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**33rd Annual SEATA
Clinical Symposium
& Members Meeting
February 28 -
March 2, 2008**

News from the District Director, R. T. Floyd

This is one of my favorite times of the year. A time when I have the opportunity to see so many of you at the various state meetings and especially at the SEATA annual meetings. I sure hope you will join us for a great 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting Feb. 29 - March 2 in Franklin, TN. We have a great list of topics planned with a superb slate of speakers, plus the Tim Kerin Memorial Awards Luncheon where we will be inducting eleven new members into the SEATA Hall of Fame and honoring our SEATA Awards and Scholarship recipients as detailed later in this *Newsletter*. These are the cream of our athletic training crop and I sincerely wish that everyone of you could be present to enjoy the moment and personally congratulate our honorees.

We will set a new SEATA record next week—the largest SEATA Meeting ever. Including all of the faculty, registrants, and exhibitors for the 23rd SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium and the 2nd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators Conference we expect to have over 820 in attendance.

Your NATA Board of Directors has been spending a considerable amount of time on discussing and implementing several changes in the NATA structure—all designed to get more members involved at a younger age and keep them involved as the profession and our association evolves. This program, NATA: Involve and Evolve!, has already begun and will continue to be rolled out over the next several months with several great features for our membership. In particular, the Young Professionals Committee and National Athletic Training Student Committee have already stirred a significant amount of interest and enthusiasm which is exactly what we desire. I encourage you to learn more about this exciting program through the NATA News and NATA eBlasts and website. Accordingly, make sure that you renew your NATA dues if you have not already done so.

We are expecting a larger number of members to participate at Capitol Hill Day on Feb. 25 and I hope many of you will take this opportunity to let your legislators know

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News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski

Hello – as we welcome in the new year I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and enjoying the beginning of 2008. This is a very busy time of the year for SEATA. I encourage all SEATA members to log on to our SEATA website to see more information about the many SEATA activities. I am excited about the upcoming SEATA meetings. I am very grateful for the many members who have worked very hard in preparation for the [SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium](#). This meeting will be the largest student symposium on record. It is anticipated that we will have approximately 645 athletic training students attending the symposium in Atlanta. In addition to the [SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium](#) we will

be hosting the second biennial [SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference](#). Currently enrollment for the educators' conference exceeds 100 attendees.

Our [33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#) will be held on **28 Feb through 2 March 2008 in Cool Springs, TN**. We will be honored to have the **NATA President, Chuck Kimmel**, at our meeting. It will be nice to welcome Chuck back to SEATA. Our Research and Education Committee Co-chairs Carl Mattacola, PhD, ATC and Marisa Colston, PhD, ATC and their committee members have been working diligently to develop an exciting and educational program. David Green, MS ATC,

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SEATA Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting

Pre-registration for our SEATA Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting in Franklin, Tennessee is \$100.00 for everyone pre-registering except students and non-NATA members. Pre-registration is encouraged so we can have an accurate count of those attending in order to plan ahead and reduce costs. Online registration is strongly encouraged. If you choose to send a check or register as a group, please register online and mail a list of the names registered or a copy of your registration confirmation with your check to Jim Mackie, SEATA Treasurer, 12133 Cheyenne Trail, Jacksonville, FL 32223, Phone: 904-308-2656.

To qualify for the pre-registration registration prices, registration must be submitted by one of the options below.

- Online registration via <http://www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT28E> with check must be submitted on or before **Friday, February 15, 2008**. Follow up with your check to Jim Mackie,

SEATA Treasurer, 12133 Cheyenne Trail, Jacksonville, FL 32223.

- Online registration via <http://www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT28E> with credit card must be submitted on or before Friday, February 15, 2008. The registration forms which are at www.seata.org/08csmmreg.doc or at www.seata.org/08csmmreg.pdf must be submitted via US postal service to Jim Mackie, SEATA Treasurer, 12133 Cheyenne Trail, Jacksonville, FL 32223 with a postmark on or before midnight, **Friday, February 8, 2008**.
- Individuals who have not registered via the above methods must register on-site at the on-site rate.

Rooms at the [Franklin Marriott Cool Springs](#) must be reserved on or before **Tuesday, February 5, 2008** to ensure the \$115.00 room rate by calling 615-261-6100 or 888-403-6772. Cancellations must be made more than 72 hours

prior to arrival. After that time, attendees will be charged for the first night of their reservation. Request "the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association group rate".

