



# Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association Newsletter



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**Very Important!!!**  
Call to Action for ALL Athletic Trainers & Supervising Physicians  
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## News from the District Director, R.T. Floyd

It was great to see so many of you at the NATA Convention in Anaheim. From all accounts, the convention was a success. Congratulations to our numerous NATA Award winners in District IX. We again had a particularly large number of our members acknowledged and it was great to see our athletic trainers and students receive recognition at the national level. All of these award winners are listed on the SEATA website and later in this *Newsletter* as well as in the recent *eBlast*. Please congratulate and thank these members for their outstanding contributions to the field of athletic train when you have the opportunity. Congratulations are also in order for our NATA Research and Education Foundation scholarship winners. I am glad to see that we had more students receive these this year. I am certain that we have many more eligible and deserving students and encourage you to apply for 2008. Related to this we have a significant number of deserving members who you need to nominate for NATA Awards or SEATA Awards or both. NATA Awards nominations are being accepted from August 1 until Nov. 15 for 2008. SEATA Honors & Awards will also be accepted online this fall.

From the NATA Board, we are continuing to look at numerous issues regarding how athletic trainers practice and how we can better address them as your professional organization. Included in these issues are scope of practice, Stark Laws, and of course, our federal legislative effort with H.R. 1876, the Medicare Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act, which we ALL must continue working on until we are ultimately successful. We are also working with the National Academy of Neuropsychology on a Concussion DVD and have approved two different Inter-Association Task Forces for 2008, one on Heat Acclimatization for High School Practices and one on Skin Infection in Sport. We have also retained an association consultant to make NATA membership more relevant and valuable to prospective members in our continuing effort to be the best association we can for our membership. We will soon be providing executive summaries of the BOD meetings and conference calls on the Member's Only section of the web site to better inform all of our members. I encourage you to review these when they become available and please contact me

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## News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski

Hello - May this newsletter find you enjoying the wonderful summer season. It was great to see so many SEATA members at the NATA Annual Meeting and Symposium in Anaheim, CA. I also had the opportunity to attend the Awards Banquet and the Foundation Scholarship Banquet where several of our members were recognized. Congratulations to all our honored SEATA members. Please see the listing of all award winners on page 4 of this newsletter.

The SEATA Executive Board met on 28 June in Anaheim. The main actions that occurred during the meeting were approval

of Donna Wesley (President, MS) to the Finance Committee; approval for the Finance Committee to meet in early fall; and approval for the Strategic Planning Committee to meet during the fall. Further discussions were held about revisions to the SEATA By-laws. Revisions to the SEATA By-laws when completed will be provided to the members. I encourage you to review activities of the SEATA Executive Board by reviewing minutes of the meetings on our website.

I once again want to encourage you to promote our profession. Contact your

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## ***Keep the Call to Action Going: Very Important!!!*** **H.R. 1876, Medicare Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act?**

Have you sent your letter to support **H.R. 1876, Medicare Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act**.

To date, over 4,022 letters have been sent to members of Congress by NATA members using our web site! Were you one of them? If so, then **THANK YOU!**

If not, visit the [Legislative Alert Center](http://www.nata.org/members/documents/alert_center.cfm) at [http://www.nata.org/members/documents/alert\\_center.cfm](http://www.nata.org/members/documents/alert_center.cfm) and send your letters today! It is a very easy process and will take you less than five minutes. **Don't be misinformed - this bill affects the entire athletic training profession, not just those in a clinical**

setting.

Go to [http://www.nata.org/members/gov\\_affairs/access\\_act/2007\\_docs/bill\\_school\\_settings.pdf](http://www.nata.org/members/gov_affairs/access_act/2007_docs/bill_school_settings.pdf) to read how and why this affects ath-

letic trainers in schools. If you have a supervising physician, please ask them to send a letter as well! Members of Congress want to know that physicians care about this issue. Physician involvement is critical to the success of H.R. 1846. Please check your 4/17/07 email from NATA and print out the attached letter, have your physician sign and complete their address, and fax it back to the NATA office (214.637.2206). We'll take care of sending it to the cor-

rect members of Congress; we'll fax it to both Senators and the Representative.

**Questions?** Contact

Amy Callender at 1.800.879.6282 ext. 153 or [amyc@nata.org](mailto:amyc@nata.org).

Thank you!

