: The only real break there is if a whole school of physical therapy, for example, were to go into a blanket plan. That is, very simply, this would cover, for example, thirty students in a physical therapy class and they all sign up. This is a premium break for them.

MR. FLENTJE: What kind of a break?

MR. HARTMAN: \$8.50 a year.

MR. FLENTJE: Are our schools open to this or

is this open to them?

MR. HARTMAN: Yes.

MR. FLENTJE: In other words, they have to be an approved school or the rest of the students would be left sitting on the fence?

MR. HARTMAN: Yes, the first requisite is that it has to be an accredited school for athletic training. Also, there is a minimum premium requirement of \$80 that would have to come in.

In addition to this, if they so desire, they can add the school on as the insured, the instructors on as the insured.

MR. LANE: However, there is no way that a school that is not one of our approved curriculum schools can take advantage of this?

MR. HARTMAN: Do you want them to?

MR. LANE: I think this is what Bill is getting at.

MR. FLENTJE: That has been a kind of side benefit here.

I think this would be very important for our schools.

MR. LANE: Save for a school like that of Bill the University of Missouri, which does not have an approved curriculum but he has four or five or six student trainers working for him. I believe this is what you are trying to get at.

MR. FLENTJE: Yes, that is what I am trying to get at.

Is there any way that a student trainer that is not in an approved curriculum can get coverage other



than paying his \$44 a year just like I do?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, that would really be up to you people. We do not set the standards of who and who is not eligible.

If you wanted to send me a list, for example, and say "here are 25 schools I would like to have you send literature to", I would just send it out.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: This is available only to the Code I and II membership, is that correct or is it also available to students?

MR. LANE: It is available to students also.

MR. MELHART: An individual who is now a student in your curriculum. Every student would have to sign up.

MR. HARTMAN: It is 100 percent participation, yes.

MR. DAVIS: However, in your case, Bill, it would not help you unless you had a minimum of \$80 in relation to the premium.

MR. HARTMAN: Perhaps what you could do is to entice another school in your allied health school in the insurance and list them all down together. I don't know how you would do that.

MR. WHITE: Or, on the other hand, if you could get them to pay a \$20 premium?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, no, it does not work that way.

MR. DAVIS: Well, all right, it would if it were a Conference.

MR. FLENTJE: That is a good question. Can we

do it as a Conference?

Say there are eight schools and each one of us have four students.

MR. HARTMAN: Well, that is a good question but, as to the answer, I really don't know. However, let me get back to you on that. I don't know whether we could do this or not.

MR. FLENTJE: This is something that particularly at Southwest Missouri State, where they have had a problem of staffing, people want to know. In other words, "are the students covered under my policy?" Do they have to buy their own insurance? Is there a student rate and this sort of thing?

I see this, personally, as a very large problem for us.

MR. HARTMAN: The only person covered under the policy is you.

MR. FLENTJE: Unless I am a self-employed physical therapist and then, on the other hand are students covered who are under me?

MR. HARTMAN: Not unless they pay an additional premium.

MR. FLENTJE: Then, what am I paying for when I list so many employees under me?

MR. HARTMAN: As a self-employed physical therapist?

MR. FLENTJE: Correct.

MR. HARTMAN: And you list X number of employees?

MR. FLENTJE: Correct.

MR. HARTMAN: Then you pay an additional employee premium for each employee.

MR. FLENTJE: However, does this mean that the students are covered, whomever I named, under a self-employed physical therapy policy?

MR. HARTMAN: You mean as to specific names?

MR. FLENTJE: Yes.

MR. HARTMAN: Well, I have never been asked for specific names.

MR. FLENTJE: Never?

MR. HARTMAN: Never, ever.

Send them in just for the heck of it. If you have this situation, why don't you send me a photocopy of the form.

MR. DAVIS: Where they are employed, do you pay them yourself?

MR. FLENTJE: No.

Now, I realize that all of this is a little bit off the beaten path but I called your firm and asked these questions specifically and they said, "yes, they are covered and it doesn't make any difference who they are or anything else."

MR. HARTMAN: Well, I don't know. Maybe you were talking to the wrong person because, in fact, this was on the self-employed physical therapy policies and, on that basis, they would have to know who, in fact, was working on your payroll.

MR. FLENTJE: I know what you mean.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, fellows, I think Bob is here to recommend two things.



Now, maybe we were making wrong recommendations to our people. For example, I told people who were covered by their schools who asked me about this, that I thought, after our last conversation, we decided it would be enough. However, I see, in relation to where this man has been sued, that they probably would have been happy to have had two policies, one from the company and one with you. I did not realize that many of you that have a policy with the school also went outside to cover yourselves under something like this.

The only thing I can think of recommending is a term life insurance policy. I would hate for them to get a flyer on everything.

MR. HARTMAN: The only one I really would want to recommend in here, even if I stuck it in would be a comprehensive major medical because I don't think there is any athletic trainer that really needs the basic hospitalization type of policy -- the last one and I would not even recommend it.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: When we vote on this, can we indicate to you which we would like to be sent to the membership first?