Exhibitors & Corporate**Partners**

If you are interested in exhibiting or if you know of an interested exhibitor or would like to refer someone to SEATA for Corporate Partnership, please see our [SEATA Corporate Partner Plan](#).

CEUs

By registering and attending all of the regularly scheduled sessions of the 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, registrants may receive approximately 14.75 CEUs. By registering and attending all of the mini-courses attendees may receive another 6 CEUs for a total of 20.75. The NATA sponsored One Day Workshop on Manual Therapy Techniques for the Lower Extremity registrants may receive up to 7 additional CEUs.

NATA One Day Workshop in SEATA**2008 One -Day-Workshop
MANUAL THERAPY
TECHNIQUES FOR THE
LOWER EXTREMITY**

- Course Outline & Agenda at <http://206.211.148.195/~cec/pdf/ODW2008-Manual.pdf>
- Course Level:
Essential Level: Core theory, concepts and application of topics are presented to the ATC
- Course Objectives

Upon completion of this workshop, the participant will be able to:

- To understand the anatomical and biomechanical complexity of the lower extremity as it relates to

manual therapy technique and theory.

- To understand and incorporate the principles and guidelines for the application of:
 - Myofascial Release
 - Strain/Counterstrain Therapy
 - Muscle Energy Techniques
 - Joint Mobilizations
 - Functional Mobilization Patterns
- Discuss and demonstrate proper technique for the above Manual Therapies for the lower extremity
- Discuss clinical applications of Manual Therapy

- for the lower extremity
- To safely and efficiently apply the above techniques.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008

Time: 12:30 – 9:30 pm

Place: Nashville, TN; Cool Springs Marriott

Speakers: Catherine Johnson, ATC/L, LMT

Workshop coordinator:

Cary Berthelot

Registration:

https://www.nata.org/forms/2008_d9workshop.html or <http://www.seata.org/08csmm.htm>

SEATA encourages Capitol Hill Day participation

The SEATA Executive Board is in the final stages of taking applications for funding to assist members from each state with travel expenses to attend NATA's 5th Annual Capitol Hill Day on February 25, 2008. \$7,000 has again been allocated for this purpose. All expenditures must be approved in advance via the application process outline below.

1. Contact your state presidents as they are assisting in the selection process to ensure appropriate representation for contacting the most influential legislators.
2. Download the SEATA Funding Request Form from <http://www.seata.org/SEATACapHillFundReq.doc>, then complete and submit as the form indicates by Jan. 25, 2008.
3. As part of the SEATA approval process, all applicants will need to register online by Feb. 1 via the NATA Capitol Hill Day registration form at <https://www.nata.org/capitolhillday/08reg.htm>.
4. Application does not insure approval. Please wait for approval from SEATA President MaryBeth Horodyski before committing to expenditures you are not prepared to pay yourself.
5. Expenses will be reimbursed

as per the process detailed on the form upon submission of the required documentation.

There will be a "How to Lobby" and briefing on specific issues important to NATA the evening before

NATA will coordinate Congressional appointments for you and others from your state. We'll prepare you with an insider's briefing from NATA's Washington, DC representative ...and arm you with the latest talking points for discussion with members of Congress.

Questions? Contact Amy Callender at 1-800-879-6282 or amyc@nata.org

NATA Capitol Hill Day 2008

Capitol Hill Day 2008 is set for **Monday, Feb. 25, 2008**. Registration is now available at <https://www.nata.org/capitolhillday/08reg.htm>.

Please register today to help us get an early estimate of

attendance. Our goal is to have at least two members from each state this year! By popular request, the host hotel will be the Crystal City Hilton is one Metro stop from Ronald Reagan Airport (DCA). The room rate is \$159, and mem-

bers are responsible for booking their own hotel and flight arrangements. NATA will coordinate your Congressional appointments. Questions? Contact Amy Callender at 1-800-879-6282 or amyc@nata.org

News from the Secretary, Lori Groover

Remember to Renew!

At our annual Secretary/Treasurer meeting in Dallas, we were told that only 50% of our members have renewed their NATA membership. I know the end of the year is such a busy time for all of us, and you may have forgotten to renew, so please take the time to do so now. There is strength in numbers and we need you!

