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News from the District Director, R.T. Floyd



I hope your fall has been going well so far and that preventative efforts have paid off in reducing injuries and illnesses. As always, this is a busy time as we conduct our regular business and prepare for the various NATA, SEATA and state association activities. I would like to call your attention to the deadlines and dates for many of these activities as listed later in this Newsletter and on the SEATA and NATA websites. We encourage your involvement in as many of these activities and events as your schedules will allow. We appreciate your review of the candidates and voting in the recent and current elections. Elections are an opportunity for everyone to have a say in your professional associations and exercising your right to vote can make a difference.

Please take some time to nominate your fellow members for the various honors and awards, both at the SEATA and NATA level. We have numerous members who, through their past work, leadership

and service, have made this a better profession for all of us and they our recognition.

From the NATA Board perspective, we are especially pleased to have reached a settlement in the Fair Practice lawsuit with the APTA. If you have not yet read the results of this settlement, I encourage you to do so via the NATA website. In other news we have agreed to support a project team in moving forward toward the development of an Intro to Sports Medicine Course for use in secondary schools. On a related note, we also agreed to move forward with a one-day secondary school student aide program at the Annual NATA Meeting. Additionally, we are researching the possibility of an NATA Sports Safety Course for coaches and parents to focus on risk management and ways to prevent injuries and illnesses. Finally, we have increased non-member registration fees for the NATA Annual Meeting to more closely reflect the value of

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News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski



Hello – I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying this fall season. Many thanks to our District Director R.T. Floyd for all his time and efforts in helping keep our SEATA members informed by sending out SEATA eBlasts and Newsletters that arrive in your email. Log onto our SEATA website to see more information about SEATA activities.

I would like to thank all the SEATA members who have taken the time to participate in the recent SEATA elections. Your desire to take an active role in our profession should be commended. If you did not participate in the recent elections please plan to get involved in future SEATA functions. A special thank you to Donna

Wesley (MS President) for serving as the Chair of the Elections Committee. She has done an exceptional job. Your SEATA Board continues to meet throughout the year via conference calls. Please contact your State President or any officer on the SEATA Board if you have questions or suggestions to enhance SEATA activities.

A sad note – many of you were aware that SEATA lost a very active member and our SEATA Secretary this Fall. Lori Mobley Groover passed away from cancer. Thank you to the many SEATA members that sent support to Lori and her family. Many of us were able to attend her funeral. While this was a sad occasion it gave me the opportunity to reflect just how close and supportive the athletic training community is. We

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SEATA Special Election for Secretary Results

The SEATA Elections Committee announces Tom Bair as the winner of the 2009 SEATA Secretary Special Election. Tom will take office immediately and finish the term (until June 2010) of Lori Groover, who passed away in September after a brief battle with cancer.

Congratulations to Georgia for having the highest percentage of eligible voters cast a ballot in BOTH the initial election and the runoff with 6% (35 of 579 voters). Of the 3,302 eligible SEATA voters, 231 valid votes were cast in the initial special election (7.0%) and 260 valid votes were cast in the runoff election (7.9%).

The Elections Committee reminds members that voting in the Regular Election for SEATA Secretary Runoff

ends at midnight EST, on Thursday, November 5, 2009. Please visit the SEATA website to read candidate bios and cast your ballot. Certified regular, retired certified, and student certified members of SEATA in good standing as of September 15 are eligible to vote in this election. The SEATA Vice President and Secretary terms will be June 2010 to June 2013.

If you have any questions about the elections, or have any suggestions to improve our voter participation, please contact Donna Wesley, Elections Committee Chair, at dwesleyatc@yahoo.com or 662-231-5939.

STATE	ELIGIBLE VOTERS	INITIAL	%	RUN-OFF	%	VOTED IN BOTH	%
Alabama	343	13	3.8	23	6.7	7	2.0
Florida	1145	61	5.3	77	6.7	27	2.4
Georgia	579	55	9.5	59	10.2	35	6.0
Kentucky	304	27	8.9	36	11.8	18	5.9
Louisiana	235	25	10.6	13	5.5	7	3.0
Mississippi	191	22	11.5	18	9.4	10	5.2
Puerto Rico	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	501	28	5.6	34	6.8	12	2.4
Virgin Island	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3302	231	7.0	260	7.9	116	3.5

SEATA Regular Election for Secretary Runoff Ends 11/05/09

The following candidates are in the Regular Election for SEATA Secretary Runoff. Please read the following biographies at www.seata.org/elec09b.htm and then go to <https://www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT49E> to vote. Select one candidate for Secretary and submit your online vote **no later than midnight EST Thursday, November 5, 2009**. Submitted electronic ballots are confidential and go to the SEATA Elections Accountant, Jennifer Armstrong, CPA at the accounting firm of Gainspoletti & Associates for validation and tabulation.

Candidates for Secretary

Tom Bair, M.Ed., ATC, LAT

Larry M. Starr, ABD, ATC, LAT, CSCS, USPTA

- Only certified members in good standing in SEATA on September 15, 2009 are eligible to vote.
- All voting will take place between October 22 and midnight EST Thursday, November 5, 2009.
- All submitted ballots (online or mail) are confidential and go to the SEATA accounting firm for validation and tabulation.