If you have trouble with the links above, you can copy and paste the direct links below:

**Legislative Alert Center:** [http://www.nata.org/members/documents/alert\\_center.cfm](http://www.nata.org/members/documents/alert_center.cfm)

**How school athletic trainers are affected:** [http://www.nata.org/members/gov\\_affairs/access\\_act/2007\\_docs/bill\\_school\\_settings.pdf](http://www.nata.org/members/gov_affairs/access_act/2007_docs/bill_school_settings.pdf)



## **Athletic Training Relief Fund for 2005 Hurricane Victims**

The Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association's Executive Board is asking for assistance from the membership to identify any SEATA members who sustained a substantial loss as a result of the hurricanes in 2005. We have received \$3,000.00 as a result of the work done by Glen Snow and Rich Carey of Plate-O-Pair with the [Hurricane Fundraiser Cookbook Volume I & II](#). The

Board requests that you assist in identifying our fellow athletic trainers who had a financial loss as a result of the hurricanes. This information should be forwarded to Gerard White, AT Relief Fund Coordinator, at [gerard.white@nicholls.edu](mailto:gerard.white@nicholls.edu) and their name will be put into a database. This information will help to ensure that the relief fund will be utilized and benefit ALL of our fellow athletic train-

ers in need. Please use the form at <http://www.seata.org/ATReliefFund2007.doc> and submit no later July 31, 2007 so that the funds can be dispersed to those who are in need of assistance.

AT Relief Fund  
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## **News from the Treasurer, Jim Mackie**

The SEATA Finance Committee has been developed consisting of the Treasurer, two Executive Committee Members and a member at large. Some of the goals are to provide improved accountability, development of financial

goals, policies, management, budget, etc.

Look for registration information in the fall newsletter regarding the Annual Student Symposium and the Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting.

As of May 31, 2007 the SEATA current bank statement is at \$100,538.86 with outstanding checks of \$5285.39 leaving a remaining balance of \$95,253.47.

## NPI News

### NPI Data Dissemination

CMS has delayed the NPI dissemination until Aug. 1, 2007 (formerly June 28)

Now is the time to verify and update your NPI information!

CMS will release information from the NPPES on providers with NPI numbers starting on August 1, 2007.

If you need to correct or update any information, you need to do it before this date. Also if you entered optional information that you do not want released, such as your business address, phone number and fax number, you can remove this from your record. Go to <http://www.nata.org/npi> for more info. Go to <https://NPPES.cms.hhs.gov> to update.

CMS will **not** release your SSN, Tax ID, DOB nor state or country of birth.

Once the Web site is operational users will be able to look up a provider by name or NPI.

NATA strongly encourages all Athletic Trainers to register for their **National Provider Identifier number (NPI)** "NATA views having an NPI number like having a state

license: it's a professional requirement and adds credibility to both the individual and the profession," says Cate Brennan Lisak, director of external affairs. "Once ATs get their NPI number, it will be theirs forever -- no matter where they work. There's no downside to having an NPI number." Applying for an NPI number is quick, easy and free.

The National Provider Identifier is the result of the mandate in the 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) that the Secretary of HHS establish a standard national provider identifier. Though all healthcare providers will be eligible to receive NPI's, covered healthcare entities will be mandated to use the NPI as the sole provider identifier on all HIPAA electronic transactions. The 10 digit number will be assigned by a CMS-funded NPI "Enumerator" through the NPPES (National Provider and Plan Enumeration System).

The NPI is a numeric 10 digit identifier, consisting of 9 numbers plus a check-digit in the 10th position. It is accommodated in all standard trans-

actions and contains no embedded information about the healthcare provider that it identifies.

When filling out your application use: **Provider Code 22** (Respiratory, Rehabilitative & Restorative Service Providers) and **Taxonomy Code 2255A2300X** (Athletic Trainer)

To Apply go to: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.npistart>

To view the CMS Background and Application Process Information for Healthcare Providers Viewlet. This may take a few minutes to load. <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/npi/npiviewlet.asp>

There is a link to help on the NPPES website, a toll free number 1-800-465-3203 or Contact [Patty Ellis](mailto:Patty_Ellis@NATA.org), NATA Manager of Markets & Revenue 214-637-6282 ext. 133

Go to <http://www.nata.org/members/CANWORC/index.cfm#re> for more NPI information on the NATA Web site.

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

with any and all concerns you may have. We will also be having a NATA Presidential election this fall with two excellent candidates in **Marge Albohm** and **Sandy Miller**. Please make sure you vote for one in our first online election. District IX will once again be hosting the NATA Board of Directors in early December at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville and we hope many of you can join us for the member reception which will be announced later this fall.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank **Ron Courson** for his efforts in securing support for distributing the Heads Up DVD to all secondary schools across the country and we are most appreciative of **Dr. Jim Andrews** and **The Andrews Institute** for providing this support to this project through the NATA Foundation.