Student Membership

As many of you may know, back in October, the NATA provided a FREE trial membership for students. The

response was huge and this trial offer doubled our student numbers. As of January 1, only about 1% of those students renewed their membership. For many of us, NATA membership was not even a second thought; we were told we needed to be members, so we joined. However, for the generation X and Y individuals, they need to know why this is important. The NATA is listening and providing so many opportunities for athletic training students. It is up to each of us, to promote these opportunities and get our students to

join. I am asking that if you have any contact with athletic training students, please talk to them about the importance of our association and help them realize we want them to be a part of us! Show them the NATA website and the student section. Let them know the NATA has a hotel reserved especially for them in St. Louis so they can mix and mingle with students from across the country. The possibilities are endless, so please, let's get our students involved!

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March is National Athletic Training Month

Month

This year's theme for National Athletic Training Month is "Who's taking care of your kids?"

Go to <http://www.nata.org/natm/index.htm>



Call to action: NORA needs your help!

NATA requests all eligible Athletic Trainers to participate in the National Outcomes Research Analysis project. NORA will provide scientific outcomes research to demonstrate the clinical value, cost effectiveness and improved outcomes provided by athletic trainers to patients. Go to <http://www.nata.org/members/documents/NORA/index.cfm> for more information.

2nd Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference

Advance registration is closed for the Feb. 8-9, 2008 SEATA 2nd Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference to be held at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Online registration at the late

registration rate of \$195 for NATA members and \$250.00 for Non-NATA members is still available through January 31, 2008 at <http://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT25E>. Those

who have not registered by this date must register on-site at the same rate. Early registration packet pickup is Thursday from 8:00 pm - 10 pm in Ravinia Lobby.

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

about your profession and what they need to do to improve health care. The answer to our professional concerns is in your hands and we are confi-

dent that you will be successful with continued determination and unyielding efforts.

Have a great spring and I look forward to seeing you at

one or more of our meetings.

Sincerely,
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

News from the Treasurer, Jim Mackie

Treasurer's Report January 2008

Previous Bank Balance:	Date: 11/30/07	\$68,146.72
Current Bank Balance:	Date: 01/29/08	\$159,095.49
Previous Investment Balance:	Date: 11/30/07	\$266,977.54
Current Investment Balance:	Date: 01/29/08	\$247,697.79

(Of our investments 28k is in cash)

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

SEATA Exhibits Chair, has again put together a large group of exhibitors for our meeting. Additionally, members of the SEATA Executive Board have been working to ensure all logistics of the meeting have been handled. I would like to thank the chairs of three committees: Crandall Woodson, ATC (SEATA Honors and Awards), Gianluca DelRossi, PhD, ATC (SEATA Scholarship) and Jim Gallaspy, MS, ATC (SEATA Hall of Fame) for their efforts, as well as those of their committee members, for identifying deserving members to receive scholarships, honors and awards. This year we will be welcoming our

second class into the SEATA Hall of Fame.

Your SEATA Board continues to work on changes to the By-laws Laws and Policy and Procedures. SEATA members should be expecting information on voting procedures related to the By-Law changes. Just as the NATA has been making changes to its operational structure, the SEATA Executive Board has made changes in committee structure and make-up to mirror the NATA changes. There are many opportunities for SEATA members to get involved. Once again this year SEATA will be providing funding to assist with travel expenses for

members from each state to attend Capitol Hill Day 2008.

As always, I ask that you become involved and promote our profession. Contact your State President about SEATA committee openings. If you haven't already heard about the NATA Involve and Evolve efforts, I encourage attend the **33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting**. We hope to see you **28 Feb through 2 March 2008 in Cool Springs, TN!**

Sincerely,
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD,
ATC, LAT

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

23rd Annual Athletic Training Student Symposium

Registration for the 2008 SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium to be held Feb. 8-9 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA is completely closed. **Due to a capacity enrollment there will be NO onsite registration. Only those pre-registered will be admitted. All three Tracks are currently filled. As cancellations occur or if seats are added those already on the waiting lists will be added to their desired track based upon the time and date of their previous registration. No further additions to the current waiting list will be taken.**

Those who were recently changed from the waiting list to a particular track should have

received an email confirmation and need to contact SEATA Treasurer Jim Mackie, jdmackie@comcast.net, immediately to provide your credit card information or make arrangements to pay by check. Early registration packet pickup is Thursday from 8:00 pm - 10 pm in Ravinia Lobby.

NATA Member Reception in Nashville

The NATA Board of Directors, President Chuck Kimmel, ATC and NATA Executive Director Eve Becker-Doyle, CAE hosted a reception

for NATA members prior to the December board meeting. Pictured below are most of reception attendees. The NATA Board of Directors is

most appreciative of the hospitality extended by the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society and the SEATA membership.