Go to <https://www.SignUp4.net/Public/>

ap.aspx?EID=SEAT49E to vote online OR submit the provided ballot by mail (postmark) by Midnight EST, Thursday, November 5, 2009 to:

Jennifer Armstrong, CPA
c/o Gainspoletti & Associates
Attention: SEATA Elections
P O Box 1259
Cleveland, MS 38732



Fair Practice Lawsuit - Did We Win?

Did we win? That's the question on the minds of members who read that the litigation brought by the NATA against the American Physical Therapy Association has been settled out of court. Yes, I think we did.

The parties agreed to create a Joint Statement, and that statement was issued in late September. To read more about it and watch a video by President Albohm, go to <http://www.nata.org/fairpractice/index.htm>. So the critical question is: what's in the Statement?

Its major provisions are:

- APTA acknowledges that athletic trainers are health care professionals authorized to provide interventions within their scope of practice.
- The APTA acknowledges that the scopes of practice of the two professions overlap.
- By signing the statement, the APTA agrees that athletic trainers work on "patients."
- The APTA agrees that PTs are not the exclusive providers of manual therapy, and ATs are qualified to provide manual therapy.
- APTA agrees that the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation codes are not exclusive to any one particular provider, with the exception of the evaluation and re-evaluation codes for both AT and PT.

But it really shouldn't be a matter of winning or losing.

The initial complaint had to do with teaching and performing manual therapy, but the issues go much deeper. Many ATs feel that the attitude of the physical therapy profession is that athletic training and athletic trainers are unqualified, uneducated PT wanna be's. Yet, many work successfully alongside their physical therapy colleagues every day in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust. This Statement should put many of the issues to rest.

What else does it mean? The Joint Statement extends far beyond the professional relationships. This is a document that can be shared with other health professionals, employers, patients, insurance companies and legislators.

Unfortunately, the APTA has posted FAQs on its website that appear to be intended to negate the Statement their president signed so recently.

This posting has upset many NATA members, and forced the NATA to write a rebuttal. Too lengthy to repeat here, go to <http://www.nata.org/fairpractice/FairPracticeSettlementDiscussion100809.pdf> to read the NATA response to the FAQ's.

You'll see that NATA believes the court did find the suit to have merit, a critical issue in any antitrust complaint, that ATs are qualified to perform certain forms of manual therapy and that PTs are not the exclusive providers of manual therapy, and that APTA has agreed not to make false or misleading statements about the athletic training profession.

In this great country, advocates are allowed to make their case before our legislative bodies. We expect the state PT associations to continue to vigorously represent their profession just as our state associations vigorously represent

athletic training. This signed Statement will help those lobbying on your behalf to set the record straight if any representations go too far. In the meantime, you should know that your professional organization has 'put its money where its mouth is' by taking this action. It also supports states seeking to update AT practice acts to align them with modern athletic training education, training, and practice.

Yes, this is a win for the profession and the people it serves.



Fair Practice Lawsuit Settlement at www.nata.org/fairpractice/index.htm

35th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting

Make your plans now to join us for the 35th Anniversary of the [SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#) on March 18-21, 2010 at the [Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort](#), Panama City Beach, FL. Pre-registration is \$105.00 for everyone except students

(\$70.00) and non-NATA members (\$155.00). Online pre-registration will be available soon and is strongly encouraged.

[Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort](#) reservations must be made by Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010 to ensure the Resort

View \$135.00/night and Bay View \$145.00/night room rate by calling the Area Reservations Office at 1-866-234-5362. Request "the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association group rate".

To check updates go to www.seata.org/10csmm.htm.

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Help the CDC Encourage Flu Vaccinations

A **flu vaccine** is the first and most important step in protecting against influenza infections. Currently there are **TWO flu vaccines available**: the seasonal **flu vaccine** and a **2009 H1N1 vaccine**. Both are safe, effective and important to have administered, especially among high-risk populations.

For information about the 2009 H1N1 vaccines, please visit **[H1N1 Flu Vaccination Resources](#)**. For information about seasonal influenza vaccines, visit **[Preventing Seasonal Flu with Vaccination](#)**.

CDC has made it easier to answer your questions about the signs and symptoms of H1N1 flu by providing free **[H1N1 resources](#)** in the form of ready-made, multi-language brochures, flyers, podcasts and more.

What is a Concussion? If In Doubt, Sit It Out



“**Concussions in Hockey**” at www.nata.org/atcresources/concussion_vid.htm explores the signs and symptoms of head injuries while offering tips on how to play it safe in this fast, high-impact sport.

Please support the NATAPAC!

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NATAPAC is NATA's Political Action Committee.

NATAPAC is part of NATA's federal legislative strategy.

2010 will be an election year, so it is very important for us to raise the awareness of our efforts, along with funds.

Contributions made with your dues renewal is a no hassle, convenient way to show your support for our legislative efforts.

If every member of SEATA

would contribute just \$5, we would raise over \$21,000 for NATAPAC.

