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From the District Director R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

Dear SEATA Members,

I hope you had an opportunity for a little break before beginning what I am sure is a very busy fall for most of you. It has certainly been a busy fall regarding numerous NATA and SEATA issues.

On behalf of the NATA Leadership, we want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who wrote letters on behalf of your profession to CMS. While we will not know the outcome of these efforts until sometime in November, I can tell you that the response was tremendous and as a volunteer organization with guidance from a very professional and prepared NATA office staff, you did an exceptional job. Our lobbyist, Bill Finerfrock, was very impressed in the way that our membership delivered the way we did in response to this challenge. Regardless of how we fare with this immediate issue, we will have many more similar battles and it is good to know that we can count on you when needed. Related to CMS, it is not too late to contact your congressional representative and ask them to weigh in on this issue. Your Senators and Representatives can still have a huge impact, if you contact them immediately. You may locate your congressmen via the links at www.seata.org/GAC.htm.

Beyond CMS, the NATA Board of Directors has addressed a few other issues. The Educational Degree Task Force is now complete and working on its charge with an expectation to present final recommendations to the Board in December 2005. The Board of Directors approved providing an inactive status up to two years for those members who apply due to being called up for active duty. On a somewhat related matter, the NATA is officially supporting Bill H.R.117, which would amend the Internal Revenue Service code to extend to civilian employees of the Department of Defense who are serving in combat zones, the same status as military employees working in combat zones. As more civilian NATA members become employed in the military this becomes increasingly important. We encourage you to contact your congressmen on this matter as well. The Board approved streamlining the reimbursement of state lobbying expense so that the NATA office will now mail the checks directly to the state association. All other aspects of the process remain as before. A flagpole with the U.S. Flag

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From the District Vice-President Kelli Sabiston, ATC

I would like to thank those of you who took the time to fill out the SEATA Annual Symposium Survey. I was very impressed with the number of quality responses and positive, constructive suggestions. Please be assured that your voices are being heard and that the SEATA Symposium Committee will do everything possible to make the 30th SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium an event that will not only meet your needs, but will also be an enjoyable event. Three lucky members who completed surveys will soon be randomly selected to win free registration for the 2005 SEATA Symposium. As soon as the winners are picked, their names will be posted on the SEATA website. Remember the dates for our next meeting – March 31st-April 3rd, 2005. The location is the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, GA.

Carl Mattacola, Monique Butcher, and the Education Committee have been working hard setting up the educational program for the Annual Symposium and will soon have the preliminary program for viewing on the newly revamped SEATA website. As usual, David Green has the Corporate Partner Plan under control while Crandall Woodson and the Honors and Award Committee are collecting nominations and selecting winners for members deserving of awards.

Since this is SEATA's 30th Anniversary, efforts will be made to honor SEATA's history and to make the distinguished SEATA Hall of Fame members welcome and visible to the membership. Plans are being made for some SEATA social time on Friday April 1st. This event will likely be combined with a fundraiser activity as well as a way to honor SEATA's history.

I am always open to suggestions, comments, and offers to help, so please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you for your support.

From the District Secretary Jim Mackie, ATC

Thank you to RT. Floyd and the membership for our new look SEATA.ORG web site. It has a more professional look to it with a great deal more information available for the membership.

Announcing future SEATA Meetings:

- [20th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop](#)
February 11-12, 2005
Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel, Atlanta, GA
- [30th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#)
March 31 - April 3, 2005
Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel, Atlanta, GA (For reservations call the hotel at (770) 395-7700 or (800) 554-0055, identify yourself as being with SEATA for the **March** meeting).

NEWS & NOTES

If you know any of these members or where they are currently living please remind them to update their information at NATA.ORG and at BOCATC.ORG

	Last known city of residence		Last known city of residence
Cameron Black	Hattiesburg, MS	Andrew Klock	Gainesville, FL
Marc Bramlage	Berea, KY	Brian Koch	Birmingham, AL
Stacie Bratcher	Bowling Green, KY	Brian Mahalaris	Jacksonville, FL
Bradley Chavis	Pensacola, FL	Tanya Maxwell	Atlanta, GA
William Coughlin	Venice, FL	Chad McConnell	Lawrenceville, GA
William Ellis	Augusta, GA	Gregory Morgan	Cape Coral, FL
Gay Gardner	Atlanta, GA	Chester Przynlucky	Titusville, FL
Amy Griffith	Boca Raton, FL	Patrick Sawyer	Birmingham, AL
Clair Headrick	Laurel, MS	Richard Young	Jacksonville, FL
Brandon Jones	Pineville, LA	Ralph Krugler	Deerfield Beach, FL