Committee Reports

College & University Athletic Trainers Committee

The College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee is now accepting nominations for its three national committee awards.

- College Certified Athletic Trainer of the Year Award
- Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer of the Year Award

- Above & Beyond Award
Winners for each award will be named in all of the following categories: Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA and Junior/Community Colleges. If you know someone who has exhibited extraordinary work in this setting and deserves more than a pat on

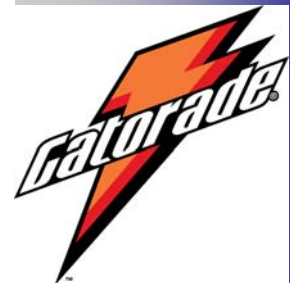
the back, the CUATC wants to hear from you. Go to www.nata.org/members/committees/cuatc/award_criteria.cfm to review the award criteria and access the nomination form. Nomination forms must be received by March 20, 2008.

SEATA Meeting Site Survey for 2009

If you have you not completed the SEATA Meeting Site Survey for 2009 please go to www.seata.org/CSMMSurvey08.htm & complete before Feb. 7, 2008

Make plans!

- **What:**
33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting
- **When:**
February 28-March 2, 2008
- **Where:**
Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin, TN



Gatorade launches new series of podcasts

Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI) has a new three-part podcast series on "The Vital Role of Sodium in Exercise" available at <http://www.gssiweb.org/Podcast.aspx>. The podcasts feature a panel of experts in the field of sports science and nutrition.

NATA's Career Advancement Network & Workplace Resource Center (CAN-WORC)

A CAN-WORC Advisor will put you into contact with athletic training professionals from all settings with expertise in the business of athletic training and career development. We've taken the vast resources typically found scattered among various committee and other Web pages and consolidated them here by topic and by setting. The plan is to make it a one-stop page for those who need to 1) find a job or 2) improve some element of their job.. Whether you are in a career transition, just starting out in the profession or looking for someone with management expertise, CAN-WORC advisors (more than 100 so far!) are ready to answer your questions. Go to <https://members.nata.org/source/Members/cMemberSearch.cfm?section=customer> to start your search for the advisor who can help you.

Do you want to become a CAN-WORC ADVISOR? Learn how at <http://www.nata.org/members/canworc/advisor.cfm>.

New! Young Professionals Blog

Last month we told you about the new NATA President's Blog, available just to members. We've just launched another blog for members: the Young Professionals Blog. Check it out at <http://www.nata.org/members/blogs/>

Memorial Resolutions Committee

Notify John H. Anderson ASAP of any untimely death of one of our SEATA members. John H. Anderson, ATC, 3212 Veterans Stadium Drive, Dept.

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The SEATA Memorial Resolutions page is at <http://www.seata.org/memorial.htm> and is linked from the SEATA pages via the News tab.

Secondary School Athletic Trainers Committee

The Jack Cramer Scholarship award is up! If you know of any well deserving High School Athletic Training Students please have them apply! The deadline is April 7, 2008.

As many of you know last year's winner came from District 9, and we want to keep this scholarship



award right here in our district! Here is the link. http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/cs_nata/cs_nata2008.htm

Women in Athletic Training Committee

Programming- The District IX WATC and DJ Ortho are sponsoring Key Topic II- "Pregnancy and Participation" at the 2008 SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting. Dr. James Robinson from the University of Alabama will speak about medical issues, and Nashville attorney Isaac Conner will discuss legal issues. The session is scheduled Friday, February 29th from 1:45-3:00pm.

History- At the 2008 NATA Annual Meeting in St. Louis, all ten district commit-

tees of the WATC will exhibit timelines showing the progress of women in their districts along with biographies of distinguished women. This exhibit is tentatively scheduled to begin at the Welcome Reception and continue outside the meeting rooms during the remainder of the meeting. The District IX timeline is already posted on our committee page on the SEATA website if you would like to view it..

The WATC strives to provide resources to help all members of the association

regardless of gender. The SEATA and NATA websites are great places to find out what the committee has to offer and to find contact information for all representatives.

The WATC district committee is comprised of a chair and members from each of the states in the district- Mary McLendon (Chair), Sherry Kimbro (AL), Kristen Couper Schellhase (FL), Cheryl Ellis (GA), Cary Berthelot (LA), Sheri McNew (KY), Ruth Hagan (MS), and Peggy Bratt (TN).