MR. HARTMAN: Sure.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Which would be the term program?

MR. HARTMAN: What we would like to do is, in fact, to have you adopt all the programs. It would take anywhere from two and a half to three years to introduce all the new plans. There is no sense in bombarding people with all kinds of things that nobody is going to read.

You know, talking about sending them a book like you have here, well, engineers are the only people that like to read material like this. I have a friend of mine that writes to a lot of engineers and he gets the thickest, smallest prints he can possibly find and

these guys sit there, read it and love it. They just look through it and they love to read all that kind of material. However, most other people do not. They don't want to take the time.

In connection with what we have already sent you, I think you can tell, by the letters and the materials that we are trying to keep it quite simple because, as you quite well know, the selling time on this material is about three minutes and maybe the colors will turn people on, the program will, the letter or envelope or something. However, mass marketing is kind of wierd and that is the reason we kind of like to keep our programs very simple, very supplemental, very easy to understand but, at the same time, have both competitive and good programs.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Will they receive another advertisement this year for the liability insurance?

MR. HARTMAN: I was thinking that maybe what we should do is get something in a newsletter, like in the Athletic Trainer Magazine. I would want to talk to Otho about that later.

There is a kind of lack of communication in relation to this whole thing because otherwise I am sure we would have had quite a bit better response.

We have been working on a program for many years and finally have come up with one. We are all charged up about it -- everybody wanted to make money on it but the result was that the thing went flat. Therefore, I think we should kind of lead up to them with regard to this, maybe this time through the magazine and maybe meetings or something and then, following that, possibly make another mass mailing.

MR. LANE: How about a representative of your firm having a booth at the convention?

MR. HARTMAN: We had one there last year.

MR. LANE: How did it go?



Was there any response to your selling anything?

MR. HARTMAN: No, we never sold anything.

MR. LANE: Really, did you receive any response from it?

MR. HARTMAN: Not really. We were, what you might call in a pretty bad location, by the door and people would run by to purchase tickets for Disneyland and nobody wanted to talk about insurance.

MR. LANE: On the other hand, how about if you were to present yourself at a local meeting, say one of our District meetings? Do you feel that might get a little better response because of a smaller group being involved?

MR. HARTMAN: I would think, really, if you want to kind of hit it between the eyes is, such as we do with other organizations, to have a little kind of workshop which people can attend with regard to the medical-legal aspects of athletic training, for example, and have this meeting where people can come in and talk about it and then have one of our representatives or maybe from the company, an individual well-versed in the situation, to field the questions.

This has worked out for us quite favorably in the past but, again, it is a matter of education more than anything else.

MR. LANE: I am a little apprehensive about an appeal to the membership through the Journal.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Why are you apprehensive?

MR. LANE: Because other people read it other than trainers and you never can tell, for example, when an Athletic Director is going to get hold of it and see, for example, that his trainer has liability insurance with Mr. Hartman.

This was one of my concerns last year and,



therefore, I was concerned that it go out in an NATA envelope rather than the Maginnis envelope, because so many people read it and, further, a lot of people know who the trainer is.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Maybe a letter directly from Otho and I to the membership, would be the answer?

MR. LANE: Yes. I think that would be the answer.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, do any of you have any more questions for Bob?

MR. MELIN: I assume you will send out renewal notices?

MR. HARTMAN: Oh, yes. We need the money also.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Are there further questions?

If not, I am going to ask Bob to leave for a few moments and ask you to approve acceptance of these programs.

MR. DAVIS: Well, Bob did this as a favor to us, coming here tonight. He has other engagements.

Therefore, are there other questions for him?

MR. HARTMAN: Do you happen to have any questions on any of the programs? Did you happen to examine them in detail?

There are a couple of really super medical plans in here. Please take a look at them.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: What else do you rate as good as the group life?'

MR. HARTMAN: Well, they are all good.

For example, the cancer expense plan is an

excellent plan -- very, very inexpensive.

So is the excess major medical, this is also an excellent plan, again expensive but, at any rate, it takes you all the way to a quarter of a million dollars.

MR. FLENTJE: Let me ask you this -- are any of these plans built on one another?

In other words, do you have to have one or the other before you can get the cancer expense or can you just take out one plan?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, again, what we would do is we would send out, let us say, for example, in 1976, we would mail and introduce the life plan and the cancer plan, with another solicitation maybe of the malpractice.

However, that is a kind of repeat.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Can we indicate to you, for example, if we accept this program, that we would like to have the group term life insurance to be the next one sent out?

MR. HARTMAN: Yes, surely. You can set up whatever ones you desire to go out whenever you desire.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does APTA use somebody else for their income protection plan?

MR. HARTMAN: I believe they are using Mutual of Omaha. They have a different approach.