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and the NATA Logo Flag will soon be installed at the NATA Office followed by a ceremony dedicating it to deceased certified athletic trainers probably in late November. A task force has been formed to examine the NATA's Mission Statement and make recommendations at the December 2004 Board meeting. This is, in part, due to the concern regarding the use of the terms "physically active" and "physical activity".

We need your individual assistance in making the **30th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting**, March 31 - April 3, 2005, the most successful one to date. Please begin now making plans to attend and also reach out and encourage other members to attend. **Kelli Sabiston, Carl Mattacola, Monique Butcher**, and numerous other members have been making preparations for a very special meeting, which should have something of interest for everyone. The meeting will have a historical flavor and we will take this opportunity to reach back and capture some of our rich history on camera and video for our archives.

Please note that the **20th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop** is scheduled for February 11-12, 2005 which is different than previously reported. **Dr. Ray Castle** has restructured the undergraduate session, now known as Foundations of Athletic Training, into a two-track program with a Prevention, Evaluation, and Initial Management of Athletic Injuries Track designed for pre-athletic training and first year athletic training students. The Therapeutic Exercise, Modalities, and Professional Development Track is designed for second year athletic training students. Seniors and graduate students who are preparing for the BOC exam are advised to register the Competencies in Athletic Training session. Please encourage your students to register early as we are increasing our efforts nationally to attract students from other districts and space is limited. In an attempt to increase attendance and promote the involvement student members in SEATA, those non-certified students who register and attend the Student Workshop will be given a discount to attend the 30th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting.

If you have not had an opportunity to explore the new SEATA website, I encourage you to do so. You will find, in addition to an update of the previous information, a significant amount of new content. You should have received an email detailing many of these changes. Of particular importance on the website is the *Honors and Awards* pages which have all of the past award winners as well as the information you need to nominate deserving members this year. The deadline for NATA honors and awards nominations is Nov. 15 and the SEATA deadline will soon follow. The *SEATA Scholarship Information* and the *SEATA Corporate Partner Plan*, have been updated respectively by **Janet Passman**, SEATA Scholarship Chair, and **David Green**, SEATA Exhibits Chair. Please encourage your students to apply for scholarships beginning November 15 and refer potential exhibitors to the Corporate Partner Plan web page. It is our intention to do everything within our ability to make our SEATA website as user-friendly, informative, accurate, and as current as possible. Suggestions for adding content, corrections, or ideas for otherwise improving the site may be sent directly to me. Please bookmark the website as one of your favorites and visit often as we intend to update it regularly.

On other SEATA matters, your Executive Committee is initiating the process of developing a mission statement and strategic plan for SEATA which we hope to make substantial progress on by our March meeting. We will soon be soliciting volunteers to assist with the 2006 NATA Conventions which District IX is hosting. Be on the lookout for more information about how you can serve the profession in this capacity. I want to encourage everyone to keep your contact information updated with the NATA by going to <http://www.nata.org/members1/resources.cfm>. Please provide a current email address, as this is the primary form of communication from the NATA and SEATA to our membership.

As always, I am honored to serve you and I encourage you to contact me regarding any questions or concerns. Best wishes to you and yours during the upcoming holiday seasons.

Sincerely,

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

Keep the NATA Research & Education Foundation in mind as you renew your dues in December!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations Committee

Jim Mackie is the new District 9 representative to the NATA PR Committee. Please direct your concerns or comments to Jim. Thank You

SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium

Please see the Registration Information for the **20th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop**, February 11-12, 2005 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel, Atlanta, GA on page 7-8.

SEATA Executive Committee

Next meeting will be in March prior to the Annual Clinical Symposium.

SEATA Exhibits Committee

Our 2005 SEATA Partner Plans will be mailed the first week of December. We are looking for another record year with our exhibitors as we had 60 booths available during last years SEATA Meeting and we sold 55. I would like to get 60 booths this year. We want to attract more vendors, so please put the word out about this meeting to all of those sales reps who call on you.