Young Professionals Committee

A Young Professionals Committee in District IX is being developed to work in collaboration with the newly established NATA Young Professionals Committee. A search for representatives from each state is underway. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity should contact his/her

state president and complete a SEATA Committee Candidate Nomination Form at <http://www.seata.org/ChMemCandNomForm.doc>. The committee will be chaired by the District IX Chair for the NATA Young Professionals Committee. Committee member and chair eligibility require-

ments include being a certified member in SEATA and be under age 30 on July 1, 2008. As the committee is developed and members are appointed additional information will be posted to the Young Professionals Committee web page at <http://www.seata.org/ypc.htm>.

Does your College/University or Clinic organization have your NATAPAC tiles hanging in the NATA Office yet?

SEATA Exhibits Committee

Dear Potential Exhibitors:

It is that time of year again, where we seek out companies that maybe interested in exhibiting at our Annual Meetings within the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association. In an effort to reduce potential confusion and enhance our offerings for our corporate partners SEATA has now combined the previous versions of the Corporate Partner Plan for the Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting (CSMM) with the Corporate Partner Plan for the Athletic Training Student Symposium (ATSS) which will include the Athletic Training Educators Conference this year into a single plan known as the SEATA Corporate Partner Plan. This new plan allows our exhibitors and vendors to select a greater variety of options and to target the attendees of the Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting (CSMM) **OR** the Athletic Training Student Symposium (ATSS) and Athletic Training Educators Conference (ATEC) **OR BOTH**. Additionally, greater details for each benefit have been added as well as an instruction sheet to ensure that our partners receive the maximum benefit of the options they choose. Finally,

the new plan allows our corporate friends to initiate their partnership with SEATA at any point during the calendar year and everything may be done through our new online Corporate Partner registration system. For further details please contact me at DTGreen@tntech.edu.

This year's meetings will be on February 8 - 9, 2008 (ATSS & ATEC) at the Crowne Plaza Ravania in Atlanta and on Feb.28 - March 2 (CSMM) at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN. This year will be the 23rd Anniversary of our Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association Athletic Training Student Symposium and the 33rd Anniversary for the SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting. We will have some special lectures, along with some special social activities. Please think about joining us for these very important meetings.

Consider the various options provided by our revised SEATA Corporate Partner Plan from being a Director's Partner, Exhibit Partner and/or Workshop Partner. Check out the different benefits associated with the new and revised SEATA Corporate Partner Plan

at <http://www.seata.org/cpp.htm>. If you have any questions please contact me or for the ATSS & ATEC you may contact Karen Lew at klew@selu.edu. Our Partner Plans have been very successful over the past several years and I hope that you can find a plan that will suit you and your company.

Once you make your decision to join us and decide on the best plan for you and your company you may register online or download and mail back to me. Once we receive your registration for either or both meetings we will be in contact with you with more details about your attendance at that meeting.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN 2008!!!

Sincerely yours

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SEATA Hall of Fame Committee

The SEATA Hall of Fame Committee is honored to announce the Inductees for the 2009 SEATA Hall of Fame. The 2008 Class will be inducted at the Tim Kerin Memorial Awards Luncheon on Saturday March 1, 2008 at the 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting at

the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin, TN. There will also be a SEATA Hall of Fame Reception later that evening.

This year's inductees will be **John Anderson, R.T. Floyd** and **Chris Gillespie** from Alabama; **Frank Grimaldi, Jr.**, **MaryBeth Horo-**

dyski and **Jim Mackie** from Florida; **Jay Shoop** from Georgia; **Bob Goodwin** from Louisiana; and **David Green, Chuck Kimmel** and **Jerry Robertson** from Tennessee. Please join us to honor these outstanding members who have contributed so much to SEATA and the profession.

Do you have your NATAPAC tiles hanging in the NATA Office yet?

NATA College & University Athletic Trainers Committee Awards nominations close March 20, 2008. Go to http://www.nata.org/members/committees/cuatc/award_nomination_form.pdf



Iota Tau Alpha

Iota Tau Alpha Athletic Training Honor Society now has over 440 members - please contact John H. Anderson, MS, ATC at athtrain@troy.edu if your school is interested in joining.

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/>

Members: Have you renewed your NATA membership for '08?

If you've renewed your NATA membership for 2008, thank you! If you haven't, there's still time to enter the drawing for a terrific prize: free registration to the 2008 NATA Annual Meeting in St. Louis, and free airfare (up to \$500). You must renew online by Jan. 31 to be entered in this prize drawing.

Remember: You'll get access to 10 Free CEUs when you renew for '08. You may begin utilizing these Free CEUs after February 15th.