What they do in relation to their disability plan, and that is about all they have as an Association or on an Association basis, is they will make one mass mailing to a group and then they will release all of the names to their field personnel and they will send these guys out to knock on your door. Other than that, I don't know why they use them or even if that is the reason. I have no idea as to why they use them. I guess

they beat us to it but that is the difference between our approach and the way they approach it.

MR. MALACREA: If you are covered by Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Major Medical and all of those kinds of things, the Major Medical or excess Major Medical, would they do?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, the Major Medical will not do anything and that is why I don't think it would be advantageous to this particular group and really I should not have stuck it in there.

I say this because Blue Cross and Blue Shield take you up to \$10,000 to \$20,000 maximum.

However, what this does, on the other hand, is pick up when they leave off for catastrophic illness. Now, when that is depleted, who pays the cost?

Well, this thing picks it up with either a \$15,000 or \$20,000 or \$25,000 deductible, whichever you think would be the most common, and it pays from that point, what Blue Cross and the rest drop off, all the way through to a quarter of a million dollars.

Now, the underwriting company feels that a quarter of a million dollars would not do either and so they can set any kind of fees.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: How much then does that cost a year, approximately?

MR. HARTMAN: You mean for the excess?

Well, it is quite inexpensive. For example, a \$15,000 deductible would cost, under age of 47, \$17 and some odd cents a year. You can get the whole family covered.

MR. FLENTJE: If we have questions on this or in relation to our liability, who do we contact, you?



MR. HARTMAN: Yes.

MR. SMITH: What is your break on children?  
When do they drop off the policy?

MR. HARTMAN: Well, most all policies drop them at age 23.

MR. MELIN: Blue Cross drops them at 19 but you can carry them individually.

MR. HARTMAN: It is 19 normally, or 23, or after school at age 25.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Are there further questions?

If not, we thank you very much, Bob for your presence here.

...Whereupon, at this point, Mr. Hartman left the room...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Now, gentlemen, there are two things I would like to say.

I am first of all going to ask you to approve what Bob has offered us, this group insurance program, with the stipulation that the group term life will be the first one, the next one offered to our Association because I really think it is an opportunity to the point even of where I drop my TIAA. The TIAA, for example, paid half and I paid half and it was more than what this one cost.

I think that I would also like to tell you that we are going to get a letter off to the organization members and tell them that even though they are covered with a school insurance policy, this is still a great advantage to them. After all, in the case of that guy being sued, he certainly must feel good knowing that he has two policies.

You know, I was really unaware that if I

leave Brown University and someone comes back and they can sue me for something I did two or three years ago.

MR. WHITE: Our insurance people recommend that.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, okay, first of all, can we have a motion to approve the insurance program as offered by Maginnis and Associates, with the stipulation that the next program offered be the group term life?

MR. LEWELLYN: I would so move.

MR. MALACREA: Second the motion.

MR. MELHART: Will that drop the major medical?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes it will be.

Is there any more discussion?

If not, all in favor of the motion raise your hand; Is there anybody opposed? Any abstentions? It is carried.

We are now down to the next agenda item, No. 37, "Dog Days and Siriasis".

MR. SMITH: Just a moment. As I understand it, a letter is going to be sent out in relation to the liability insurance?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, perhaps we had better have a motion to that effect.

Does somebody care to make a motion to the effect that the next proposal to be sent out to the membership will involve the group term life?

MR. LEWELLYN: I will so move.

MR. MALACREA: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You have the motion and the second before you. Is there further discussion?

All in favor indicate by raising your right hand. Any opposed? Any abstentions? It is carried.

Now, with regard to the article entitled "Dog Days and Siriasis", that article appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association and I received letters and telegrams and phone calls from trainers all over the country telling me that the athletic trainers had been grossly maligned in the article.

Well, I read the article and I felt that he did us a disservice in two different places, the first being where he said, that trainers do not realize that great amounts of weight loss due to dehydration and fluid loss is not the same thing as losing weight in relation to a calorie reduction plan.

I commented that the athletic trainers do, in fact, take courses in nutrition and are well versed and do realize the difference between dehydration and true weight loss.

Well, that particular statement did not seem to catch the attention of too many people.

The other thing he commented on is that when you find a death in football, you usually find involved a trainer with a "I don't give a damn attitude" and, of course, that is the one that really set everybody off and, of course, rightfully so.

As a matter of fact, it upset me and so I wrote a letter to the Editor and I sent Dr. Knochel a copy.

Well, Dr. Knochel wrote back to me and said I should not have made a comment to the editor without studying reports of newspaper articles and, of course, that is not what I did and Otho knows this.



I got a copy of the JAMA, sent him a copy of the article. I read the article thoroughly and, as a matter of fact, even studied it three or four times.

I also talked it over with my team physician.

Now, let me say that I would never comment to the editor of any Journal without first reading that Journal.

I did not, therefore, get the information that I had from newspaper articles.

In relation to the newspaper article, the headline was "Seven Ways to Kill A Football Player".

Well, the two things he mentioned, as I said, were the "I don't give a damn attitude" of the trainer and our lack of knowledge on nutrition and weight loss.