Best wishes to you all as another school year begins.

Sincerely,  
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### "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://www.nata.org/members/1/meeting\\_representatives.cfm](http://www.nata.org/members/1/meeting_representatives.cfm) to watch them.

### NATA Honors & Awards nominations for 2008 begin August 1, 2007

Go to [www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm](http://www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm)

### 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>.



## Congratulations to NATA Awards Winners in SEATA!

### NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer

- Stephanie Lennon, MS, ATC, NBCT

- Kathleen Stroia, ATC, PT
- Gary Wilkerson, EdD, ATC

### NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award

- Ray Castle, PhD, ATC
- Nancy Cummings, EdD, ATC, CSCS

- Micki Cuppett, EdD, ATC
- Trish Bare Grounds, ABD, ATC, LAT

- Christine Stopka, PhD, ATC
- Mary Walker, MS, ATC

### Tim Kerin Award

- Lindsay McLean, ATC, PT

### NATA 25-Year Award

- Charles Ash, MS, ATC
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- Gerard White, MEd, ATC

- William Woodall, EdD, ATC, PT

### NATA President's Challenge Award

- George Davies, DPT, ATC, CSC, SCS

### NATA Education Council Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Educator Award

- R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, CSCS

### NATA Governmental Affairs Committee Award Legislative Activity

- Joe Erdeljac, MS, ATC & Nick Pappas, ATC, LAT of the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

### NATA Research & Education Foundation Awards Foundation Scholarship

#### Recipients

#### Doctoral

- Michelle Odai, Florida International University, Jerry Rhea Scholarship sponsored by National Football League Charities

#### Master's

- Nicholas Seiler, The University of Alabama, Jerry Rhea/Atlanta Falcons Scholarship Award sponsored by Jerry Rhea/Atlanta Falcons Scholarship Fund
- Lauren Steiner, The Univer-

sity of West Alabama, sponsored by National Basketball Athletic Trainers' Association

#### Entry Level

- Keitaro Abe, Georgia Southern University, Karen Toburen Scholarship sponsored by Karen Toburen, PhD, ATC

- Sharon Elliott, Florida Southern College, Donald J. Fauls Memorial Scholarship sponsored by National Athletic Trainers' Association Foundation Golf Classic/ Gatorade

- Ashley Foster, Eastern Kentucky University, sponsored by Bike Athletic Company
- Amy Knox, The University of Alabama, Dr. Jack Hughston Memorial Scholarship Award sponsored by The Hughston Foundation

- Casey Perkins, Eastern Kentucky University, Bobby Barton Scholarship Award sponsored by Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association/NATA District 9

### NATA Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Award

- Sharon Elliott, Florida Southern College

### Dan Libera BOC Service Award

- Marisa Brunett, MS, ATC
- Sue Stanley-Green, MS, ATC

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

U.S. Senators and Representatives about the new legislation introduced in Washington, DC. Additional information can be obtained on our SEATA website and the NATA website.

Please contact members of the SEATA Executive Board with your ideas and suggestions. Plan now to attend the **33rd Annual Clinical Symposium and Members**

**Meeting on 28 Feb through 2 March 2008!**

Sincerely,  
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD,  
ATC, LAT

## NATA Foundation Deadlines & Dates

**Aug. 15, 2007** [General Research Grant](#) applications due. [Pre-Proposal Submission Form](#) required.

**Sept. 1, 2007** [Research Award Nominations](#) due.

**Oct. 1, 2007** [Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship](#) application due.

**Oct. 15, 2007** [Master's Research Grant](#) applications due.

**Dec. 1, 2007** [Abstracts](#) due for 2008 Free Communications.

### SEATA Pictures from Anaheim



SEATA Board Members Stephanie Lennon, Donna Wesley, Lori Groover and MaryBeth Horodyski assist in the convention center with the Customer Service!



Florida is represented in the exhibit hall by J.P. Hamilton, Jamie Pinyan & Ryan Keebler.



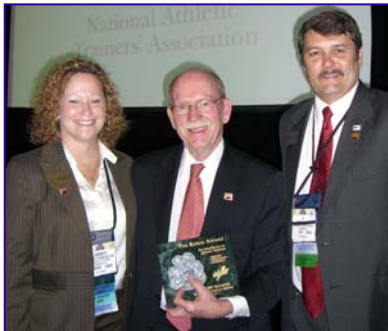
Al Green, Sue Stanley-Green & Joann Hauser in the Convention Center.