Go to http://members.nata.org/scriptcontent/CM_Application/CMA_Steps.cfm to renew.

Wanted: Students

NATA actively supports student members' involvement in our efforts. We've added a box at the top of the student members Web page at <http://www.nata.org/members/student> to alert students about various opportunities to get involved. As projects arise that target students, we'll be adding info to this page.

SEATA History and Archives Committee

Effective June 2007, the NATA phased out the NATA History & Archives Committee with the intention that the NATA Districts continue the responsibility of maintaining the history and archives at the district level. The former NATA History & Archives Committee has now been con-

verted to the SEATA History & Archives Committee with the previous chair and state representatives continuing in their roles. This committee is very interested in doing all it can to preserve our history and would greatly appreciate any submissions you may have. In addition to pictures, news clippings, etc.

they are seeking old artifacts of Athletic Training supplies that might be worthy for the exhibit of SEATA housed now in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame located in Macon, GA. Send these to John H. Anderson, ATC - 3212 Veterans Stadium Drive, Troy University, Troy, AL 36082.

SEATA Honors & Awards Committee

The SEATA Honors and Awards Committee would like to announce the SEATA Honors and Award Winners for 2008. The 2008 Award recipients will be honored at the Tim Kerin Memorial Awards Luncheon on Saturday, March 1, 2008 during the 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs,

Franklin, TN.

- Jack Hughston Sports Medicine Person of the Year - Michael T. Casey, MD
- Award of Merit - Al Green
- District Award - Marisa Brunnett
- Backbone Award - Shaun Duhe
- College & University Award - David "Duke" Werner

- Secondary School Award - Sarah Williams
- Education/Administration Award - Gerard White
- Professional Award - Mike Ryan
- Clinical/Industrial Award - Mary K. Kirkland
- Sponsors Award - Dr. Robert Cade

SEATA Research & Education Committee

SEATA is now requesting grant proposals for 2008. See the SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals, Guidelines, General Information &

Application at <http://www.seata.org/SEATAResearchGrant2008.pdf>. The deadline for submitting grant proposals to Carl Matta-

cola, Co-Chair, SEATA Research and Education Committee, carlmat@uky.edu is February 14, 2008.

SEATA Student Senate Committee

SEATA is developing a SEATA Student Senate Committee to work in collaboration with the new NATA National Athletic Training Student Committee which is currently being formed. The development of this new SEATA committee will be guided by the members of

the District IX EC [College/University Athletic Training Students' Committee](http://www.seata.org/College/University_Athletic_Training_Students'_Committee). To be eligible for the SEATA Student Senate Committee candidates must be non-certified members of SEATA and be sophomores or juniors on July 1 in the year of appointment OR have com-

pleted at least 60 credits towards a bachelors or entry level masters degree. As the committee is developed and members are appointed further information will be posted to the SEATA Student Senate Committee web page at <http://www.seata.org/student.htm>.

Does your State Athletic Training Organization have your NATAPAC tiles hanging in the NATA Office yet?



“You And Your Representative”

We've produced four videos designed to show you – the athletic trainer – what to

expect when you meet with your Congressional representative. Go to [http://](http://www.nata.org/members/meeting_representatives.cfm)

www.nata.org/members/meeting_representatives.cfm to watch them.

State Reports

Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

The Alabama Athletic Trainers Association (ALATA) will have our Annual Meeting again at the [Sandestin Golf &](#)

[Beach Resort](#) in Sandestin, FL on May 16-18, 2008. More details will be posted on the ALATA website at

www.alata.org as the date approaches.

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

The Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida is pleased to announce the 20th anniversary of our state symposium! The meeting will be held Friday, April 25-Sunday, April 27 at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs Hotel. In

celebration of our association's history we are featuring a panel of past presidents to share experiences and their perspective on ATAF's growth over the past 20 years. We are also hosting a celebration social on Friday night.

For the first time ever symposium registration is available on-line! Please visit our website, <http://www.ataf.org> for more information and registration details.

Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

2008 GATA Annual Meeting & Symposium a Success

The 2008 annual meeting of the Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association was very successful this year at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center in Peachtree, GA. Despite the cold weather and questionable driving conditions, athletic trainers traveled great distances on 18th and 19th of January to help create a wonderful chemistry and professionalism to make it a great meeting this year. The GATA members who attended were able gain knowledge with the 15 CEUs on a variety of topics that were chosen by our members; and were also encouraged to get involved on the political

side to help our practice of athletic training grow within multiple industries and competitive pay scales.

