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SEATA Newsletter

NEWS FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR,
MARISA BRUNETT

Dear SEATA Members,

I hope this finds you all doing well, enjoying your summer with family and friends and getting some rest and relaxation. It was so good to see so many of you in Houston for our NATA Clinical Symposia & Expo. Our registration numbers were very strong in Houston and we had a good show of SEATA members. SEATA was well represented by the many volunteers who serve on NATA committees, presented or moderated at the symposia. Congratulations again to **ALL** of District IX's award winners and NATA Hall of Fame inductees. It was truly an excellent week for our two new NATA Hall of Fame Inductees, Dr. MaryBeth Horodyski and, John "Doc" Anderson who have tirelessly given to our profession for many, many years. It was great to see them get their "green



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NEWS FROM SEATA PRESIDENT, GERARD WHITE



Dear Fellow ATs and Members of SEATA,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well and enjoying some summer fun! It was great to see many of you in Houston and hope you had a good convention. SEATA continues to have productive Executive Board meetings and are proud to announce that SEATA has renamed the college/university award. The award is now named the **Kenny Howard College/University Athletic Trainer of the Year**. Please be reminded that the SEATA Awards nomination period will open August 1st. I would encourage each of you to

think about a colleague or co-worker who is deserving of one of the awards.

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jackets”, and I have to say truly special for MaryBeth to have her daughter Nicole, also and AT, to put her green jacket on. Another highlight in Houston was the excellent keynote presentation by our very own Ron Courson at the PAC Breakfast. The NATA Foundation’s Casino Night was a huge success and a lot of fun! I want to personally thank everyone that donated to TEAM SEATA to help get me on that mechanical bull. I literally want to thank Louisiana President Scott Arceneaux for helping to get me up on that BIG BULL for my whopping 8 second ride?! We raised **\$2,831.00** for the Foundation #ResearchAndRT.



Also, at this year’s Face Time our two presidential candidates, Kathy Dieringer, EdD, LAT, ATC and Tory Lindley, MA, ATC presented their platforms. Both are outstanding leaders who have a career of dedicated service. I encourage you to listen to their Face Time Live video if you were not able to attend, catch their upcoming video webinar and read each of their Q&A in the July [NATA News](#). And PLEASE be actively involved in the election process and **VOTE**. This is **YOUR** membership association and every vote counts towards our future growth!

Immediately following the NATA Convention, I attended the ATAF 29th Annual Symposium July 7-9th and I want to Congratulate President Erik Nason, his executive board and their education committee on another excellent meeting with over 300+ attendees! Next year’s NATA Clinical Symposia and Expo will be back in D9 June 26-29th in New Orleans. Ryan Green, PhD, LAT, ATC from Southeastern Louisiana University will be serving as our Host City Representative. We are sure counting on many of our awesome SEATA members in LA and throughout the district to help volunteer and make this an even greater convention than Houston. We know we are up to the task to show them a great time & some good ‘ole southern hospitality! If you would like to volunteer to help at the convention you can do so online at nata.org.

Highlights from your NATA Board of Directors meetings & the June Convention:

- The NATABOD welcomed new board members: Katie Walsh Flanagan, EdD, LAT, ATC for District 3 and Tony “Fitz” Fitzpatrick, MA, LAT, ATC for District 10
- Approved the Healthcare Reform Workgroups proposal to place an AT in an ACO/MSO setting
- Approved the pilot research study presented by the Professional Responsibility in Athletic Training Committee (New Name PRAT) to identify AT Professional Values
- Approved Jay Hertel as the new editor in chief for the JAT beginning in June 2018
- Approved the Inter Association Task Force on Pre-Hospital Care of the Spine Injured Athlete video to be produced.
- The NATA ATs Care Program held a Critical Incident Stress Management training (CISM) at the NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo in Houston with 29 attendees. SEATA had 6 attendees.
- [CAATE’s open comments](#) on the standards will be open to the until July 31, 2017. Please share your comments, as this is your chance to share your thoughts on the future direction of our profession.
- [CAATE Accreditation Conference](#) will be in Tampa, FL October 13th-15th, 2017. Check out the [CAATE website](#) for further information.
- Congrats to our D9 Quiz Bowl Team from University of South Florida (USF) for their 2nd place finish.