We greatly appreciate everyone's participation at any level.

As a reminder, the following are the annual leadership levels:

- Olympian: \$500 and up
- Elite: \$250- \$499
- Select: \$50- \$249
- Varsity: \$1- \$49

For more information, please go to www.natapac.org or contact Amy Callender at amyc@nata.org. Please remember that a contribution to the NATAPAC is not tax deductible.

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National Athletic Trainers' Association political action committee

The Voice of Athletic Training!



Issues in Health Care - Review & Act Today!

Health care in America encompasses a vast array of professions, and the issues tied to health care quickly become complex. As both providers and as consumers, athletic trainers need to understand the health care climate.

Visit the NATA Issues in Health Care web page at www.nata.org/advocacy/HealthCareReform.htm to learn more and let your voice be heard.

Health Care Reform Understanding the Issue
New!!!- E-mail 'analysis' of health bill needs a check-up
By: Angie Drobic Holan, Politifact.com

Senate Finance Letter

HELP Letter

House Tricommittee Letter

Ten Questions on the Health-Care Overhaul By: Janet Adamy, The Wall Street Journal

Health Care Reform Fact Sheet

Health Care Reform: An Introduction from the Congressional Research Service

Side by Side Comparison of Health Care Reform Proposals from the Kaiser Family Foundation

Briefing Paper for Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

Letter From the President to Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Senator Max Baucus

The New Yorker: The Cost Conundrum- What a Texas town can teach us about health care.

President's Blog

An interview with White House Health Care Czar Nancy-Ann DeParle

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Health Care Reform White Paper

Proposals

SFC Policy Option: **Expanding Health Care Coverage**

SFC Policy Option: **Transforming the Health Care Delivery System**

SFC Policy Option: **Financing Comprehensive Health Care Reform**

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Visit the **Legislative Alert Center**

Notes from the **NCSL Meeting on Health Care Reform**

Related Organizations

Joint Statement on Health Reform

Letter to President Obama

SEATA Election Results - Runoff Election for Secretary

The SEATA Elections Committee announces Heloise Belarmino as the winner of the 2009 SEATA Vice President Election. There again is a runoff for the SEATA Secretary position between Tom Bair and Larry Starr. The By-Laws Amendments were approved with 99% of the vote. Of the 3,302 eligible SEATA voters, 241 valid votes were cast in the initial regular election (7.3%).



The Elections Committee reminds members that voting in the Regular Election Runoff for SEATA Secretary between Tom Bair and Larry Starr, **ends at midnight EDT, on Thursday, November 5, 2009.** Please visit the SEATA website to read candidate bios and to cast your ballot. Certified regular, retired certified, and student certified members of SEATA in

good standing as of September 15 are eligible to vote in this election. The SEATA Vice President and Secretary terms will be June 2010 to June 2013.

If you have any questions about the elections, or have any suggestions to improve our voter participation, please contact Donna Wesley, Elections Committee Chair, at dwesleyatc@yahoo.com or 662-231-5939.

SEATA Elections Committee Apology for Timing of Calls

As Chair of the SEATA Elections Committee, I would like to personally apologize to those members that were upset by the timing of the telephone calls that were made on Monday, October 12. Due to technical difficulties beyond my control, the phone calls took much longer than anticipated.

The SEATA Executive Board and the Elections Committee are working together to make sure that this does not happen again. We have established a new policy that will limit the hours phone calls can be made to between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. We are also working with the company to ensure that those

members in the Eastern Time Zone are called first. If a phone number other than your home phone number was called, please review your NATA membership profile and make any needed changes. Again, I am sorry for any inconvenience.

Get all of the SEATA & NATA News at the SEATA News page, <http://www.seata.org/news.htm>

NATA Research & Education Foundation

The **NATA Foundation 2010 Scholarship Applications** are now available at www.natafoundation.org/scholarship.html for each of the three categories: Entry Level, Masters and Doctoral. Application packets must be fully submitted online by midnight, February 5, 2010.

Approximately seventy \$2,300 scholarships will be offered. The basic criteria includes NATA membership (since February 5, 2009 for masters and doctoral and application for membership not later than November 1, 2009 for entry level students), 3.2

GPA on all course work and intent to make athletic training their primary means of livelihood. Specific eligibility requirements vary with each scholarship and are provided with the application instructions.

For more information, contact Ty Jones the NATA Foundation office (1-800-trynata), ext. 121.

The deadline for Athletic Training Student organizations to sign up for the **2009-2010 Athletic Training Student Challenge** is December 31, 2009. The goals of this program are to provide an oppor-

tunity for students of athletic training to actively support the NATA Foundation and to raise money for research in athletic training. Go to www.natafoundation.org/forms/2008ATSCedit1A.htm for more information.

The **NATA Research and Education Foundation's Free Communications Program** is now open. All submissions are due by midnight, Dec. 1, 2009. For more information, visit www.natafoundation.org/forms/08CFATFreeCommNew.htm.