Therefore, as I say, I wrote to him and wrote to the editor of the Journal and Dr. Knochel, in turn, wrote back to me and asked me to withdraw my letter.

He asked me for a number of reasons.

First of all, he said he did not mean Certified Athletic Trainers, he meant Army Trainers.

The term "trainer" is often used as a coach and, in the European concept, a trainer is the coach. In boxing, the trainer is the coach.

In the Army, the guy who drills the men around the field, they are also called trainers.

Well, he mentioned that he meant those individuals as trainers -- that he did not mean the Certified Athletic Trainers.

He thought that my letter, in fact, would be doing a disservice to the Athletic Trainers by calling attention to what he said and then he likewise threatened a few things, such as how bad it would be to

football if the letter were to be published and things like that.

He sent a similar letter to the Journal.

Well, my reply to him was that if the letter saved one death from dehydration, then he should go ahead and write whatever he felt like.

Further, JAMA sent the letters to a private consulting firm because they could not decide whether to publish them or not and the private consulting firm agreed with Dr. Knochel, that he was not maligning trainers in his articles and that they should not publish my letter.

Well, that is about where we stand now with them.

I do want you to know this and, of course, you have copies of all the correspondence that I wrote to the Editor. Therefore, on this basis, it looks like the matter is about done now.

Are there any comments?

For example, would you rather had me not written?

You know, sometimes I react without talking to you but I will tell you that I got telegrams and letters from, I'll bet, every representative in every district here and everyone was pretty upset about it.

MR. MELIN: Does the Journal not publish all the letters that they get?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, in connection with JAMA, there is a little thing on the bottom which says "will be published at the discretion of the Editor".

He wrote me a nice letter, you know.

MR. MELIN: Of course, they have some pretty good comments.

MR. WHITE: He did not say "athletic trainers", he just said "trainers"?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: It says "trainers".

MR. DAVIS: On the other hand, when he says, for example, that a football player has died and, in the same breath, you - find a trainer there with a "don't give a damn attitude", well, we are the trainers.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, I heard from trainers from all over, especially trainers in the Southeast.

I heard quite a bit as a matter of fact from District No. 5 -- also District No. 6.

The Southern States seemed to have been involved more in this -- or the problem has been greater in the Southern States.

MR. DAVIS: The AMA did not want to put it in their Journal and I think we can insert it in our minutes wording to clarify the issue with our own members now.

Do you see anything wrong with that?

...Cries of "no"...

MR. WHITE: I think it is interesting to note, for example, that they did not get any complaints from the trainers that he said he was mentioning. Perhaps it was because they did not recognize they were being maligned. However, in connection with the drill sergeants, they probably recognized it was them he was complaining about.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Do they call them trainers in the Army?



MR. CHAMBERS: I don't know, but in the Air Force they are called Training Instructors.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I believe his comments likewise related to the Air Force.

Well, this is merely for your information and so let us now proceed to item No. 39, having to do with accreditation, HEW.

Now, this means, as you know, we have been trying to be recognized as the official accrediting agency for appropriate athletic training curriculums with HEW.

They sent a doctor to Penn State to talk to the education group, to explain to us the feelings of HEW on this.

Now, we have been pursuing this for two or three years. Phil has been working quite hard on it.

Otho, Phil and I had dinner with the man and talked with him for two or three hours. He, in turn, talked to the group for almost an hour and I think he is a nice guy and, I think, also sympathetic to our position.

There are nine reasons that HEW states you should be an accrediting agency.

Improve the curriculums in the school so the students can transfer from one school to another.

Now, a lot of these are nice sounding reasons and, of course, the ninth reason is to make you eligible for government funds.

He, in essence, told us that is the only thing that is important -- that the only people they recognize as accrediting agents are people who accredit a school because that school could not get financial aid any other way than if that agency accredited it.

Now, as to where that leaves us, we do have a statement to the effect that every school that we give an approved curriculum to must be an accredited school.

Therefore, he says there is no need for them to recognize us as an accrediting agency because that school is already getting federal money.

Do you understand? Again, there are nine reasons.

It is really not that confusing.

There are nine reasons that you should be an accrediting agency.

Now, do you know what an accrediting agency is?

MR. WHITE: In other words, we are not one?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, but we are not officially recognized as one.

MR. WHITE: Who do we need to be officially recognized by?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: One of two groups.

Health, Education and Welfare is the only government group that does this.

The other group that does it is a private group and it is like a club and, further, it costs you dues to belong to that club. This is the Council on Secondary Education.

MR. WHITE: Are we fighting to be accredited by HEW?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, we would like to be recognized as the accrediting agency for approved athletic training curriculums.

MR. WHITE: Don't they want us to be?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, as I say, they don't feel there is any need for us to be because every school that we have an approved curriculum in is already approved for getting government funds.

MR. LANE: However, will that always be true?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, that was a question we asked and right now it looks that way, Ed -- that we are not going to approve a course in any school which is not an accredited school and let me tell you, we certainly tried.