Please submit any new companies in your area who could become a new exhibitor or have them contact me at the address given. Please support our exhibitors, especially our Corporate Partners, as they help in making our SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium the great success that it has become. David T. Green, ATC

SEATA Honors & Awards Committee

Please see SEATA.Org and nominate members on-line to recognize them for their service to our profession.

SEATA List Serve Committee

Contact Paul Higgs for more information regarding the List Serve. This offers another means for communicating with fellow SEATA members.

SEATA Memorial Resolutions Committee

Dr. Jack C. Hughston died peacefully at his home, Sept 6, 2004. He was 87 and had been battling lung cancer for the last 3 years, but was never "treated" for it. He told me one time that "the treatment is worse than the illness".

Dr. Hughston was truly a champion for Athletic Training as he developed the Team Physician / Athletic Trainer relationship with Kenny Howard, ATC during their long tenure at Auburn University. He will truly be missed by each of us. The funeral was held Sept 9 in Columbus. Please keep the Hughston family in your prayers.

Bruce A. Getz, ATC

SEATA Newsletter & Website Committee

Please send any comments regarding the new web page to R.T. Floyd and copy to Jim Mackie, Secretary. Thank you to those who responded to the survey regarding the Web site as we will try to add your input to making improvements.

SEATA Research & Education Committee

SEATA Symposium Content 2005

The SEATA Annual Symposium is March 31 - April 3. This year's program content will be focused on clinical and applied aspects of sports medicine supported as always by scientific research. Six mini-courses will be offered with topics ranging from Wilderness Sports Medicine to Casting to Cadaver Dissection. We are fortunate to have Kelli R. Sheffield, an ATC and licensed physician's assistant offer her tried and true techniques of recognition and treatment of dermatological conditions in sport. You'll also have the opportunity to hear expert ATCs discuss the state of healthcare in the United States, the results of which will affect any ATC in any practice setting. This year's general sessions for the symposium will be focused on the spine. Attendees will benefit from a refresher on the clinical anatomy and biomechanics of the spine, up-to-date rehabilitation suggestions, and surgical considerations regarding the spine. These are just a few of the highlights of the SEATA Symposium 2005.

A preliminary program will be made available on the web site by Nov. 20, 2005 at <http://www.seata.org/Meetings.htm>.

Pre Conference Workshop

A pre conference workshop will be offered on Thursday March 31, 2004 prior to the annual SEATA Annual Meeting and Symposium. The National Academy of Sports *Continued on Page 5*

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Medicine will provide a specialty course. The title of the course is: Introduction to Integrated Training and Kinetic Chain Assessment. The workshop will include the following subjects: Core Stability, Postural Considerations and Kinetic Chain Assessment, and Integrated Neuromuscular Training. The workshop will include a lecture and laboratory experience. The morning session will include lecture and the afternoon session will be laboratory based. Please watch the SEATA web site for more information. Carl Mattacola & Monique Butcher

Women in Athletic Training Committee

The SEATA (D9) Women in Athletic Training Committee (WATC) has continued to be active in its mission to disseminate helpful information to all ATCs. Every state in D9 is represented on the committee – Sherry Kimbro (AL), Kristin Couper Shellhase (FL), Joan Reed (GA), Debbie Klinger (KY), Lori McGaha (LA), Karen Griffin (TN), Donna Jones (TN), and Mary McLendon (MS). Kelli Sabiston (FL) is the D9 representative on the NATA WATC and Chair of the D9 WATC.

Website – Both the SEATA and NATA WATC websites have been updated and have lots of pertinent information regarding WATC projects and information for members. Look for the SEATA website to be further improved in the near future.

History – After an initial history-gathering project, the WATC will be continuing to collect information on profound women in the NATA and SEATA. All districts in the NATA are participating and publication of a book on the history of women in the NATA is the goal.

Mentoring – Students from all over SEATA have signed up to be part of the mentoring work of the WATC. They will be assisting in projects and participating in all aspects of SEATA.

Public Relations – New public relations efforts will begin so that the membership can see the work that the WATC does and how that work positively affects all ATCs regardless of gender.

Life Balancing Projects – The D9 WATC has been very supportive of the Life Balancing projects, which are always ongoing. Most recently the D9 WATC submitted ideas of projects that will assist ATCs with the areas of personal/leisure time and financial/retirement issues.

