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News from the District Director, R.T. Floyd



I hope the fall has been great for you so far and that your work toward improving patient care has been hugely successful.

A great deal of work has been done and is still underway in preparing for numerous educational events and opportunities for you in 2011. We are excited to be hosting the NATA Annual Meeting in New Orleans and are in the process of seeking volunteers. See the related story on page 4 from the Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine. Prior to that we are looking forward to two great SEATA meetings in Atlanta - the **26th Annual Athletic Training Student Symposium**, February 2-5 and the **36th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting**, March 10-13, in conjunction with **Emory Healthcare**. We are very excited about collaborating with Emory to put on a first class program that should appeal to a large audience. Please continue to review the SEATA website for further updates and registration info. I also hope to see many of you Feb.

24-28, 2011 at the NATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference, Capitol Hill Day and iLEAD events in Washington, DC.

Regarding our Capitol, we are excited about two bills that were recently introduced into Congress. House Education and Labor bill HR6172, *Protecting Student Athletes from Concussions Act*, provides increased awareness of the signs and symptoms of concussions. House bill HR1347, *The Contact Act*, passed by the House Energy & Commerce Committee, establishes guidelines for the management of concussions in school-aged children. HR1347 would authorize grants to the states to collect data on concussions and to implement guidelines. HR6172 specifically mentions athletic trainers throughout. Athletic trainers will be on the task forces set up in each state to develop guidelines.

Please take some time **NOW** to nominate your fellow members for the various honors and awards, both at the SEATA and NATA level. We have so many members in District IX who deserve recognition and I urge you to put forth the effort

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News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski



Hello – I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the fall season. Each year at this time we begin to think of things for which we should be thankful. I must say that this past year has been a busy year for SEATA and we should all thank the many SEATA volunteers including our state presidents, committee chairs and committee members. Additionally, I would like to thank our District Director R.T. Floyd for all his time and efforts in helping keep our SEATA members informed by sending out SEATA eBlasts and Newsletters and keeping our SEATA website up to date.

I would like to thank all the SEATA members who participated in the recent

SEATA Vice President elections. I thank those members who were willing to serve SEATA and appreciate their acceptance of the nomination to be a candidate. David Green was elected as our new Vice President. I am sure David will do an excellent job in this position. Many of you already know David because he has served SEATA in many different areas including previous service on the SEATA Executive Board as TN state president and the SEATA Exhibits Chair, just to name a few. I would also like to thank Donna Wesley (MS President) for serving as the Chair of the Elections Committee. She has done an exceptional job. Finally, I would like to thank former NATA President Chuck Kimmel for agreeing to again provide SEATA with his services.

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Congratulations to David Green, SEATA Vice President

Congratulations to David Green on being elected as the



SEATA Vice President in the recent SEATA Special Election. David would like to express his appreciation to those who voted. He is pleased with the numbers and states that we need to get more people excited about our profession and our association.

Here is the basic breakdown for the runoff election with the initial results in ().

AL 34/341 - 9.97% (13 - 3.81%)	LA 38/245 - 15.51% (22 - 8.98%)
FL 76/1163 - 6.53% (29 - 2.49%)	MS 29/205 - 14.15% (10 - 4.88%)
GA 55/600 - 9.17% (20 - 3.33%)	TN 71/499 - 14.23% (33 - 6.61%)
KY 61/330 - 18.48% (17 - 5.15%)	Total 364/3390 - 10.74%
	(144 - 4.25%)

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Thanks again for everyone's efforts to increase voter turnout.

Compared to some of our recent elections, this was our highest turnout.

2006 - 10%
2008 - initial 9% runoff 4%
2009 - initial 7.3% runoff 3.7%
2009 Spec. - initial 7% runoff 7.9%

Nominate for NATA & SEATA Awards Before November 15

Take a few moments now to nominate deserving members for NATA Awards. If you are uncertain of a member's eligibility for a particular award, please email SEATA Treasurer Jim Mackie at jdmackie@comcast.net. Review NATA Honors & Awards, then nominate a deserving member between September 1 and November 15 at www.nata.org/honors-awards.