The GATA was able to recognize and honor the 2007 award winners at our annual luncheon. This year's award winners are: Dr. Lawrence Powell of the Morehouse School of Medicine and Concentra Medical Center as this year's recipient of the Dr. Jack C. Hughston Physician of the Year Award; Dr. Mike Martino, from Georgia College, is this year's recipient of the Warren Morris Sports Medicine Person of the Year Award; and Tom Bair, from Progressive Rehabilitation Center in Griffin, is this year's recipient of the Jerry Rhea Athletic Trainer of the

Year Award. Scholarship recipients recognized at the luncheon were as follows: Graduate Student Scholarship-- Joseph Wilson of Georgia College, Undergraduate Student Scholarship-- Carrie Rahn of Valdosta State, and High School Scholarship-- Kathryn Bott from East Coweta High School.

The GATA would also like to thank our vendors and sponsors who participated and help to make the meeting a success and special thanks to School Health and Tom Rokovitz who sponsored the Friday night social.

For more information about the Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association, please visit our website www.athletictraining.com

NATA Research & Education Foundation Scholarships

Application Process Ends Soon

The 2008 Scholarship applications must be mailed with a postmark not later than February 10, 2008 to be considered.

Applications are available on the NATA Foundation website. There are three categories: Entry Level, Masters and Doctoral. Go to <http://www.natafoundation.org/scholarship.html> for further information on scholarships and links to the applications:

- [2008 Entry Level Scholarship Application](#)
- [2008 Master's Scholarship Application](#)
- [2008 Doctoral Scholarship Application](#)

Over seventy \$2,000 scholarships will be offered. The basic criteria includes NATA membership (since February 10, 2007 for masters and doctoral and application for membership not later than November 1, 2007 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.

New publication raises concerns about neutrality of coding info

NATA is concerned that the 2008 Coders' Desk Reference for Procedures may not be a neutral resource. The publication includes an updated lay description for 97005 – athletic training evaluation. To read a letter to the editor of the American Academy of Professional Coders' publication (Coder's Edge), written by Patty Ellis (NATA's national manager of markets and revenue), go to http://www.nata.org/Letter_to_the_editor_AAPCoders.pdf.



SEATA Executive Board Minutes

All Minutes of the SEATA Executive Board Meetings and Conference Calls are posted to the SEATA website as soon as possible after being approved. Go to <http://www.seata.org/OrgInfo.htm>.



Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society

The annual Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society Symposium and Meeting was held on January 19, 2008 at Northern Kentucky University.

2008 Award Winners

Sports Medicine Person of the Year – **Shelby T. White,**

MD, Award of Merit – **Trey Morgan, MS, ATC,** High School Athletic Trainer of the Year – **Bill Twehues, ATC, CSCS,** Clinical Athletic Trainer of the Year – **Scott Helton, MS, ATC,** College Athletic Trainer of the Year – **Molly Hutson, MED, ATC,**

Sponsorship Award – **Julie Monnin with Genzyme,** KATS Undergraduate Scholarship – **Alyse King,** KATS Graduate Scholarship – **Andrew Carlson, ATC.**



Greg Rose presents Award of Merit to Trey Morgan (L)



Greg Rose presents Clinical Award to Scott Helton (L)



Bill Welsh presents Undergraduate Scholarship to Alyse King



Tom Palmer (R) presents High



Trey Morgan presents College/University Award to Molly Hutson



Bill Welsh presents Graduate

Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association

The Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association (LATA) will have our Summer Sym-

posium June 5-7, 2008 at the [Doubletree Hotel New Orleans](http://www.doubletree.com) in New Orleans. Further

details will be provided via eBlasts and our website at www.latainc.org.

NATA Foundation Deadlines & Dates

Feb. 10, 2008 Scholarships applications due (postmarked), <http://www.natafoundation.org/scholarship.html#wnload>

Feb. 15, 2008 General Research Grant applications due, <http://www.natafoundation.org/grants/GeneralGrant1PP04.pdf>. Pre-Proposal Submission Form required.

March 1, 2008 Doctoral Research Grant applications due, <http://www.natafoundation.org/grants/DoctoralGrant3PP704.pdf>

Apr. 1, 2008 Spring Master's Research Grant applications due, <http://www.natafoundation.org/grants/MasterGrant1PP04.pdf>

Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

Mississippi Call for Nominations

Nominations for the offices of MATA President, MATA Secretary, and Physician Member to the Board are due in writing to Deb Dunn by January 31, 2008; nominations can be made in person, via e-mail Seibukan73@yahoo.com, or mailed to her at 2472 Stig-

ger Rd., Jackson, MS 39209.