Mary McLendon (MS) will be taking over as Chair of the D9 WATC and D9 representative on the NATA WATC in June 2005. Mary has been very active with the D9 WATC while tackling several projects and will be an asset to the national committee.

For information on the WATC and its activities, visit www.seata.org or www.nata.org and go to their respective “committees” sections.

STATE REPORTS

Georgia Athletic Trainers’ Association

The 2005 Annual Meeting & Symposium will be held January 14-15, 2005 in Peachtree City, Georgia at the Wyndham Peachtree Hotel & Conference Center. A special room rate of \$69.00/ night has been secured for the meeting. Registration for our state meeting is \$60.00 for everyone pre-registering except students. Pre-registration is encouraged so we can have an accurate count of those attending in order to plan ahead and keep costs down.

Highlights of the 2005 Meeting will include:

- CPR certification Mini Course
- Manual Therapy Mini Course Workshop
- High School Athletic Training Student meeting--Jan. 15
- Awards Dinner--Jan. 14
- Keynote Speaker: NATA President Chuck Kimmel

Further details including registration information can be found online at the GATA web site, www.athletictraining.org. Paul Higgs, GATA Secretary

Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

Positive outcomes from the MATA Strategic Planning Session in June are beginning to take effect. By an overwhelming majority, the membership voted to amend the By-Laws and move the MATA Annual Membership Meeting & Educational Symposium to the summer. The exact dates are being finalized, but are tentatively scheduled during the 3^d week (18-23) of July 2005. The Executive Committee is also planning a one-day CEU opportunity and Business Meeting in January. More information regarding these meetings will be available soon. Anyone interested in presenting at the MATA meeting should contact **Tim Colbert**, Director of Professional Improvement.

The MATA Listserve is up and running; "Thank you" to **Gerald Jordan, Jr.** of Delta State University for his work and dedication to this project. Members can subscribe via mississippiata-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

The Executive Committee has established 2 awards to recognize outstanding MATA members and other Sport Medicine personnel. In addition to new Hall of Fame members, the MATA Awards Luncheon will recognize the 2005 Athletic Trainer of the Year and the Sports Medicine Person of the Year. Nomination forms will soon be available on the MATA Website www.MississippiATA.org.

Congratulations to **Mike Wilkinson** on his being named chair of the District IX Research & Education Foundation Committee.

Congratulations to **Mary McLendon** on being named chair of the District IX Women in Athletic Training Committee.

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**20th Annual
SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop**
Feb. 11 – 12, 2005



***Don't miss the
20th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop!***

The 20th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop will be held Feb. 11-12, 2005 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Ray Castle, PhD, ATC, of Louisiana State University is the Workshop Coordinator. R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, of The University of West Alabama is the Competencies in Athletic Training Director.

Education

Two simultaneous sessions will be offered, including:

- **Session I:** Foundations of Athletic Training Workshop (open to all athletic training students) Begins at 8:00 A.M. Friday, Feb. 11 and ends at 5:00 P.M. Saturday, Feb. 12. Session I is separated into two concurrent tracks based upon the student's level athletic training. For questions about the Foundations of Athletic Training Workshop, contact: Ray Castle, PhD, ATC (225) 578-7175 or RCASTL1@lsu.edu
 - **Track A -** Prevention, Evaluation, and Initial Management of Athletic Injuries (designed for 1st year & pre-athletic training students)
 - **Track B -** Therapeutic Exercise, Modalities, and Professional Development (designed for 2nd year athletic training students)
- **Session II:** Competencies in Athletic Training Workshop (for senior and graduate students preparing to take the BOC certification exam) Begins at 8:00 A.M. Friday, Feb. 11 and ends at 5:00 P.M. Saturday, Feb. 12. For questions about the Competencies in Athletic Training Workshop, contact: R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC (205) 652-3714 or rff@uwa.edu

Accommodations

The Crown Plaza Ravinia is the host hotel. Room rates are \$86. Rooms must be reserved by Jan. 20, 2005 to ensure this room rate. For reservations or information, call Connections at (404) 842-0000 or (800) 262-9974.

Registration

Advance registration for the workshop is \$65. To qualify for the pre-registration price, registration forms must be postmarked by Jan. 26, 2005. Registration forms are available at <http://www.seata.org/2005StudentSEATAregfm.doc> or by contacting:

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