We tried to pick a school someplace that needed money. However, we could not find one, not even close.

That is the big drawback, that is really a big drawback.

Another big one is that we only send one man out on a visitation but we can solve that by sending two. However, that becomes a problem for the Education Committee.

There are likewise other problems.

The big problem, of course, is he says the first thing they are going to ask you when you walk into that school is whether that school that they are going to accredit needs federal accreditation, too, so that it can have federal funds.

We, in turn, are going to have to say, "no, we already get federal funds" and they then say "too bad, try again".

MR. LANE: As I understand it, they are not getting federal funds for an athletic training program



-- they are getting federal funds as an institution.

For example, if an institution is approved for federal funds, it is approved throughout.

I believe that was something that he explained to us.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Correct.

Are there further questions?

Well, we are going to make a petition. Also, it will be a lot of work for Phil Connelly to make the petition out, especially when you take a look at the book he previously prepared.

You know, he actually worked a full year in connection with that particular petition, got it turned in and then within 30 days after he turned that petition in, they said there would now be a new petition for making applications and so he has to do it all over again.

MR. MELHART: I got a little bit of a feeling he was trying to scare us to see if we were really going to go after it because he made the statement that almost everyone of them was sent back the first time, refused the first time and there was maybe even a second or third attempt before people were finally recognized.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, we have talked Phil into making at least two attempts. I hope we make three, but at least two.

We are going to try it for them.

We are talking two or three years.

It is going to take about a year for the first one -- to get a hearing and everything. Then, if we are accepted, great. If we are not, then we are going to try again.

Well, gentlemen, that is about where we stand on that.

Do you have any questions?

It is a very, very important step to be really recognized as professionals because if we are not, then those APTA schools, they can begin turning out trainers -- that New England School of Athletic Training they can begin turning out trainers -- as a matter of fact, any place can begin turning out trainers; the North-American Trainer's Association, running out of Canada and the Oklahoma City Hockey Club -- they can likewise begin turning out trainers.

Therefore, we really need this and need it very badly and if we don't get it through HEW, then we may have to pay for it through the Council on Secondary Schools.

I told him that I hate to think of buying anything but sometimes you do have to buy things. Sometimes, I guess, you even buy public relations.

MR. LANE: Would the Council on Secondary Schools have the same clout, Frank, as if we had it with HEW?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, nobody has the same clout as HEW -- nobody does.

MR. DAVIS: Maybe we should try this first and probably get shot down and try two or three more times with them.

MR. LANE: As I understand it, Phil is willing to fight two more battles, is that correct?

MR. DAVIS: I am sure he will at least go another round.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We will try them and then try something else if it doesn't work. However, this

individual was a very nice guy. He was a country boy from North Dakota but he was also sympathetic.

Is there anything further on this item?

If not, we go to item 40, having to do with the Berkshire meeting.

Well, they had a meeting and invited 15 or so trainers, doctors, coaches from all over the New England area and anybody from NATA who desired to attend. I think you all received my letter on that.

They pay the expenses of the NATA people making the meeting.

What it amounts to is this -- Massachusetts is getting ready to do two things -- require that there be someone on their athletic staff who is versed in athletic training and the doctor who spoke there said that idea would be to have a graduate of an NATA approved curriculum -- that if that wasn't possible, the next best thing would be someone who had graduated from an approved faculty, NATA faculty trainer curriculum.

This is the three-year program that we have talked about year after year and summer after summer.

It looks like they are getting ready to move on it.

They are going to have another meeting in three weeks.

They have the money and, of course, that is the big thing -- they have the money to do it and they are ready to go.

Now, are there any questions on that?

I have talked to you a number of times about faculty trainer programs and I still feel that I am



in favor of them now but I also feel they should be temporary.

Otho and I have said "five years" or something like that.

There is a time when we would hope that these faculty trainer education programs would be used strictly for continuing education and that is it -- not as a means to become a certified trainer.

I merely give you that for your information.

Now, Otho, do you wish to say anything about the Schering Symposium?

MR. DAVIS: Well, The Schering Symposium will be on low back problems in athletics. Doug DeStefano will be the moderator again. Dr. Leech from Boston will be on the program and then there is another individual from Duke University and Phil Donnelly will be the trainer.

MR. WHITE: When is it going to be?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: On Sunday afternoon.

MR. WHITE: Do you know, for example, if they would be opposed to a Sunday evening?

MR. DAVIS: Yes, they would be. Everything has all been set up for Sunday afternoon.

MR. WHITE: I meant like for 1977?

MR. DAVIS: I have no idea.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Sunday evening traditionally is pretty well taken up.

MR. WHITE: I would like to say that in connection with our entertainment planning, the basic entertainment for 1977 will be a visit to Greenfield Village,

which closes at six p.m. Therefore, you can have the evening free instead of having training starting at six o'clock.

MR. DAVIS: Why don't you go to Saturday afternoon then?