World Summit Interdisciplinary Sports Medicine and Athletic Care, Innsbruck 2010

The 2010 World Summit Interdisciplinary Sports Medicine and Athletic Care is looking for abstracts from athletic health care professionals that want to give an international audience the benefit of their expertise, skill and knowledge. The summit will be held in Innsbruck, Austria, March 11-13, 2010.

New & Improved Career Center

NATA's new and improved Career Center offers employers targeted access to quality health care professionals, along with quick and easy job posting and online activity reports. Job seekers can make sure their resumes are being seen by key decision makers. The new NATA Career Center offers free and confidential resume posting, automated weekly e-mail notification of new job listings and the ability to save jobs for later review.

Career Center at www.nata.org/careercenter/ccEProfile.htm

Take the College Job Satisfaction Survey Now

You've only got a few days left to help the CUATC identify job-related issues. **Take the survey** at <http://www.nata.org/members/cuatcsurvey.cfm> by Oct. 31!

Awards Nomination Deadline Nov. 15

Nominations for the 2010 NATA honors and awards close Nov. 15. **Help the Honors & Awards Committee recognize top achievers** at www.nata.org/www.nata.org/honors/index.htm

Reimbursement Tools

See lots of useful information regarding reimbursement at www.nata.org/insets/reimbursement/index.htm

Save on ATrack!

The powerful software that helps run your ATEP more efficiently is now easier to use. It's also discounted through the end of the year!

- \$75 off if you sign up by Oct. 31;
- \$50 off if you sign up by Nov. 30;
- \$25 off if you sign up by Dec. 31.

Become an ATrack user today! <https://www.atrackonline.com>

Athletic Training Education in Taiwan

The University of Georgia Athletic Training Education Program in association with the National Taiwan Sport University (NTSU) in Taiwan is offering its 3rd study abroad experience specifically designed for athletic training students. The dates are from May 16-June 4, 2010. The program is available to undergraduate and graduate students in athletic training and will provide the student with classroom knowledge and clinical

experiences. The academic program will focus on traditional Asian therapies to include acupressure massage, pain relief techniques, acupuncture, rehabilitation techniques and cranial therapy. The clinical program will provide athletic training observation with Taiwan Athletic Trainers' Society certified athletic trainers with NTSU intercollegiate teams and physician offices. The program is limited to 20

students. For more information and details about the program, go to www.coe.uga.edu/atsat or send an e-mail to atsa@uga.edu.

Please share this information with your students.

Thanks,
Mike Ferrara, Ph.D., ATC
Study Abroad Program
Director

News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski (continued from Page 1)

need to remember to take time for ourselves and to support one another.

Please plan ahead for the **25th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium** at the Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA. The meeting will be held February 4-6, 2010. In conjunction with the student meeting we will host our **3rd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference** the same weekend (4-6 February 2010) at the Crown Plaza Rav-

inia, Atlanta, GA.

Come to sunny Florida to the Marriott Bay Point Golf and Spa Resort in Panama City Beach, FL. The **35th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting** will be held March 18-21, 2010. Please feel free to contact us exec@seata.org with any suggestions you have for our meeting.

As always, I ask that you become involved and promote our profession. Contact your State President about SEATA

committee openings. Do you know someone that should be honored with an award? Look at the possibilities at the NATA site www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm. SEATA also has scholarship opportunities - www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm. Encourage students to join the NATA, SEATA and their respective state organizations.

Sincerely,
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD,
ATC, LAT

News from the District Director, R.T. Floyd (continued from Page 1)

the CEUs provided.

I do want to strongly encourage your active involvement in contacting your representatives regarding the current potential legislation on health care reform. This is an issue which absolutely can affect each one of us, both personally as well as professionally.

Please DO NOT depend on others to do your work for you. Review all aspects and let your voices be heard. Failure to be proactive now may lead to reactive measures for the rest of your career and life. Make a difference.

As always, we encourage you to take an active role in

your professional organization which will only be as successful as you make it on a daily basis. Your involvement makes a difference.

May the upcoming holiday season be your best ever.

Sincerely,
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC
District Director

35th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, March 18-21, 2010, Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort, Panama City Beach, FL