The 2008 MATA Annual Meeting will be July 8-10 at the IP Resort, <http://www.ipbiloxi.com/main.htm>, in Biloxi, MS. Check <http://www.msata.org/> for info.

A free um will be offered at Mississippi State University on Saturday, May 10th, 2008 sponsored by Walters, Inc.'s

ATEO Program. Just a few of the topics include Emergency Action Plans, Lightening Protocols, MRSA, Prophylactic Bracing, and Cervical Spine Injuries. The program is worth 7 CEUs and includes lunch. To see a complete schedule and to register, visit <http://www.rodwalters.com/seminars.html>.

Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

Tennessee Athletic Trainer's Society held its annual meeting and symposia on January 12-13, at the Airport Marriott in Nashville, TN. There were over 120 attendees to this year's meeting. There were up to eleven CEU's offered for attendance to the two day program. A pre-meeting workshop on the clinical application of Pilates was presented by Scott Bruce. The remainder of the educational program included topics of concussion, hip injuries, gastrointestinal disorders, AED's and EAP's, and diagnostic imaging.

Former D-I athlete and cancer survivor, Emily Land talked of her fight against osteosarcoma, and issued a challenge to athletic trainers not to ignore unexplained, chronic pain in the athlete who contin-

ues to compete. She provided an inspirational story and food for thought for the athletic trainer who is treating unexplained pain in an athlete who continues to compete.

A social was sponsored on Saturday evening by Tom Rokovitz, and Sports Health, complete with a big screen TV playing the football game. All who attended enjoyed an evening of fun, food, and friends.

Sunday had more educational lectures, as well as vendors, and exhibitors set up to show the latest in athletic training supplies. The annual



awards luncheon saw several athletic trainers from across the state recognized for their contributions to the profession. The annual business meeting announced the results of the TATS election of officers. All of the current officers were re-elected to another term. The membership was challenged to get involved in promoting National Athletic Training Month in their individual areas and report those activates back to the public relations committee. It was also announced that the State meeting for 2009 will be in Chattanooga on January 10-11, 2009.

The Undergraduate Athletic Training student scholarship award was presented to Sean Michael Wadley of Union University. The Graduate Athletic Training student scholarship award was presented to Candy Anderson of The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Gary Beatty, ATC, LAT, of Star Physical Therapy, was awarded the Backbone of the Year Award. The Eugene Smith/Mickey O'Brien College Athletic Trainer of the Year was given to Ray Knight, ATC, LAT, of The University of the South. The final award given this year was the Sports Medicine Person of the Year which was given to Michael Casey, MD, of Tennessee Orthopaedic Clinic in Knoxville. Congratulations to all of the award recipients and thank you for your contributions to the profession of athletic training.



L to R: Dr. Michael Casey, Ray Knight, Gary Beatty,



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To subscribe to the listserve, send a blank email to SEATA_subscribe@yahoo.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/>

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NATA and SEATA Deadlines & Dates

- February 1, 2008** NATA Capitol Hill Room Day Registration Deadline at <https://www.nata.org/capitolhillday/08reg.htm>
- February 5, 2008** Room Reservation Deadline - 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting. Go to <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/bnacs>
- February 8, 2008** 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting Mail-in Registration Deadline
- February 8-9, 2008** 23rd Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium
Go to <http://www.seata.org/08atss.htm> for more information.
- February 8-9, 2008** 2nd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference
Go to <http://www.seata.org/08atec.htm> for more information.
- February 14, 2008** SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals, Guidelines, General Information & Application Deadline at www.seata.org/SEATAResearchGrant2008.pdf
- February 15, 2008** 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting online registration Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/08csmm.htm
- February 15, 2008** NATA 2008 Multimedia Contest Submission Deadline. Go to www.nata.org/2008multimediacontest.htm
- February 25, 2008** NATA Capitol Hill Day 2008, Register at <https://www.nata.org/capitolhillday/08reg.htm>
- February 28, 2008** [Manual Therapy Techniques for the Lower Extremity](#), NATA One Day Workshop
- Feb. 28 – Mar. 2, 2008** 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin, TN
- March 20, 2008** 2008 CUATC Recognition Awards nominations deadline
- April 7, 2008** Jack Cramer Scholarship Application Deadline. Go to <http://www.nata.org/cramerscholarship/index.htm>

33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, Feb. 28-March 2, 2008, Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin, TN

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