Heloise Jones, Mike Wilkinson, MaryBeth Horodyski, Stephanie Lennon, Chuck Kimmel, Marisa Brunett, & R.T. Floyd enjoy the NATAPAC Breakfast.



D9 VP Marisa Brunett with Key-note Speaker Vince Papale at the J&J Booth.



SEATA President MaryBeth Horodyski congratulates Lindsey McLean, Tim Kerin Award recipient, along with District IV Director R.T. Floyd.



Torrance Williams D9 Secondary Schools Chair and Cindy Clivio D8 Rep working the exhibit hall



SEATA President MaryBeth Horodyski congratulates Stephanie Lennon & Kathleen Stroia Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award recipients, along with District IV Director R.T. Floyd.

### Submit your News & Pictures to SEATA

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SEATA VP Brunett & Florida President Lennon visit longtime SEATA supporter Tom Rokovitz at the Sports Health Exhibit.



### NATA releases consensus statement on sickle cell trait

The new statement was introduced at a press conference in Anaheim, CA.

Read the news release at <http://www.nata.org/newsrelease/archives/000584.htm>

Watch the entire press conference video at <http://www.nata.org/video/pressconf07/index.htm>



Go to the **NATA statements page** at <http://www.nata.org/statements/index.htm#on> for more info.

### 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.

## College & University Athletic Trainers Committee

Minutes of the College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee

Anaheim, CA, June 26, 2007

The following information provides the essence of committee discussion and action.

1. Ron Courson welcomed committee members, guests and introduced new members.

2. 2008 NATA Convention: The CUATC Session 2008 NATA Annual Convention in St. Louis which is a 2 hour session will be on Heat Illness Prevention in Collegiate Athletics, Sandy Godek, Michael Ferrara, Randy Dick, Randy Eichner were identified as speakers for the session. Rex Sharp will moderate the session.

3. Charlie Thompson CAUSE update. The sense of the committee was that the online chat forum has been a useful tool for introducing topic discussions on collegiate sports medicine.

4. Bill McDonald updated the committee on the CUATC Awards. The committee discussed methods to encourage more submissions. The committee will continue awards for the Most Outstanding Certified Athletic Trainer in each division (NCAA Division I, II, and III; and NAIA) as well as the Above and Beyond award. The committee also approved providing awards of merit (Jerry Punch, MD in St. Louis and Grant Teaff in San Antonio) to outstanding collegiate-partner.

5. The committee reviewed the CUATC 2007 NATA Convention session on Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in Athletics. The committee noted that Nancy Smith will be the moderator for the session. The CUATC awards will be

presented at the CUATC session.

6. Bill McDonald updated the committee on the NATA Strategic Implementation Team (SIT). The SIT initiative is a collaborative effort to enhance open communications between NATA committees. Bill updated the committee on the initiatives of other committee that were relevant to the CUATC. Currently the team is working on collecting information and developing outcomes. An October meeting will focus on developing an implementation timeline. The committee supported efforts to examine the retention of certified athletic trainers in the collegiate setting.

7. NATA News CUATC articles suggestion. The committee recommended placing a highlight box for promoting the CUATC awards submission. The committee identified the following topic articles:

a. September article focus on the current collegiate setting views and interviews.

b. November article focus on the NCAA medical redshirt and hardship waiver processes.

c. January article focus on the NCAA Injury Surveillance System.

d. March issue focus on Michael Ferrara's heat illness prevention data collection and the upcoming 2008 CUATC session at the NATA Convention.

e. May article focus on challenges and best practices for hiring certified athletic trainers taking graduate classes, employment statistics for the collegiate setting.

f. July article focus on the partnership between col-

lege health centers and intercollegiate athletics athletic training centers.

8. Lori Dewald, EdD, ATC, CHES, Assistant Professor at Salisbury University, presented to the committee on the communication strategy efforts between the NATA and the American College Health Association (ACHA). Dr. Dewald noted the changes and challenges that currently occur within the college health setting and encouraged the CUATC members to become actively involved with ACHA. Partnership to update the college and university certified athletic trainers on ACHA advisories. Healthy Campus 2010 strategic initiative of the ACHA has addressed the physically active components of the CDC's Healthy People 2010 educational initiatives. Dr. Dewald recommended the committee considered embracing the Health Campus 2010 and formally support the ACHA's initiatives possibly included such topics in future NATA Convention sessions. Dr. Dewald updated the committee on the ACHA research efforts on college students and future inclusion of student-athletes on campus. The 2008 ACHA annual meeting will provide Category E CEU's to certified athletic trainers. Dr. Dewald suggested that athletic training centers look to the future by becoming accredited health care facilities similar to other ambulatory health care settings ([www.aaahc.org](http://www.aaahc.org)). The committee recommended posting ACHA updates and advisories on the CAUSE website.