NATA, NATA Foundation, NATAPAC and SEATA Deadlines & Dates

- Nov. 5, 2009** SEATA Regular Election for Secretary Runoff Ballot Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/elec09b.htm.
- Nov. 15, 2009** Nomination process closes for 2010 NATA Awards. Go to www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm and to www.nata.org/honors/10nominations.htm.
- Nov. 15, 2009** SEATA Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/hofinfo.htm.
- Nov. 16, 2009** SEATA Scholarship Application begins via www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm.
- Nov. 17, 2009** Deadline [SEATA Call for Poster Presentations Abstract Submission - 3rd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference](http://www.seata.org/SEATACallforPosterPresentationsAbstractSubmission-3rdBiennialSEATAAthleticTrainingEducatorsConference)
- Dec. 1, 2009** Deadline for submitting supporting information for 2009 NATA Honors & Awards.
- Dec. 1, 2009** NATA Fellows application deadline. Go to www.nata.org/honors/fellows/index.htm.
- Dec. 1, 2009** Free Communications Abstracts for 2010 due at www.natafoundation.org/forms/08CFAFreeCommNew.htm.
- Dec. 1, 2009** SEATA Legislative Initiatives Basic Grant Application Deadline. See www.seata.org/SEATALegislativeGrant09.doc.
- Dec. 7, 2009** 3:00 P.M. Deadline for electronic submission for 2010 Case Study Abstracts authored by athletic training students. Go to www.seata.org/casestudy10.htm.
- Dec. 11-12, 2009** Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame Enshrinement & Winter Business Meeting. Go to www.latainc.org.
- Dec. 15, 2009** SEATA Hall of Fame Application materials submission deadline. Go to www.seata.org/SEATAHoFAppFm.doc.
- Dec. 31, 2009** NATA & SEATA Membership Renewal Deadline. Go to www.nata.org/membership/joinnata.htm.
- Dec. 31, 2009** NATA Foundation Athletic Training Student Challenge 'Intent To Participate Form' Deadline at www.natafoundation.org/forms/2008ATSCeditIA.htm.
- Jan. 1, 2010** SEATA Honors & Awards Nomination Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/Awards.htm.
- Jan. 7, 2010** Deadline for all materials SEATA Scholarship via www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm.
- Jan. 11, 2010** SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts 35th Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting deadline. Go to www.seata.org/SEATACallforAbstracts10.pdf.
- Jan. 13, 2010** Rooms reservation deadline for [3rd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference & 25th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium](http://www.seata.org/3rdBiennialSEATAAthleticTrainingEducatorsConference) via the [Connections](http://www.connections.com) website or by calling (404) 842-0000 or (800) 262-9974.
- Jan. 15, 2010** [25th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium](http://www.seata.org/25thAnnualSEATAAthleticTrainingStudentSymposium) mail-in pre-registration deadline.
- Jan. 15-16, 2010** Georgia Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting & Symposium, Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center, Peachtree City, GA. Register at www.athletictraining.org
- Jan. 16-17, 2010** Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society State Meeting, Radisson Hotel Opryland, Nashville, TN. Register at www.tnata.org
- Jan. 19, 2010** Mail-in Registration deadline for [2nd Annual SEATA Quiz Bowl](http://www.seata.org/2ndAnnualSEATAQuizBowl) Teams.
- Jan. 22, 2010** [3rd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference](http://www.seata.org/3rdBiennialSEATAAthleticTrainingEducatorsConference) online pre-registration deadline.
- Jan. 22, 2010** [25th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium](http://www.seata.org/25thAnnualSEATAAthleticTrainingStudentSymposium) online pre-registration deadline.
- Jan. 29, 2010** Online Registration deadline for [2nd Annual SEATA Quiz Bowl](http://www.seata.org/2ndAnnualSEATAQuizBowl) Teams.
- Feb. 4-6, 2010** [3rd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference](http://www.seata.org/3rdBiennialSEATAAthleticTrainingEducatorsConference)
- Feb. 4-6, 2010** [25th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium](http://www.seata.org/25thAnnualSEATAAthleticTrainingStudentSymposium)
- Feb. 5, 2010** [NATA Foundation Scholarship Applications](http://www.nata.org/NATAFoundationScholarshipApplications) Sections I - V online submission deadline.
- Feb. 15, 2010** SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/SEATAResearchGrant2010.pdf
- Feb. 15, 2010** [NATA Foundation General Research Grant](http://www.nata.org/NATAFoundationGeneralResearchGrant) applications due. Pre-Proposal Submission Form required
- Mar. 1, 2010** [NATA Foundation Doctoral Research Grant](http://www.nata.org/NATAFoundationDoctoralResearchGrant) applications due
- March 5, 2010** 35th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting Mail-in Registration Deadline
- March 10-13, 2010** American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Go to www.aaos.org/education/anmeet/anmeet.asp
- March 11-13, 2010** Athletic Care and Interdisciplinary Sports Medicine World Summit, Innsbruck, Austria. Go to www.sportsmedicine2010.de
- March 12, 2010** 35th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting Online Registration deadline
- March 13, 2010** [American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine Specialty Day](http://www.nata.org/AmericanOrthopaedicSocietyforSportsMedicineSpecialtyDay), New Orleans, LA.
- March 18-21, 2010** [35th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](http://www.seata.org/35thAnnualSEATAClinicalSymposiumMembersMeeting) at the [Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort](http://www.marriott.com)

NATA Calendar



Don't miss a thing!
NATA CALENDAR at
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Iota Tau Alpha

National honor society for athletic training is growing

NATA acknowledges **Iota Tau Alpha** as the national honor society for college students in athletic training education. Currently, it has over 500 members with chapters at 30 schools in 18 states.

If you're interested in starting a chapter at your school or want more info, contact toddc@nata.org.



Have A Burning Question? ASK MARJE!

What happens in a typical day for the NATA president? How did she decide on a career in athletic training? How many pairs of boots are in her closet? Whatever the question, NATA President Marje Albohm will answer it. This new Web site feature, called ASK MARJE, launches May 4. Nothing is off limits, so send your questions. www.nata.org/members/askprez/index.htm.