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News from Director Brunett

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DID YOU KNOW: You can reach out to ask for support from our ATs Care Committee by emailing atscare@nata.org. Your request for support will then be forwarded on to our district representative Lovie Tabron or At-Large member Laura Ann Zdziarski who will reach out to the person requesting support.

A Special Shout Out this time to RT Floyd for his many, many years of service to our associations! RT just finished his term as our Foundation President at the Houston meeting and has left the Foundation in incredible shape. We can't wait to see where RT lands next in his service to our profession. **THANK YOU RT!!!**

I encourage you to stay connected with all the activities and programs occurring in our associations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on any of the information in this newsletter or if I can be of any assistance to you. Again, thank you for the honor to serve as your District Director and remember to **"Be GreAT"**



Marisa Brunett, MS, LAT, ATC

District IX Director

National Athletic Trainers' Association

News from President White

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Please be informed that SEATA is conducting an Election this year for the President and Treasurer Positions, as well as a Bylaws Amendment for the Secretary Position. This election is being held this year with the start of these terms to begin June 2018 after the SEATA Members Meeting during the NATA Convention in New Orleans. As your SEATA President, it has truly been an honor to serve and represent you, the members of SEATA. It would be my pleasure to continue to serve.

As always, please continue to be engaged and informed members, as the Executive Board provides valuable information and resources for your use as a member. If you should have a question, comment, or just feel the need to contact me, please do not hesitate to send me an email at seatapresident@gmail.com. I look forward to working WITH YOU as we move our profession forward.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!

Respectfully,

Gerard White

President, Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA District IX)
Assistant Professor of Athletic Training
Program and Clinical Education Coordinator
Nicholls State University

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SEATA Call for Nominations

The SEATA Elections Committee has issued a call for nominations for the offices of SEATA President and SEATA Treasurer.

For Officer Eligibility
Requirements,
Term Limit Details, and
Position Responsibilities
[Click Here](#)

[Nominate a Candidate Now](#)

President Gerard White and
Treasurer Tim McLane are eligible
for another term.



Featured Membership Benefit

2016 Athletic Trainer Salary Survey

Members of the NATA are able to utilize the complete [Salary Survey](#) database, where you can filter data by demographics, certifications or benefits. Use this data to negotiate with current and prospective employers.



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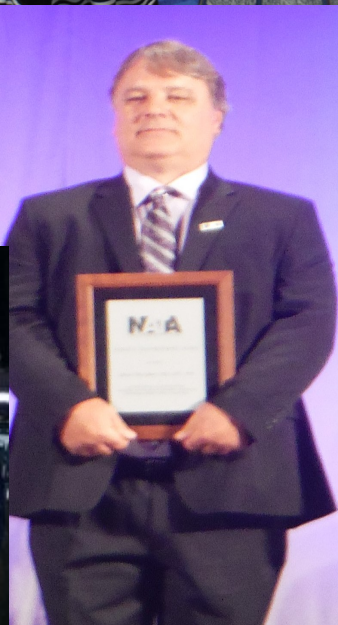
Highlights from the 68th NATA Clinical Symposium

Pictured far Right: Cramer Keynote Speaker ZDoggMD, provided his unique insight on Health 3.0

Pictured Top Row (L to R): Dr. MaryBeth Horodyski and her daughter Nicole after presenting her with her NATA Hall of Fame green jacket; John “Doc” Anderson with his NATA Hall of Fame Award and green jacket; Ms. Hannah Goodwin of Mortimer Jordan High School, winner of the D9 Jack Cramer Scholarship.

Pictured in the Middle: Sue Stanley-Green receives the AOSSM Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award

Pictured Bottom Row (L to R): David J. Drez, Jr., M.D. receives the Jack Weakley Award of Distinction; Dr. Ray Castle, Dr. Marisa Colston, and Dr. Steven Zinder pictured with their NATA’s Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award; Ray Burr was the recipient of the NATA’s Athletic Trainer Service Award for 2017.



Honors & Awards

Nominations open August 1

Nominations for SEATA and NATA Honors & Awards, including Hall of Fame and Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer open August 1st. It is important that our members take the time to nominate deserving individuals for all of the various categories.

For specific information about award requirements, please visit the appropriate link on the websites.

NATA Award nominations are open Aug. 1—Sept. 15.

SEATA Award nominations, including Hall of Fame, MDAT, and Young Professionals' Distinction Award nominations end November 15.