9. Michael Ferrara, PhD, ATC, University of Georgia, pre-

## College & University Athletic Trainers Committee (cont. from Page 6)

- sented an update on the Exertional Heat Illness (EHI) Study. Dr. Ferrara provided an update on the collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on the EHI study including a Georgia High School project.
10. Ron Courson updated the committee on the CDC's MRSA survey of over 400 colleges and the May NATA News article.
  11. Mark Pietrok will replace Rod Walters on as the CUATC representative to the Injury Surveillance Oversight Group (NCAA ISS).
  12. Ron Courson updated the committee on the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Inter-Association consensus statement. The committee discussed adding an educational laminated pullout piece to supplement the highlights of the statement to be bundled with a future issue of the NATA News.
  13. Dr. Julian Bailes, MD will lead the writing of a manuscript on the NATA/AFCA Spearing in Football task force educational initiative. The manuscript will be submitted to multiple manuscripts. Also, funding has been raised to replicate and distribute the NATA's Heads Up DVD to all high schools. The committee recommended sending the Heads Up DVD to NAIA schools, Junior Colleges and Community Colleges that sponsor football.
  14. Randy Dick, NCAA, updated the committee on the publication and distribution of the Journal of Athletic Training special edition journal on "Collegiate Athletic Injuries – Trends and Prevention." Mr. Dick also noted that the NCAA is sponsoring a validation research study on the ISS as well as a high school pilot program to collect sport injury data. Collaboration initiatives continue at the college as well as the NCAA conference level. The committee noted that institutions that pay NCAA dues should have access to the ISS data independent to their participation.
  15. David Klossner, NCAA, updated the committee on the NCAA and its Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, NCAA's initiative on Life and Work Balance, and the response to the NATA Sickle Cell Trait initiative. The committee supported the NCAA's initiative that all coaches be CPR certified. The committee provided feedback on challenges and frustrations with the NCAA Basic Accident and Catastrophic Insurance programs. The NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook will be revising its pregnant student-athlete guideline for their 2007-08 edition. Mr. Klossner noted that the NCAA CSMAS supported the educational intent and purpose of the Sickle Cell Trait task force but the NCAA does not endorse or mandate medical practices (i.e., screening of student-athletes).
  16. The committee received a presentation from Brian Anderson, Collegiate Sports Medicine Foundation, on the current and future initiatives of the foundation. Some of the initiatives of the foundation include athletic training student educational opportunities, continuing education for certified athletic trainers, athletic training research, and strategic plans. Mr. Anderson presented data on workloads and time demands on collegiate athletic training staff.
  17. The committee received a report from Denny Miller, Purdue University and Dale Rudd, UCLA on the updates to the AMCIA document. The document was recently edited to clarify some terminology that has changed since the document was released and was approved by the Board of Directors. The document may be updated to represent current changes in NCAA regulations, ease of accessibility possibly through the NATA website, and additional data collected from the NATA membership. The committee supported the concept to study the seemingly increase in injury treatments due to additional practice opportunities which ultimately leads to increased demands on student-athlete time and impacts their overall well being.
  18. Ron Courson noted the committees support to educate the membership on an ICD registry through Ohio State University to register and track the student-athletes playing collegiate sports that have internal cardiac defibrillators.
  19. Ron Courson noted the development of a new NFL/Collegiate Athletic Trainer Committee to encourage the exchange of skills, provide educational opportunities and improve the communication and relationship between university and NFL athletic trainers.
  20. The committee noted that addressing student-athlete mental health issues is a growing administrative issue on campuses.

### New: 'Change the World' initiative

By board directive, NATA is undertaking an exciting new initiative to address a shift in its demographic profile. In 2006, NATA experienced a decline in membership growth for the first time. Students and young professionals are not automatically joining the association the way they once did, and those who do join often don't renew.

Generations X and Y now comprise a majority of NATA members. The average age of our members is 31; the average certified member is 34. To remain a vibrant, growing association, we must rethink our services and offerings and their relevance to these young people who are not just the future but the present-day reality of NATA.

NATA has retained a noted consultant to work with a team of members and staff. We have reconfigured staff responsibilities and promoted Karen Peterson to a new director level position to provide increased focus and strategic oversight to student and young professional programs.

The consultant will report to the board in December.



### Need a career development resource?

**CAN - WORC (Career Advancement Network & Workplace Resource Center) Advisor** will put you into contact with athletic training professionals from all settings with expertise in the business of athletic training and career development. 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>.