SEATA Honors & Awards

SEATA is now accepting nominations for the 2011 SEATA Honors & Awards Program. Awards include the [Jack C. Hughston, M.D. Sportsmedicine Person of the Year](#), [Chuck](#)

[Kimmel Award of Merit](#), [District Award](#), [Backbone Award](#), [High School Athletic Trainer Award](#), [Clinical/Industrial/Corporate Athletic Trainer Award](#), [College/University Athletic Trainer Award](#), [Professional Athletic Trainer Award](#), [Education/Administration Award](#), and the [Sponsor's Award](#). Go to www.seata.org/Awards.htm to review the new criteria and then go to <http://at.uwa.edu/seata/Award10.htm> to submit your nominations before the Nov. 15, 2010 deadline.

SEATA Hall of Fame

The SEATA Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nomina-

tions for the 2011 Hall of Fame and is now taking nominations online via www.seata.org/hofinfo.htm. The nomination process is designed to be fair and objective to recognize those members who have performed extraordinary service and brought honor to the profession of athletic training particularly at the SEATA level. Service at local, state, and national levels is considered but service to SEATA is the primary consideration. Nominations must be submitted by Nov. 15 with all application materials submitted by Dec. 15, 2010.

2011 SEATA Annual Meeting to be in Atlanta

The SEATA Executive Board has approved the [Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead](#) as the site for the 2011 SEATA Clinical Symposium which will be held on March 10-13.

The Grand Hyatt is a tranquil retreat within a vibrant urban setting, this grand Atlanta hotel is set within the upscale uptown neighborhood of Buckhead.

Surrounded by the "Beverly Hills of the South", area attractions, including the World of Coca-Cola Museum, the Georgia Aquarium, and luxury shopping at Lenox Square and Phipps Plaza are easily accessible using convenient MARTA transportation.

Travel to this elegant Buckhead hotel is seamless; Hartsfield Jackson International Airport is

just minutes away.

We look forward to you joining us for a great meeting with a different format. Look for more details in future eBlasts and on the SEATA website.



GRAND HYATT
ATLANTA
IN BUCKHEAD

From the NATA Foundation President—Mark Hoffman

Fall is a busy time for athletic training educators. It is also the time when several programs offered by the NATA Research & Education (NATA Foundation) are initiated. I'm sending this message to make sure you have key information and deadlines for the different NATA Foundation programs. Please feel free to share this message with your colleagues and your students.

2011 Free Communications Abstract Deadline

The NATA Foundation Free Communications Committee has changed the abstract submission due date to November 15, 2010. This change was made to accommodate the increased number of submissions and to allow for additional promotion of abstracts presented at the NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia.

The committee will review abstracts in December and make final selections during its January meeting. Authors will be notified after the meeting. Presentation dates, times and locations will be announced in the spring.

Fees for submitting abstracts remain \$25. More information on the Free Communications program, including instructions and the link to the application, is available on the NATA Foundation website (www.natafoundation.org/free-communications-about-free-communications-program).

2011 Scholarship Information

Requirements and criteria for the 2011 NATA Foundation scholarship program, and the link to the online application, are posted on the NATA Foundation website (www.natafoundation.org/scholarship-program).

The NATA Foundation offers scholarships in the

amount of \$2300 to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. Complete applications, which include all letters of recommendation and transcripts, are due February 7, 2011. **Those applications that do not have all required documentation by February 7 will not be accepted for review. Please encourage students to begin immediately requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation.**

The review process will begin in February and winners will be announced in April. The 2011 scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Student Leadership Event held during the NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia on Wednesday, June 22, in New Orleans, LA.

New for 2011 Scholarship Recipients

The NATA Foundation is committed to supporting athletic trainers through research and education. But this means more than just funding scholarships or grants – it means engaging those who have benefited from the NATA Foundation's programs and building future leaders. And we are starting with the 2011 scholarship recipients.

Those 2011 scholarship recipients attending the NATA Annual Meeting will have the opportunity to volunteer for NATA Foundation programs while in New Orleans. Staff will be soliciting volunteers for the Convention Shuffle, the Silent Auction and other activities. The goal of this new initiative is to teach our students the importance of giving back and supporting the profession, while making valuable professional contacts.