MR. WHITE: Well, we did not want to put an added day on there either. However, at some time I would like to talk to somebody about this at some appropriate occasion here.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let me add that Schering sponsored a meeting on Sports Safety in connection with the Health Care Society.

MR. DAVIS: While we are at it, let me say that Schering has already sent us a check for \$3,000 in advance for the symposium and that check was deposited at the Philadelphia National Bank. \$2,000 was withdrawn from a savings account and placed with this to purchase, I think, a ninety day treasury bond to draw interest on because we do not need the money at the present time to pay those expenses.

Therefore, we will be making some \$50 or \$60 off of it.

MR. WHITE: Let me ask you this -- is there any reason why they are so good to us or apparently so?

MR. DAVIS: Not particularly. We have been working right along with them.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Larry and Otho are very very close.

Larry, for example, has a son who was injured playing football and Otho and the team physician at Philadelphia took care of him and there is nothing like making friends like that.

MR. WHITE: Well, the reason I asked is that at our district it seems like we are always talking about Schering doing this or that. Well, the question often comes up, are they trying to buy us?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I don't think so.

MR. LEE: Just a little aside here and I don't think Otho had anything to do with this, but the Schering representative out at Tucson cannot do enough for us. He is there with samples all the time and it is just amazing.

We are likewise giving him some business but they are super people.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: they give us enough samples to take us through the year.

MR. DAVIS: They have all of your names.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Well, they have sponsored this Sports Safety and Health Care Society and Bud Miller is the President of it.

MR. MALACREA: Are they going to try to replace Cramer with a newsletter?

MR. DAVIS: Well, it is going to be a little bit better than Cramer and it is going to be geared to the high school program.

MR. LEE: How about that Sports Safety and Health Care, are they merely sponsoring it only?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes, just sponsoring it, paying the bill. However, as indicated, Bud has been made the President of it. We do have our hand in there.

MR. DAVIS: Dick Hoover is going to do the newsletter.

MR. MALACREA: He is also doing the newsletter



for the other organization, the Section on Sports Medicine.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: By the way, we feel good about having him do that. We don't think of him as being a trainer and leaving us and not doing something for us but doing that something for us in a much needed area.

MR. WHITE: Have we gone past the 1976 convention reports?

MR. DAVIS: We will have to get on that shortly.

MR. FLENTJE: What is the purpose of this Society any way?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: To disseminate information to the high school athletic programs.

MR. DAVIS: They were pouring a lot of money into the high school federation -- giving them the Athletic Director of the Year Award, and the Federation is not receiving that money from Schering any more and they are worried.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Now they will give the award if the Athletic Director has certified athletic trainers on the staff. That is the only way he gets the award, and if he has a team physician.

MR. LANE: How do we submit an ad. I can use that right within the next two months.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let me say to you, for example, that Larry has a nice certificate made up for the promotion of sports medicine.

MR. MELIN: It is political.

MR. DAVIS: You are darn right.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The promotion of sports

medicine and health care of the student athlete.

It is a beauty.

MR. LANE: We are talking about the secondary institutions?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The high schools are the only ones getting this, and those having a Certified Athletic Trainer and Team Physician.

That is really nice.

MR. LANE: Forget it. I was going to talk to Otho but the "team physician" threw me.

MR. FLENTJE: No wonder the Federation wants the name of that survey.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: All right the next item has to do with the 1976 Convention Report.

Now, I met at Boston with Fred Hoover and, as you know, it will be held at the Sheraton-Boston. Most of our rooms, they say will be in the new Towers but if we do go over 500 rooms we will have to go into both Towers. There are over 1,000 rooms in the two Towers. We should all be housed in the same hotel.

The exhibits will be in the connecting Convention Center.

The program will all take place in the hotel, between the large ballroom and the two smaller ballrooms.

There is also available a nice area there for the trainer workshops to be held in.

They seem to have everything in hand insofar as the logistics go.

Fred also seemed to be happy about the

convention room rate. They have a good room rate.

They also seem to have things well in hand for the banquet and I also know they are working on the entertainment.

For example, they have talked about that Sunday night party being a clam bake sponsored by various firms. All of you will remember how Kramer used to sponsor a Sunday night party -- maybe get a few firms together to sponsor a clam bake. I think the cost was \$10 or \$12 per individual and they are now working on that.

The other thing was that the hotel was giving them a little trouble on the Falstaff Room or something like that. I guess they make a lot of money on liquor and if you provide free beer, this provides difficulty for them.

They had not received permission to do that, at least at the time I left.

MR. WHITE: Is Kramer going to be involved this year with anything?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I don't know if Kramer specifically is. I think they were trying to get a number of different firms to sponsor a clam bake. However, I don't know what the status is.

The Eastern meeting will be tomorrow or in about a week.

MR. JORDAN: I talked to Bill Kramer back in the middle of December. He was out to dinner with me.

He indicated to me that perhaps the Association has come to a point and the convention has come to a point which makes it all almost impossible for them to handle us at least by themselves.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Of course, we understand



that.