Visit the NATA on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/NatAthTrainersAssoc



Keep in touch with the NATA via Twitter at <http://twitter.com/NATA1950>



Get free info on athletic trainers in many settings

Looking for information about the daily lives of athletic trainers in various settings? Check out our [Day in the Life of an Athletic Trainer PowerPoint presentations](#). They're a good source for those who are looking to start their careers or are considering a change of settings -- or if you just want to get an idea of what your colleagues' lives are like.

Committee Reports

SEATA Athletic Training Educators Conference Committee

The [3rd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference](#) will be held Feb. 4-6, 2010 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Bud Cooper, EdD., ATC of the University of Georgia and Karen Lew, MEd, ATC of Southeastern Louisiana University are the conference co-chairs. To qualify for the 3rd Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference pre-registration NATA member cost of \$160, pre-registration forms must be completed online at <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT46E> by Friday, January 25, 2010. NATA members who have not registered by this date must register on-site for \$210. Non-NATA member pre-registration is \$205.00 and \$255.00 for on-

site. Registration will be limited to the first 175 registrants due to meeting space capacity.

Research

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is issuing a call for poster presentation abstracts that will be reviewed for possible display at the 3rd Biennial SEATA Educators' Conference on Feb. 3-6, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. Individuals interested in sharing original research, or other scholarly work that is relevant to athletic training clinical practice or education, are encouraged to submit by the Nov. 17, 2009 deadline. Abstracts will be rated on the basis of clarity of purpose, appropriateness of methods, adequacy of results, relevance of findings to the clinical practice of athletic

training or the education of athletic training students, and value of the information to conference attendees. Go to www.seata.org/CallforAbstractsEd-Conf2010.pdf for more information.

Accommodations

The [Crown Plaza Ravinia](#) is the host hotel. Room rates are \$112.00 single/double occupancy / \$122.00 triple occupancy / \$132.00 quadruple occupancy. Rooms must be reserved by Jan 13, 2010 to ensure this room rate. Make your reservations online at [Connections](#) or for more information call Connections at (404) 842-0000 or 1-800-262-9974 or Fax (404) 601-7441. For complete information go to www.seata.org/10atec.htm.

SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Committee

The [25th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium](#) is scheduled for Feb. 4-6, 2010 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Pre-registration is \$75 if submitted online by Friday, Jan. 22, 2010 or postmarked before midnight, Friday, January 15. Registration after this (if available) is \$100. Online registration is recommended at <https://www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT47E> or via the mail-in registration form at www.seata.org/10atssreg.doc. Preregistration is recommended as soon as possible due to limited space in each of the three tracks. Rooms at the [Crown Plaza Ravinia](#) must be reserved online at [Connections](#) or by calling (404) 842-0000 or (800) 262-9974 by January 13, 2010 to ensure the symposium room rate. Identify yourself as

being with the SEATA Meeting. SEATA is calling for Case Study Abstracts **authored by athletic training students** as detailed at www.seata.org/casestudy10.htm. For complete information go to www.seata.org/10atss.htm.

The second annual SEATA Quiz Bowl to be conducted in conjunction with the symposium.

SEATA Honors & Awards Committee

The SEATA Honors & Awards Committee is soliciting your nominations for the following 2010 awards: [Jack C. Hughston, M.D. Sportsmedicine Person of the Year](#), [Chuck Kimmel Award of Merit](#), [Dis-](#)

[trict Award](#), [Backbone Award](#), [High School Athletic Trainer Award](#), [Clinical/Industrial/Corporate Athletic Trainer Award](#), [College/University Athletic Trainer Award](#), [Professional Athletic Trainer Award](#),

[Education/Administration Award](#), [Sponsor's Award](#). Nominations should be made by Jan. 1, 2010 at www.seata.org/Awards.htm.

SEATA Life Balance Project Team

The Life Balance Project Team is expanding, and we need input from you! What are the top three topics you would like to see us address? Send your feedback to Mary M c L e n d o n a t (mkml3@msstate.edu).

The goal for the Life Balance Project Team is to provide life balance resources to the entire membership in areas that include: work options,

personal and leisure time, family time, child care, elder care, health for the healthcare provider, financial planning, and retirement. We want to generate a discussion on finding a healthy balance between the necessary and the rewarding aspects of your life.

The NATA Think Tanks also include a Life Balance forum, and we've had some great discussions about life balance

choices, sport burnout, and finding balance. If you have an interest in this area, feel free to sign up for this and other topics at <http://forum.nata.org/thinktanks/>.

Also, we are still in need of people willing to help out with the team, particularly from Florida and Georgia. If you are interested, please contact Mary at mkml3@msstate.edu

SEATA Research & Education Committee

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Call for Abstracts for 35th Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is issuing a call for Abstracts for the SEATA Research Seminar at the 35th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, March 18-21, 2010 as detailed at SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts 35th Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting at www.seata.org/SEATACallforAbstracts10.pdf.

Abstracts must be submitted to Cathy Brown PhD, ATC at brownncn@uga.edu by January 11, 2010.

SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is pleased to announce that they are accepting grant proposals for Research Grants up to \$2,000.00.