### SEATA List Serve Information

To subscribe to the listserve, send a blank email to [SEATA\\_subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto: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/>

## History and Archives Committee

We are working with the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in Macon, GA to display the SEATA History and Archives. A substantial amount of material has been sent and the display should soon be completed. We will update you as the project continues. You can visit the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame online at <http://www.gshf.org/>. Also of interest, the GSHF is developing a

new interactive sports medicine exhibit. The exhibit will consist of a permanent installation in Macon as well as a traveling exhibit. Each will allow visitors to view and actually practice surgical techniques that are used to treat common sports injuries. The exhibit will be called "The Road to Recovery" and will honor the late Dr. Jack C. Hughston, a 2006 GSHF inductee.

Please send the Athletic Training History of the venue you are working to:

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## Memorial Resolutions Committee

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

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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## SEATA Exhibits Committee

We will be going back to Franklin TN for our 33rd Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium. The dates will be Feb. 28-March 2, 2008 and we will be at the Cool Springs Marriott right next to the Cool Springs Galleria. There will be plenty of things to do and places to go within the area or we are just minutes away from Nashville.

Please submit any new companies in your area who could become a new exhibitor or have them contact me at the address given. With the earlier

dates we are eager to see if this may increase our attendance at this meeting. I do know that the Exhibitors are eager to see more Athletic Trainers who are in the position to purchase products and services that will be exhibited at our Annual Meeting. Please support our exhibitors, especially our Corporate Partners, as they help in make our SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium the great success that it has become. They can also check out our

web page and click on Meetings and Education and then click on the 33rd Annual Meeting link for more information.

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## Newest data on Traumatic Brain Injury from CDC

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently published new data on TBIs related to sports and recreation activities. There is also a podcast available on the topic.

Article: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5629a2.htm>

Podcast: [http://www2a.cdc.gov/podcasts/media/mp3/mmwr5\\_072707.mp3](http://www2a.cdc.gov/podcasts/media/mp3/mmwr5_072707.mp3)

Two new free toolkits are also available, one for physicians and one for coaches/parents/athletes, that are designed to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of concussion.

Both toolkits can be ordered, free of charge, at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/tbi/TBI.htm>

Jennifer M. Hootman PhD, ATC, FACSM



## Women in Athletic Training Committee

Awards- Awards season is almost here again, so if you know any worthy female athletic trainers who deserve to be nominated, make sure you nominate them or let us know! If you need assistance with the process, contact your state rep, since we'll be nominating worthy candidates, too.

History- A timeline of women in District IX has been posted on our district WATC committee page and in the SEATA history area. It has a lot of great information, so take a minute or two to check it out. If you find that you have

something to add, contact your state rep, and they can send your information on to be added into the next update.

Life Balancing- On the NATA WATC list serve, we are regularly posting questions about life balancing to generate discussion and share ideas. We hope these questions will appeal to both men and women, so this is a great time to sign up for the list serve. There is a link on the SEATA WATC page for anyone who wants to join (just look for us under "Committees").

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).

## SEATA Membership News

We are very proud to welcome 285 new members to District IX from January 1 through June 30, 2007. Please join us in extending a welcoming hand to these new members when you see them in their work, at our meetings and at other SEATA, NATA, and state athletic training activities. For a complete list, see the following SEATA eBlast News:

April 11 <http://www.seata.org/eb04-11-07.htm>  
 May 16 <http://www.seata.org/eb05-16-07.htm>  
 June 18 <http://www.seata.org/eb06-18-07.htm>

July 19 <http://www.seata.org/eb07-19-07.htm>

### District IX again NATA's 2nd Largest District

We previously reported that District IX became the second largest district briefly with release of the February 2007 NATA Membership Statistics. District II reclaimed second place during March and April, but District IX has barely pulled back into second place with the release of the May and June statistics. We currently have 4,546 members to District II's 4,542. District IV remains NATA's largest district with 6,863 members in June.

For further details go to [http://www.nata.org/members/documents/membstats/2007\\_06.htm](http://www.nata.org/members/documents/membstats/2007_06.htm)

We are certainly not competing for membership but do desire to encourage every athletic trainer, athletic training student, team physician, and related allied health professional in District IX to not only join but become involved in the NATA and SEATA. For details on joining go to [http://members.nata.org/scriptcontent/CM\\_Application/CMA\\_Steps.cfm](http://members.nata.org/scriptcontent/CM_Application/CMA_Steps.cfm).