I understand, for example, that Kansas City really cost them a bundle. Everybody brought their friends and family and some other people and so it really cost them a lot.

So we are going to try to do it on a group basis. I hope it will work out.

Is there anything further in relation to this item?

MR. DAVIS: In regard to the Winter Olympics, we have already covered that. Also, we have covered item No. 49 having to do with the National Head and Neck Injury Registry.

Now, let us go to item No. 47, having to do with the President". Each of you received a letter from me regarding the Office of President and, well, let's see, I think I got returns from everybody but Bill.

The comment by Joe Giek, for example, was that he thought Frank George was doing a fine job and that he, therefore, had no desire to run. He said that he did not desire to run in 1976 but he might want to run in 1978.

Eddie did that for the same reason that Joe just stated.

Bud Miller sent in a bibliography and said, yes, he would run, providing Frank George did not run. If Frank was running, he was withdrawing his name.

Therefore, gentlemen, we only have one name and that is the name of Frank George.

Now, I had a conversation with Bruce about this and perhaps he should state his opinion in relation

to this at this point.

MR. MELIN: Well, according to the Constitution you have to have a vote and, in my opinion, the election of the President has to be by a majority of those voting. Therefore, I really don't see much of an alternative except to send out the vote or voting cards, as has been done before, and request that everybody make their vote and return the ballot cards so that it will be an official election and in accordance with the Constitution.

MR. CHAMBERS: Should we send out a letter explaining why there is only one ballot?

MR. MELIN: That could be on the card.

MR. CHAMBERS: Do we have to put a place on there for a write-in?

MR. MELIN: No, you don't, because the Board of Directors is the Nominating Committee and there is no provision for any other nomination.

The Constitution states that the Board should nominate two persons but if the eligible individuals do not wish to have their name on the ballot, then, of course, there is no way that they have to have their names on the ballot.

MR. DAVIS: It is up to the Board to nominate two names.

MR. MELIN: Correct.

MR. DAVIS: However, there is only one person who has indicated he has a desire for the job and so it is up to you fellows to nominate one person.

MR. MELIN: He can withdraw then this can be on the votingcard but I think, in order to make it official, it might be that you will have to have a ballot.

MR. FLENTJE: How many names do we have to submit?

MR. MELIN: Two.

MR. FLENTJE: There has to be two names?

MR. MELIN: Well, you can nominate two but, of course, if the person who is nominated does not wish to have his name on the ballot, there is nothing you can do about that.

MR. MALACREA: How many names must there be on the ballot that the membership receives?

MR. MELIN: Well, it doesn't say. It says you have to nominate two.

Now, my opinion is that if you only had one candidate who was desiring to be on the ballot, that would just be a matter of people voting for that person.

Now, if you feel that you would rather have two names on that is something else but then, on the other hand, how can you put a person's name on there if he does not want to run.

MR. CHAMBERS: My concern is with two or three individuals I have in my district and what they would do in this connection. Some of these fellows out there don't really understand and they are too busy complaining to read the constitution.

Maybe we ought to give them an opportunity if they want to have a write-in candidate or something like that.

MR. MELIN: There is no provision for a write-in candidate. Therefore I don't believe it is legal to put one on the ballot.

MR. CHAMBERS: I think we ought to have a



letter stating exactly what happened so that they will know.

MR. MELIN: It can go on the voting cards.

MR. CHAMBERS: I think we have to do that.

MR. MELIN: I think some explanation is in order.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Personally, I feel rather bad about it because, first of all, I can understand what it is to run against someone in office. No matter who it is and whether they are doing a good or bad job, it is hard to get someone out of office who is presently in there, no matter who you are. That is very tough.

Secondly, we have been accused of railroading. I can also understand the feelings of the people who have indicated to you what they have because that is also a tough thing to do.

What are we going to do? First of all, would you like me to leave the room?

...Cries of "no"...

MR. MELIN: According to the Constitution, you should nominate two people.

My position is one as to how you can put a person's name on the ballot if he does not want to run.

However, I presume you can nominate two people and indicate that.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I don't think we should let the membership know about the guys who said what they said.

MR. MELIN: I don't want to let the membership

know somebody withdrew.

MR. FLENTJE: Why could we not make up a letter indicating a list of all the people that were eligible to run for the office and indicating that they all declined except one.

MR. DAVIS: The Board of Directors has nominated this one candidate to fill the office of President of the NATA for the next two years.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Rather than just putting down two names and saying that, I would rather have everybody's name put down.

MR. FLENTJE: In other words, in connection with everybody eligible, put their names on there.

MR. LANE: Yes, like Otho said, and then go ahead and explain it.

MR. CHAMBERS: Then we have to have a vote.

MR. DAVIS: However, you then do fulfill the Constitutional obligations.

MR. MELIN: A person has to be elected by the majority of the votes.

MR. DAVIS: Yes, a person has to be elected by a majority vote.

"Enclosed is your ballot, please return".