NATA Awards

[Hall of Fame](#)

[All Other Awards](#)

SEATA Awards

[Hall of Fame](#)

[Most Distinguished AT](#)

[Other Awards](#)

NATA Presidential Elections

Meet the Candidates—Voting held Sept. 1-30



In September, NATA members will vote to determine who will be the next NATA president. Vying to become NATA's 14th president are Kathy Dieringer, EdD, ATC, LAT, and Tory Lindley, MA, ATC.

During Face Time '17, Dieringer and Lindley shared their goals for NATA and the athletic training profession as well as answer questions from members. The event was broadcasted through Facebook Live, and the video is below.

[Presidential Candidates Video -Face Time '17](#)

You can read a Q&A from each candidate in the [July NATA News](#).



Standards for Accreditation

Open Comment Period Ends July 31, 2017

The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) requests your feedback on the revised draft of the Standards for Accreditation of Professional Athletic Training Programs. This draft includes both the Operational Standards (program logistics) and the Curricular Content (what programs must teach). Both types of Standards are combined in one document that can be viewed [HERE](#).



This draft of the Standards incorporates feedback from the Athletic Training Strategic Alliance (Board of Certification, Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, National Athletic Trainers' Association, and the NATA Research & Education Foundation), CAATE physician partners, NATA committees, and the public open comment conducted during Summer 2016. ***The open comment is now open and will remain open until July 31, 2017.***

Your input will help shape the future of athletic training education. Your feedback is vital to the development of Standards and Programs. The CAATE appreciates the insights, suggestions, and recommendations of all who participate in the Open Comment.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO COMMENT ON THE REVISED DRAFT OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.



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GEORGIA NEWS



Georgia Legislature Passes Licensure Exemption for Visiting ATs

During the recent legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly, [SB 47](#) was introduced to allow visiting licensed healthcare providers from other states to treat their athletes when traveling to Georgia without violating the [Georgia AT Practice Act](#). Until the bill was passed, medical professionals holding a license in their home state were required to obtain a Georgia license when crossing into our state or be in violation of Georgia law.

Originally, [SB 47](#) only allowed exemption from Georgia license requirements for physicians and physician assistants. GATA's public affairs group, [GeorgiaLink](#), realized the bill's potential benefit for athletic trainers and brought it to the attention of the GATA Executive Board. Through their vigilant work, the bill was amended to add athletic trainers to the list of licensed healthcare providers who are exempt from licensure when travelling with a team into Georgia. Certain limitations are included in the bill, but visiting healthcare providers are generally exempt from obtaining a Georgia license under the following conditions:

- Hold a license as a physician, physician's assistant, or athletic trainer in their home state
- A formal agreement exists between the medical professional and the team to provide care to the members of the team during their travel in Georgia.
- Travel into Georgia lasts no more than 10 days (extensions may be requested).
- No one is treated by the medical professional outside of team members.

This [bill passed both chambers of the Georgia General Assembly unanimously](#) and was signed by Governor Deal in May to take effect on July 1.

The bill is very similar to [federal legislation supported by the NATA](#) that would allow all healthcare providers holding a license in their home state to travel across state lines without obtaining a license in the second state. The federal legislation, [SB 808](#), has already passed the House and is now [being considered in the Senate](#).

Ask Your Senator to Co-Sponsor &

PASS SB 808

[NATA's Legislative Alert Center](#)