## 2008 Study Abroad - Italy

Dear Athletic Training Students,

The Collegiate Sports Medicine Foundation is sponsoring a Study Abroad – Italy Program during your Spring Break for 2008. This program will tie in the cultural, historical and sports medicine perspectives of Naples, Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Florence and Rome in a trip designed especially for you. This program includes flights, hotels, museum and

exhibit entrance fees, ground transportation, nine meals and more. Price varies from \$2500 to \$2725 depending on your week of travel and how early you register. For additional information please visit <http://www.csmfoundation.org/StudyAbroad-Italy.html>.

Space is limited to 45 except for Easter week which is limited to 90.

Hope you have a great summer and hope to see you in

Italy.

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## Tentative date set for Capitol Hill Day 2008

Start making plans now to attend NATA's Capitol Hill Day in 2008. Each year, athletic trainers meet in Washington, DC to visit with members of Congress about issues important to your profession. The 2008 event is tentatively set for **February 25**; hotel and logistics plans are underway. NATA should be able to confirm this date shortly.

We want to make sure we have NATA members represented from every state. Keep reading the e-Blast Newsletter and the NATA News for more information about this. The 2007 Capitol Hill Day was very successful and we're looking forward to an even bigger and better event next year!

## Make plans!

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

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

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. Go to <http://www.nata.org/members/canworc/index.cfm>



#### Iota Tau Alpha

**Request:** Any university that has an Athletic Training Curriculum that is interested in joining Iota Tau Alpha Honor Society contact John H. Anderson 3212 Veterans Stadium Drive Dept. of Athletic Training Education Troy University Troy, Alabama 36081 334-670-3722 Fax: 334-670-3870 [athtrain@troy.edu](mailto:athtrain@troy.edu)

## State Reports

### Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

#### Award Winning Alabama Athletic Trainers

Special Recognition goes to Sherry Kimbro from the University of Alabama. Sherry will be inducted into the ALATA Hall of Fame at the 2008 meeting. Join us then and now in recognizing Sherry for her service and excellence in the profession.

Those ATC/LATs already in the field also continue to shine. The following athletic trainers and those who support our profession were recognized in San Destin.

- *Corporate Award* from Pfizer - **Bill Maschmeier**
- *Clinical Athletic Trainer Award* winner from DCH - **Sheryl Hendrix**
- *High School Athletic Trainer Award* winner of Central High School in Florence, AL - **Paul Crawford**
- *ALATA Service Award* from the Columbus Cottonmouths Hockey Organization from Auburn, AL - **Jamie Gamber**
- *College Athletic Trainer Award* Winner of Samford University - **Michelle Johnson**
- *Award of Merit* from The University of West Alabama - **Brad Montgomery**
- *Sports Medicine Person of the Year* from Southern Bone & Joint Specialists - **Bruce**

#### Hall, MD

ALATA congratulates the award winners and their respective schools/companies! Also, thanks to you the membership for sending in nominations. Please recognize an ATC/LAT who goes above and beyond my nominating them for a 2008 award. Visit [www.alata.org](http://www.alata.org) to contact the award committee.

The 2007 ALATA Scholarship Winners are:

- **Jessica Dysart** is a Graduate student at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and working as a Graduate Assistant at Samford University.
- **Chuan Wang** is an undergraduate student at Troy University.

Join ALATA and athletic trainers across the state in congratulating these students. Please encourage the students of the profession you know to apply for the 2008 awards!

#### New Faces to the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

At this year's annual meeting, an election was held to fill the positions of ATC At Large (formerly held by Wayne Kendrick) and PT/ATC. By support of the members, Brad Montgomery of the University of West Alabama will take over the role of ATC At Large and

Alan Spooner of the University of Alabama at Birmingham will serve another term at the position of PT/ATC. We welcome them to the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers and look forward to their leadership. ALATA would like to thank everyone who nominated and who ran in the election as it was a close one – THANKS FOR BEING INVOLVED!

#### Facts and Reminders

- The Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers is a separate entity from the ALATA (Alabama Athletic Trainers Association)
- Please keep your e-mail and postal address current with NATA so you are sure to receive all future e-blasts and mailing. Sandy Ward can be contacted at [sandyw@nata.org](mailto:sandyw@nata.org)
- The 2007 ALATA Annual Meeting had 180 registrants – thanks to all who attended and participated to make the meeting such a great success! We are already looking forward to next year.
- We will be returning to [Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort](http://SandestinGolf.com), Sandestin, FL for the 2008 ALATA Meeting, May 16-18.
- Please vote by August 3, 2007 via the emailed ballot (see July 20 ALATA eBlast News).

### Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

The Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association recently held its 2007 Annual Symposium and Business Meeting at Pearl River Resort in Philadelphia, MS. Attendees were treated to a variety of presentations from state members, physicians as well as guest presenters **Brad Montgomery**

(University of West Alabama) and **Arnold Gamber** (Auburn University). Six senior athletic training students from Delta State University presented a session on scapular stabilization in addition to their many jobs in helping with the meeting. Highlight photos will soon be available on our website

[www.msata.org](http://www.msata.org).

On Monday, over 160 attendees and guests attended the 2007 MATA Awards Luncheon. **Kelly Martin**, an athletic training student at the University of Southern Mississippi, was announced as the 2007-08 winner of the Andy "Doc" Bryan Memorial Under-

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graduate Scholarship. The luncheon was highlighted with the induction of three new members into the MATA Hall of Fame. In front of their families, friends, colleagues, former athletes, and former student athletic trainers, **Joel "Hap" Hudson, Dr. James O. Manning, and Straton Karatasos** were inducted as the 2007 class of the MATA Hall of Fame. During his moving tribute to "Hap" **John Tillery** spoke of the laughs and the legacy of his mentor during his thirty-plus year career at Mississippi College. **Mike Wilkinson** spoke of the leadership and foresight of Dr. Manning as an orthopedic surgeon and his

spoke of Strat's dedication and years of service to MSU and his involvement in the initial state licensure effort. The MATA Hall of Fame is our highest honor and recognizes these men for their outstanding contributions and service to our Association.

On Tuesday, unfortunately Mother Nature did not cooperate as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was halted because of rain. However, exhibitors and members did enjoy the hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and conversations at the social on Tuesday evening.

The MATA Executive Committee met on Sunday evening prior to the Business

the CMS legislation. A letter writing campaign on the national and state level continues and members will soon be getting more information and are strongly encouraged to get involved. Promotion of the Secondary School ATC and those involved at the Jr. College level were hot topics during round table discussions. Nominations for the offices of MATA President, Vice President, Secretary and Physician-member are due to Deb Dunn in writing by the end of January 2008. District IX Director, **R.T. Floyd** reported on the actions of the NATA Board and reminded members of the upcoming NATA presidential election.

The Athletic Training Advisory Council met with David Kweller following the business meeting. Mr. Kweller reported on the changes within the Mississippi Department of Health and then gave the licensure update. Mississippi currently has 328 licensed athletic trainers and 23 licenses expired and were not renewed. The Council has requested assistance from the Department on a public education campaign on licensure requirements and title protection. Mr. Kweller also reported that athletic trainers should be able to renew licensure online by the end of the year.



**Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame Inductees for 2007: Straton Karatasos, Dr. James O. Manning and Joel "Hap" Hudson.**

involvement with Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center. Mississippi State University athletic department administration and staff showed up in strong support of Karatasos. **Jay Logan** eloquently

Meeting on Monday and agreed on several key initiatives that were presented during the business meeting. Members were reminded about the importance of obtaining an NPI and continued involvement on



## Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

The 2008 TATS Annual Meeting is set! Mark your calendar for January 11-13, 2008.

Our Annual Meeting and Symposium will be held in Nashville at the Airport Marriott. Go to

<http://cwp.marriott.com/bnatn/nathletictrainers/> for more information.



### ICD Sports Registry Seeks Participants

A new study is underway to determine the safety of sports for athletes with Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators (ICDs). Go to <http://www.nata.org/documents/ICDstudy.pdf> for more information and to learn how your athletes can participate.

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



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



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## NATA Deadlines & Dates

**August 1, 2007** Nomination process begins for 2008 NATA Awards.

Go to [www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm](http://www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm)

**August 13, 2007** for submission of news items to [valerieh@nata.org](mailto:valerieh@nata.org) for inclusion in October edition of NATA News, [www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm#News](http://www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm#News)

**September 14, 2007** for submission of news items to [valerieh@nata.org](mailto:valerieh@nata.org) for inclusion in November edition of NATA News, [www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm#News](http://www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm#News)

**October 12, 2007** for submission of news items to [valerieh@nata.org](mailto:valerieh@nata.org) for inclusion in December edition of NATA News, [www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm#News](http://www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm#News)

**November 15, 2007** Nominations close for 2008 NATA Awards.

Go to [www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm](http://www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm)

**December 1, 2007** Deadline for submitting supporting information for 2008 NATA Honors & Awards.

**January 1, 2008** Nominations close - 2008 SEATA Honors & Awards Program.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium,  
Feb. 8-9, 2008, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators Conference,  
Feb. 8-9, 2008, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA**

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

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