Priority will be given to those grant proposals which include an NATA-BOC certified athletic trainer who is a member of NATA District IX

(SEATA). The deadline for grant proposals is February 15, 2010. For more information, contact:

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Or visit the SEATA website at www.seata.org/SEATAResearchGrant2010.pdf

SEATA Scholarship Committee

Each year the SEATA scholarship program makes available 6 awards (some up to \$1,000) for undergraduate and graduate athletic training students. Starting November 16th, the [SEATA Scholarship Committee](#) will be accepting applications from all potential candidates. The basic criteria to be considered include a

GPA of 'B' or above and the intent to make athletic training their primary means of livelihood. In addition, there are 3 Family scholarships available to SEATA members who have a dependent enrolled in college/university. To apply for a Family scholarship the dependant need not be majoring in Athletic Training.

We urge those of you who know of potential candidates to encourage them to submit an application. The deadline to apply for any of these scholarships is January 8, 2010. For more information please click on the following link: www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm.

3rd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators Conference, Feb. 4-6, 2010, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA

2nd Annual SEATA Quiz Bowl, Feb. 5, 2010, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA

Durable equipment billing update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) listed a new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for the repair or non-routine service for durable medical equipment other than oxygen requiring the skill of a technician with a labor component, per 15 minutes. The new code became effective April 1 and is K0739.

Support Athletic Trainers' Equal Access to Medicare Act (HR 1137) Visit the Alert Center today!

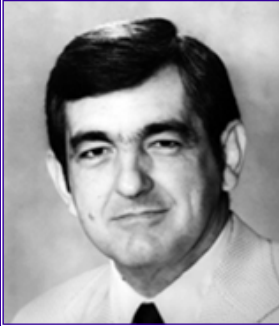
Did you know the NATA is on Facebook? Join our group and support the cause!

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Our [Facebook group](#) is growing daily, and we want you on board! While you're at it, join the [HR 1137- ATEAM Facebook cause](#) and befriend [NATA President Marje Albohm, MS, ATC](#). Take advantage of these easy ways to keep your finger on the pulse of the athletic training profession.



Vote Every Day for Davis

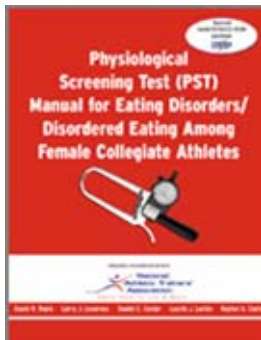


Otho Davis (NATA Hall of Fame Inductee, 1981) is among preliminary nominees for NFL Hall of Fame. Your vote can help get him added to the final ballot! <http://www.fanschoice.com/>. When searching nominees alphabetically, be sure to vote for Otho Davis.



Physiological Screening Test Manual

The [NATA Online Store](#) is now offering a brand-new Physiological Screening Test Manual for Eating Disorders. Get your copy now! (Find a [discount code](#) on the [Members Only](#) page!)



State Reports

Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

Brittany Wilkes has been declared the winner of the recent ALATA election for Secretary and assumes office

immediately. Her contact information has been added to the ALATA Leadership page.

The Alabama Athletic

Trainers' Association will hold the 2010 Annual Symposium at the [Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort](#) on May 13-16.

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

The Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida 22nd state symposium is April 15 – 17 at the Radisson Worldgate Resort Orlando Hotel in Kis-

simmee. Look for further information on the ATAF website at www.ataf.org in the spring of 2010.

Congratulations to Dr. Joe

Underwood for winning the 2010 Florida Education Association Award for Teaching Excellence.

Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

GATA Meeting Dates Announced

The 2010 meeting and symposium of the Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association will be held January 15th and 16th at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center in Peachtree City, GA. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) as well Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit will be available for those healthcare professionals attending the symposium sessions. The meeting is sponsored by our corporate partners and they will be available to meet you in the exhibitor's area.

Other highlights of the meeting will be the annual Honors and Awards Luncheon and the annual Business Meeting, both held on January 16. Rooms at the Wyndham are \$99/night, unchanged from the 2009 rate.

Details, including registration forms, will be in the next GATA newsletter as well as online at the GATA website, www.athletictraining.org. Online registration using Paypal will also be an option again this year.

The annual meeting and

symposium is the Association's primary education and networking event each year. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend.

GATA Scholarship Program Named in Honor of Lori Mobley Groover

The Executive Board of the Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association (GATA) has announced that its annual scholarship program has been renamed the **Lori Mobley Groover Leadership Awards**. Lori Mobley Groover served on GATA Executive Board from January 2003 through December 2006, serving as President from January 2005-December 2006. She later served as Secretary of the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association (SEATA) from 2007-2009. Lori passed away on August 8, 2009 after a heroic battle against cancer. Throughout her athletic training career, Lori was a leader, often serving as a pioneer in new athletic training settings.

The GATA offers 3 scholarships each year, one for a high school student, one for a college student, and one for a college graduate student. Lori

was involved in all these areas during her career and "The Executive Board feels that Lori deserves to be remembered in a fashion befitting her passion and dedication," stated Michael Clanton, current GATA President.