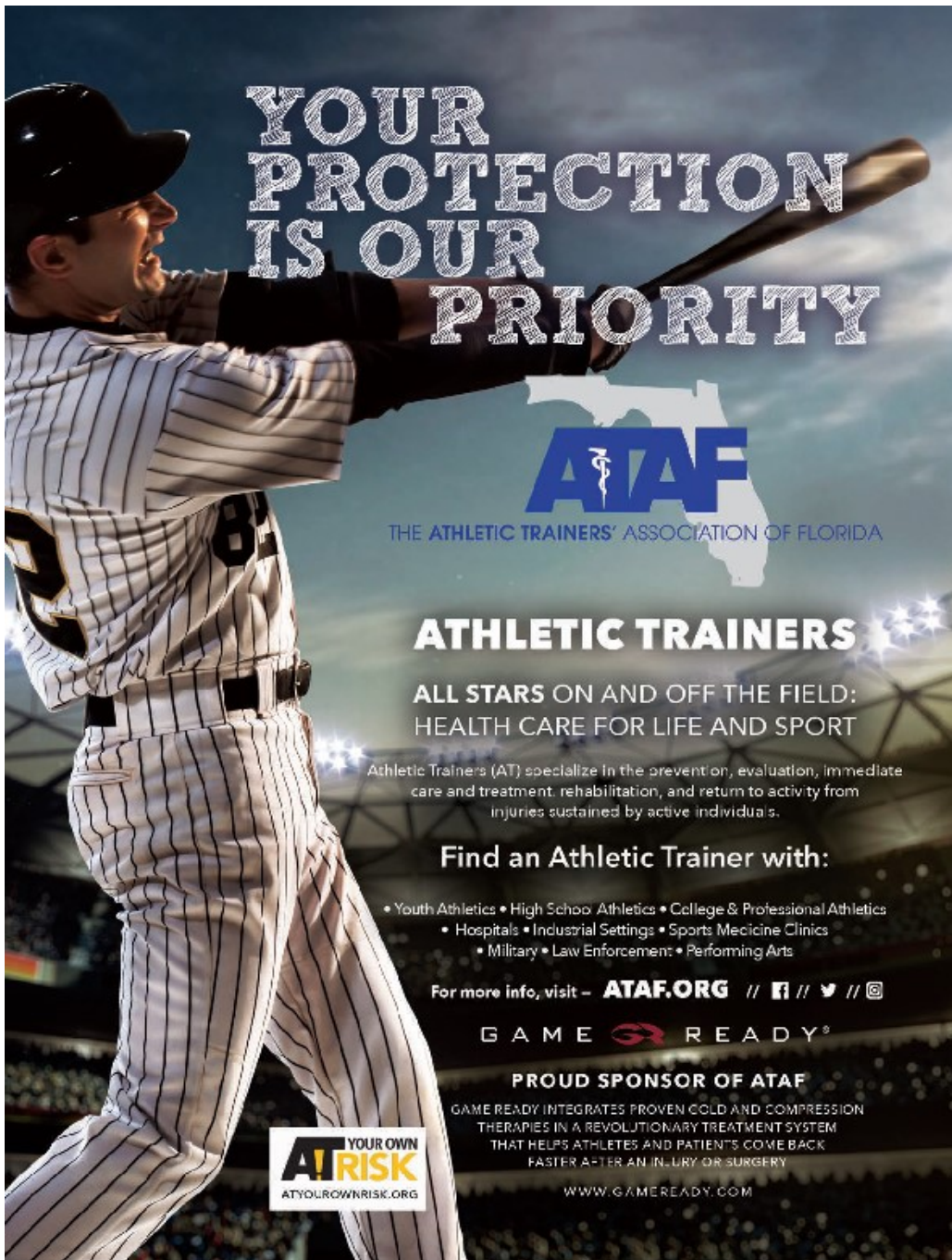


FLORIDA NEWS

MLB All-Star Program Ad



With additional funding from SEATA's State Association Marketing Grant and Game Ready, the Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida was able to run the ad below in the Major League Baseball All-Star Game Official Program. The game was held in Miami, FL on July 12 and over 200,000 programs were expected to be sold, reaching over 800,000 readers!



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


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ATAF's 29th Annual Symposium & Business Meeting Was a Success



ATAF would like to thank all of the attendees, vendors, and those individuals that made this meeting possible. We had 309 attendees, 13 ATAF Hall of Famers, 35 students, and 22 vendors! Congratulations to the individuals receiving awards at this year's meeting! Overall, our meeting was a great success! We look forward to more of the same in 2018. Save the date—Our next symposium will be held July 13-15th, 2018.



Attendees during a general session.



President Erik Nason addresses the audience

Congratulations to our ATAF members receiving National recognition!

MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD, LAT, ATC, FNATA
2017 NATA Hall of Fame Inductee

Steven Zinder PhD, LAT, ATC
2017 NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award

Sue Stanley-Green, MS, LAT, ATC
2017 AOSSM Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award

2017 ATAF Award Recipients

High School Student Aide of the Year

Arrianna Bradley – Lyman High School

Legacy Scholarship

Sarah Rider – University of Florida

Professional Athletic Trainer of the Year

Gregg Spratt, MS, LAT, ATC

Clinical Athletic Trainer of the Year

Ian Stites, LAT, ATC

College/University Athletic Trainer of the Year

John Barrett, MS, LAT, ATC, CES

Backbone Award

Stephen McCray, MS, LAT, ATC

High School Athletic Trainer of the Year

Marie Freudenthal, MSA, LAT, ATC, CSCS

Educator of the Year

Michelle Boling, PhD, LAT, ATC

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer of the Year

Patricia Tripp, PhD, LAT, ATC, CSCS

Service Award

Chris Peters, MEd, LAT, ATC

FLORIDA NEWS

Heat Safety Reminders Before Pre-Season Begins

Continued

As preseason practices are getting ready to begin, it is a great time to review your EAPs, heat policies, and review the [NATA Position Statement on Exertional Heat Illnesses](#). Be sure to also check out this informative [TEDEd video](#) on what happens when you get heat stroke by Dr. Doug Casa of the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI). For more information and educational resources on heat illness, visit the KSI website [here](#).

ATAF on Social Media

Follow ATAF on social media: via Twitter @FloridaATC, via Instagram @ATAFStrong, via [Facebook](#)

KENTUCKY NEWS

New President takes Office



KATS hosted our annual meeting and symposium on June 9 and 10 at Spalding University in Louisville, KY with 90 attendees

Announcing the 2017 KATS Executive Board:

President: Scott Helton
Vice-President: Carol George
Secretary: Taylor Temnick
Treasurer: Eric Burkard
Region 1 Representative: Kristen Erdman
Region 2 Representative: Doug Means
Region 3 Representative: Rob Ullery
Region 4 Representative: Jamey Carver

KATS would also like to extend our special thanks to Jimmy Dorneman for his service on the Young Professional Committee and to Andrew Carlson who continues to serve as our Secondary Schools chairperson



Rob Ullery (left) congratulates KATS newest Hall of Fame member, Greg Rose (right) at the annual KATS meeting on June 10, 2017

For more information and updates, please visit us at www.kyats.com



Call for Proposals

The SEATA Research & Education Committee has issued a [Call for Proposals](#) for presentations at the **43rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members' Meeting**. The meeting will be held March 8-10, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, GA. The committee is accepting proposals for each of the three presentation formats (workshop, feature presentation, and special topics). Proposals are due by **October 1, 2017** and should follow the guidelines outlined below and utilize the forms provided.

[Workshop Submission Guidelines](#)

[Workshop Submission Form](#)

[Feature Presentation Submission Guidelines](#)

[Feature Presentation Submission Form](#)

[Special Topic Submission Guidelines](#)

[Special Topic Submission Form](#)

The **7th Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference** will be held in conjunction with the 43rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members' Meeting on March 9. The ATEC Committee has issued a Call for Proposals for presentations; proposals will be accepted until October 1, 2017 and should utilize the submission form and follow the guidelines outlined in the links below.

[2018 ATEC Proposal Submission Guidelines](#)

[2018 ATEC Submission Form](#)



The Far West Athletic Trainers' Association is currently accepting proposals for the 2018 FWATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium, which will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino on April 26-29, 2018. In 2017, we had a record breaking attendance of over 1,000 attendees as there were a variety of events, including EBP educational sessions, feature presentation labs, NATA workshops, student sessions, meetings, and social gatherings.

The Proposal Submission Site is now open and we are accepting proposals until September 1st, 2017. Information can be found at <http://www.fwatad8.org/committees/annual-meeting/>. Please send any proposals or inquires to Kris Boyle-Walker at klboylewalker@gmail.com



NATA Foundation

DR. PATTIE TRIPP

Congratulations 2017 Scholarship Winners!

Zoe Greim	<i>Rebecca Payne Memorial Scholarship</i>
Savannah Knighton	<i>Patty & Chuck Kimmel Scholarship</i>
Michelle Weber	<i>Andrews Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Center Scholarship</i>
Bianca Grimshaw	<i>Bobby Barton Scholarship</i>

Educational Resources/NATA Foundation Information Graphics:

Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV) and associated article
Vestibular Ocular Movement Screening (VOMS)
Top 3 Areas to Review on a Pre-Participation Physical Examination

Recent Position Statements:

Management of Acute Skin Trauma (December 2016)
Preventing and Managing Sport-Related Dental and Oral Injuries (October 2016)
New statements pending on topics including: Work Life Balance, Dislocations, and SLAP Lesions

Thank you for your support!