MR. WHITE: Make sure you don't pay the postage for the ones coming back. In other words, anybody desiring to vote shall put their own thirteen cents on there and thus save us that amount of money.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: We would also get everybody mad at us putting numbers on the ballots again.

Well, is that what we are going to do?

MR. DAVIS: A motion from the Board is in order now.

To make it official, in other words, there has to be a nomination from the Board.

MR. LEWELLYN: I nominate Frank George to continue in the Office of President.

MR. LEE: I will second the motion.

MR. FLENTJE: I amend the motion to the effect we send out a letter.

MR. DAVIS: In other words, a letter with a ballot be sent.

MR. FLENTJE: Listing those eligible to be nominated for the Presidency and that one has accepted the nomination.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The motion was made by District No. 3 and seconded by District 7.

Is there further discussion?

If not, all in favor indicate by raising their hands; is there any opposition?

Are there any abstentions?'

The motion is carried.

Thank you very much. I really appreciate it.

MR. DAVIS: Perhaps we should to to item 51 and get that out of the way. This has to do with the convention course credit.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Bill Chambers, would you care to comment on that?

MR. CHAMBERS: Well, last year, at the meeting held in Anaheim, we offered a course credit and we did



it without Board approval and what this will involve is people that need units for advancement on the salary schedule or for fill in which, you know, satisfies the work toward a degree and what have you.

We gave our members an opportunity to do this.

Now, last year we required a minimum.

The course would be through California State at Hayward, where Don is. Don will run the program.

It will involve \$50 for three-quarter units or two semester units or \$25 for one-half quarter unit and one semester unit.

It will cost us nothing. The only thing it will cost us will be in relation to some of our 1976 convention mailings, if we put something in there so the people will know about it and if they want to pre-register, they can do so.

We will be receiving a minimum of \$50 to begin with and if we go over twenty -- if we get twenty people to sign up, it is \$5 a person and we don't have to do anything.

Now, last year, because of the way in which we set it up, we did not get enough publicity on it. We had 19 people and the school needed 20 people in order to be able to give us this.

I am not sure as to how the financial aspect goes. However, anything above 20 -- if we get 50 people signed up, for example, there is \$250 we get for the Association for doing nothing.

MR. MELIN: We provide a service for the people of our Association and so I would like to ask for Board approval on this.

MR. WHITE: What school was that?

MR. CHAMBERS: California State University.

It will be upper division units.

MR. WHITE: What is that?

MR. CHAMBERS: I am not sure.

Don was not sure how he was going to work on this thing.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let me say that I mentioned this to the Boston people and I heard them talking it over with Fred Hoover and he recommended to them not to do it because not enough people signed up for it before.

MR. DAVIS: It doesn't matter.

MR. CHAMBERS: On the other hand, if you get 10 people, there is \$50 and, further, we really don't have to do anything for it.

MR. DAVIS: What I am trying to say, for example, is that it is nothing out of our pocket to put the thing on. All we have to do is to put another flyer in the envelope when the convention material goes out.

MR. WHITE: How much credit will it involve?

MR. CHAMBERS: Whatever you desire -- up to three-quarter units or two semester units, or you can go one and a half quarter units or one semester unit.

MR. MELHART: When continuing education comes into effect, then something like this is going to get a heck of a lot more popular.

MR. CHAMBERS: Well, I don't think it would take the place of continuing education because, as some of us were talking about earlier, in relation to continuing education, they are going to get units for coming to the convention anyway.

MR. MELHART: You get additional ones here?

MR. CHAMBERS: Yes, with this right here, but the only thing we will need, and Don will write Fred about this, will be a table and a registration area. Don will run it and I have told him I will help him when I was free to do so.

The only thing I would like to have is Board action to approve it, especially if we are going to do something like this.

Now, as I say, we did it without Board approval last year but then it was just one of those things that I called Otho about and we got a late start on it. However, I think if we could get free publicity, we could stand to pick up a couple of hundred dollars for really doing nothing. As I say, it is not going to cost us anything.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: It sounds good. Does anybody else have anything else to say about it?

MR. FLENTJE: I would move we approve the course for credit.

MR. LEE: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You have before you the motion and the second. Is there further discussion?

If not, all in favor raise your right hand; any opposed?

Any abstentions? It is carried.

On this basis, I would suggest that someone had better notify the Boston people in relation to space and things like that.

MR. CHAMBERS: I will have Don contact Fred first and I will have him contact you, Wes, in connection with the program later on.



MR. JORDAN: I will have a copy of the program to send to all of the Directors when I get back.

MR. CHAMBERS: He has to submit a course for approval.

MR. JORDAN: I have made a note here to get a program so we can get a copy to each of you.

MR. CHAMBERS: That is required by Mid-February.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Does that complete this item?

If so, it is now 7:20 and I think we will recess until 8:30 p.m.

...Whereupon, at 7:20 o'clock p.m., the Session was recessed to reconvene at 8:30 o'clock p.m....