The inaugural round of scholarships in the renamed program will be awarded as part of the 2010 annual meeting of the GATA in Peachtree City, GA on January 16 at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center. Lori's parents, Bobby and Sandy Mobley, will be at the Honors and Awards Ceremony to make the awards. Mr. Mobley stated "Sandy and I are really moved beyond words at this wonderful remembrance and honor in Lori's memory. We are truly amazed as we learn almost on a daily basis of the positive influences that she had on so many others; we had no idea. She was very special"

Scholarships totaling \$1000 are awarded each year by the GATA. Applications for the awards can be found on the association's website, www.athletictraining.org.

Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society

The KATS 2010 Annual Meeting will be at Northern

Kentucky University on June 4-5. See www.kyats.com.

Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association

The Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association will be offering a 6 hour CEU course along with our Winter Business Meeting in New Orleans, LA on Saturday, December 12th 9am-3:30pm at the Loews Ho-

tel. Hotel room must be booked by Nov. 11th to get special rate. Visit the LATA web site and go to the Calendar link for more details! Cost is \$40 which includes a boxed lunch.

Topics to include: Crisis Management in Athletics, Maxillofacial Injuries in Athletics, Current Case Reports & others.

Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

The Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association is preparing for the 2010 Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium. The meeting is scheduled for June 29 – July 1 in Biloxi at the IP Resort & Spa. We have secured a reduced room rate of \$79.99 per night. If you have suggestions for a topic or speaker, please contact Tim

Colbert at Delta State University.

Heather Landry is continuing to work on updating our website, so please be patient during this ongoing process and I'm sure that she is open to your suggestions to help improve the content and ease of use.

"Thank you" to those

members that took the time to vote in the Special Election for SEATA Secretary; Mississippi had one of the highest percentages of members to vote in the Special Election and runoff. I want to encourage our members to vote in the Runoff for SEATA Secretary; voting ends at midnight EST on November 5.

Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

Annual Meeting Returns to Nashville

TATS Annual Meeting set for Jan. 16-17, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel at Opryland in Nashville. We have secured a special room rate of \$99 from the hotel. This year's meeting site is convenient to several restaurants and entertainment options, including a shuttle to downtown Nashville for a reasonable rate. Visit the hotel on-line at www.radisson.com/nashville. Also, remember that this meeting is on Martin Luther King weekend.

Executive Board Approves Move to On-line Registration

TATS has approved a motion to use a web based registration service for the 2010 Annual Meeting. Information about the registration process will be blasted when more details are available.

Sneak Peek at Annual Meeting Topics

Professional Education Co-Chairs Janet Wilbert and Tina Cole and committee have provided a program that is sure to

garner positive reviews. Experienced professionals and physicians are set to cover topics that include Effective Speech and Listening, Musculoskeletal Roundtable, Pediatric Concerns, Martial Arts and Rodeo, Marketing Yourself, Fractures and Dislocations Missed on the Field, State Rules Update, Pre-participation Physicals Red Flags, The Aging Athlete, Maxillofacial Injuries, Violence in Athletics, Spine, Foot, and Hand. Also in the works are two possible Post-Meeting Workshops: I: Functional Movement Screening Techniques and II: Introduction to Sport Massage, Lymphatic Stimulation, Back Strengthening Specific Techniques (Topics subject to change).

A change to the 2010 meeting includes programming on Saturday morning and afternoon with the annual business meeting to be held at the end of the morning. The program resumes on Sunday morning and the general session concludes with the Awards Luncheon. The Post-Meeting Work-

shops are scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Scholarship Applications

Applications for Graduate and Undergraduate scholarships are available on tnata.org. Contact Ray Knight, Scholarship Chair, for more information.

Awards Nominations Open

All members are encouraged to nominate your colleagues for the annual TATS awards: Hall of Fame, Clinical/Professional, College, High School, Backbone, Sports Medicine Person, Corporate awards are open to nominations. The new Jerry Robertson Educator Award honors its namesake. Deadline for award nominations is December 1, 2009.

Wanted: Exhibitors and Sponsors

All members are asked to encourage your favorite vendors to sponsor and exhibit during the annual meeting. Vendor support is vital to the health of our organization this fall.



SEATA List Serve Information

To subscribe to the listserve, send a blank email to SEATA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. To set up full access to the listserve website, including online documents, member information, and an archive of past posted messages, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SEATA/>

Submit your News & Pictures to SEATA

Please submit any information you wish to be posted in the next SEATA Newsletter or to the SEATA website. Please include a caption with pictures.

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Check the SEATA Calendar for all Deadlines and Dates related to all of the NATA, NATA Foundation, NATAPAC, SEATA and SEATA State Organizations at <http://my.calendars.net/seata/>

35th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, March 18-21, 2010, Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort, Panama City Beach, FL

Have you contacted your U.S. Senators & Representatives again this month on Health Care Reform as well as the ATEAM Legislation, H.R. 1137? Go to www.nata.org/advocacy/HealthCareReform.htm and then to NATA's Legislative Alert Center www.nata.org to contact your governmental officials.

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