Silent Auction raised approximately \$17,000
5K Fueled by Gatorade raised approximately \$14,000
Wild West Casino Night raised approximately \$47,000
National Athletic Training Student Challenge raised approximately \$4,000

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**Congratulations to the University of South Florida
“UntouchaBULLS” who won the NATA/NATA
Foundation District 9 Quiz Bowl and Finished
1st Runner-up at the national event in Houston!**



ICSM—Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine

JOHN BARRETT

ICSM D9 Representatives

If you were not aware, the NATA CUATC is now the newly structured Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine (ICSM). The following District 9 members are currently serving on the council:

Brandon Platt

Troy University
Sun Belt Rep

Joe Mosher

Georgia Gwinnett College
NAIA/JUCO Rep

Paul Higgs

Georgia College & State University
Division II-Region 2 Rep

John Barrett

University of Florida
SEC Rep

John Dunham

Emory University
Division III-Region 3 Rep



NATA INTERCOLLEGIATE
COUNCIL for SPORTS MEDICINE

ICSM Mission Statement

The NATA Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine (ICSM) will address issues affecting the student-athlete and athletic trainers at the collegiate level. The ICSM will identify relevant, timely issues in the field of athletic training and collaborate with various organizing bodies of collegiate and intercollegiate athletics to improve student-athlete safety, well-being and healthcare by influencing policy and providing resources.

CORE VALUES

The Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine will advance the mission of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) and encourage the pursuit of excellence in collegiate athletic training to enhance the healthcare we provide for our student-athletes and our patients.

As part of our mission, we will work to advance the issues affecting student-athletes and collegiate athletic trainers; ensuring athletic training is conducted professionally and respectfully in accordance with NATA's mission and Code of Ethics.

Accountability—We stand behind our decisions and actions.

Authenticity—We will be genuine in our actions.

Competitiveness—We will work to be the best healthcare professionals and provide the best healthcare each day to our student-athletes and patients.

Diversity—We are one team and we value each other's differences.

Hard Work—We will give our best effort and energy to every endeavor.

Integrity—We are honest and true in our decisions and actions.

Respect—We will treat each other with dignity.



OBJECTIVES

Integrating the guidelines and regulations established by NATA, the BOC, State Licensure Boards and the NCAA, the ICSM is guided by the following strategic objectives:

- To have an established professional and respectful line of communication and relationship with NCAA and its leadership.
- To have an established professional and respectful line of communication and relationship with collegiate athletic directors and presidents/chancellors.
- To work with Sports Science Institute regarding concussion rates and injury rates.
- To create collaborative opportunities among NCAA, CATS and other key medical member organizations.
- To increase NATA member value for the college/university athletic trainer.
- To promote institutional and conference ownership in the integrated health care delivery system within intercollegiate athletics.
- To develop and provide collegiate athletic trainers with the educational resources (programs and materials) necessary to provide the highest level of quality care to their student-athletes.

ICSM Projects & Tasks

Development of guidelines of “Unchallengeable Authority” for host Athletic Trainers
Development of medical standard for appropriate contact with minors.
Transition to practice document implementation
Development of Conference and Regional Athletic Training groups
Development of Standard of Care document
Development of ICSM Pre Con Summit/Symposia

District 9 College & University Award Winners

The ICSM Above and Beyond Award was awarded to **Lovie Tabron** (Southern University) at the 2017 NATA Annual Meeting.

Mickie Collins (Louisiana State University) received the Chris Patrick Award at the 2017 Southeastern Conference Sports Medicine Meeting.

The Athletic Trainers’ Association of Florida recognized **John Barrett** (University of Florida) as the 2017 recipient of the College & University Athletic Trainer of the Year.

Professional Development Committee

Laura Ann Zdziarski

The PDC will be releasing a Diagnostic Lecture Series. These lectures will be web based and available for purchase. This is a series of 4 (we are releasing 2 very soon) and will provide EBP CEUs for those that complete the lectures. The lectures cover evidence based diagnosis for various joints.

The PDC is also working on several Certificates that will be available to the membership in the near future. These certificates are not credentials but certificates of completion. The Certificates will comprise a more in depth home study course compared to some of the current available courses. These are aimed at providing the certified athletic trainer with education on current hot topics. The two certificates in the works are Manual Therapy and Mental Health in Athletics.

Student Leadership Committee



Savannah Knighton

District IX's representative for the student leadership committee will be open again this year. Applications will open November 1st and be due on **November 25, 2017**. For more information on this committee please check out this Student Leadership Committee on the NATA website at <http://www.nata.org/professional-interests/students>. You can also contact the current representative, Savannah Knighton at sknig23@lsu.edu with any questions.

Professional Education Committee

DR. KRISTEN SCHELLHASE

1. The PEC is making great progress on the Preceptor Development Program. Level 1 will be offered online and is nearly ready to launch. Level 2 will also be offered online and is "in production". The committee has started planning the Master Preceptor level which will be offered face-to-face.
2. The PEC is heavily involved with the Strategic Plan initiated by the ECE. Areas of emphasis are Professional Readiness, Continuous Quality Improvement, Degree Transition and Curricular Content. The PEC members are brainstorming ways that we can support the Strategic Plan.
3. The PEC hosted a session at the 2017 NATA Annual Meeting and is has submitted a proposal for the 2018 meeting as well.

PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

College/University



Secondary Schools



Higher Education



Emerging Practice



Young Professionals



Professional Sports



Athletic Training
Student



Congratulations



Andrea Gowan—Photo from WKRN

Andrea Gowan, the Athletic Trainer at Heritage High school, was able to successfully save the life of Mr. Thomas Hobson during a baseball game earlier this year with the use of an AED. For her

efforts, Ms. Gowan will receive a Certificate of Recognition from the [NATA's Lifesaver Recognition Program](#).

To learn more about Andrea and Mr. Hobson's story, click on the link below to view the news report from WKRN in Tennessee.

[Athletic trainer, defibrillator saves man at baseball game](#)

Do You Know an Athletic Trainer that is a Lifesaver?

Each year NATA members are involved in saving the lives of athletes, officials, spectators, coworkers and the general public.

The NATA recognizes and applauds these heroic efforts through its [Lifesaver Recognition Program](#).

To nominate a Life Saver, [Click Here](#).



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We need ALL ATs to apply for their NPI

What is an NPI number?

A National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a unique 10-digit identification number used in standard health care transactions. The NPI fulfills a requirement of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). You only have to apply once, and the NPI number stays with you (like your BOC certification number or your state license number). **The NPI identifies you as a health care provider to other health care providers.**

Why is an NPI number important for ATs?

The most important reason for all ATs to get their NPI is to increase the representation of our profession in the healthcare market. We are stronger together, and this most definitely pertains to market penetration of our profession. Your NPI number is the identifier that is used by numerous entities including employers, state licensing boards, regulatory agencies, insurers, CMS, and legislators. Having an NPI number is important because it allows ATs to be recognized using the same identifier by which other health care professionals are identified. An NPI# is required to serve on board or committee positions in NATA and SEATA.

How to apply for your NPI

Applying for your NPI is quick, easy and free. Visit the [National Plan & Provider Enumeration System](#) to complete your application today.

If you need help, follow these [Step-by-Step NPI Application Instructions](#) (pdf).

NPIs are available to Certified Athletic Trainers and Athletic Training Students. Students, don't forget to change your NPI Taxonomy Code once you become certified.

Once you have your NPI, don't forget to update your BOC and NATA member profiles with your NPI number!

July 1, 2017

Nominations open for SEATA President and Treasurer

July 31, 2017

Open comment period ends for [CAATE Standards for Accreditation of Professional Athletic Training Programs](#)



August 1, 2017

Nominations open for NATA and SEATA Awards

August 15, 2017

Nomination deadline for SEATA President and Treasurer

September 1, 2017

Voting begins in NATA Presidential election

September 15, 2017

Voting begins in SEATA Officer Election
Deadline for NATA Award Nominations

September 30, 2017

Voting ends in NATA Presidential Election

October 1, 2017

Deadline of Call for Proposal submissions for 43rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members' Meeting and 7th Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference
March 8-10, 2018, Crowne Plaza Ravinia
For more details, [Click Here](#)

October 15, 2017

Registration and housing opens for the 33rd Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium
February 1-3, 2018
Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA



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