Scholarship recipients selected as volunteers will receive a "2011 NATA Founda-

tion Scholarship Winner" t-shirt. More information on the volunteer program will be provided in the scholarship recipient notification packet. If your student is selected as a scholarship recipient and is asked to volunteer, please encourage him/her to do so. It will be a valuable learning experience!

2011 NATA Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your NATA membership! The NATA began collecting dues on October 1. When you make your dues payment, please remember to make your NATA Foundation contribution. This is an easy and efficient way to support the only charitable organization dedicated to advancing the profession of athletic training.

Thank You!

Thanks to all of those who have supported the NATA Foundation in 2010. We are pleased to have a solid endowment program and highly successful grants and scholarship initiatives. Without your support, these offerings would not be possible.

If you have any questions or comments about the NATA Foundation or its programs, please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff:

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Housing & Registration Open for ATEC, iLEAD, Capitol Hill Day

Sign up now for ELA 2011: Educate, Lead, Advocate! ELA 2011 encompasses the Athletic Training Educators' Conference, iLEAD, Capitol Hill Day events and the CIE Seminar – all slated in February in Washington, D.C. Find program details in the October NATA News but register online today.

<http://www.nata.org/ela-2011>

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

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



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

Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine is looking for volunteers for the NATA 2011 Welcoming Committee

The NATA has restructured the volunteerism efforts for the national convention. In years past, the host city had to have several "Chairs" for the various functions of the annual meeting (www.nata.org/annual-meeting). In recent years, the NATA Office Staff have been more involved and now seem to be serving the various roles as the "Chairs". Currently, the Host City now only has the responsibility of organizing a Host City Committee and a Welcoming Committee.

Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine is looking for individuals who are interested in being a part of the 2011 NATA Welcoming Committee. This committee will play an important role in promoting the image of athletic trainers in this

state and we want to make sure everyone has a great time in New Orleans.

The responsibilities of this committee includes welcoming attendees into the city, fundraising, and distributing information to the attendees regarding the city's sites and venues, as well as safety tips. The committee will also be responsible for the organization and planning of a special evening out for the NATA Board of Directors.

Previous experience of attending the national convention is not required to volunteer for this committee, just a willingness to work. Participants will require a significant time commitment throughout the next year as well as during the convention itself. It may

also involve regular meetings in New Orleans. We plan on providing our guests with great experiences and, in traditional New Orleans Style, having lots of fun so we encourage everyone to play a role.

If you are interested and able to be part of this very important committee please send an email with your contact information to: volunteer4nata2011@gmail.com

NOTE: NATA does not count these volunteer hours accrued while working on this committee toward the reimbursement of registration fees. If you would like to qualify for the reimbursement of your registration fees, then you must also register through the NATA website (when available) and volunteer during the Symposia itself.

News from the Treasurer, Jim Mackie

Treasurer's Report October 21, 2010

Financial Information

Cash Flow Report

01-01-10 to 10-21-10

Inflows	\$223,452.14
Outflows	\$281,885.12
Balance	-\$58,432.98

Wells Fargo Advisors Investments

Value on 12-31-09	\$221,876.51
Value on 03-31-10	\$240,369.87
Value on 06-30-10	\$211,514.20
Value on 08-31-10	\$226,943.98



Thank You,
Jim Mackie, Treasurer

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

to see them rewarded in front of the home crowd in Atlanta and New Orleans.

From the NATA Board, we approved discontinuing the application fee for the NATA Fellows nominations, the Post Professional Athletic Training Residency Standards & Guidelines, the Pursuing & Maintaining Accreditation of Post-

Professional Residency Programs document and the Pronouncement Council's request of a new position statement topic – Objective Return to Play Considerations.

I know you are all very busy, but I encourage you each to take some time each week to advance your profession through your professional asso-

ciations. The investment you make in your profession will provide many happy returns for you as well as future athletic trainers.

Best wishes to you and yours during the upcoming holiday season.

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

NATA Membership Renewal News

Renewal Invoices Sent Via E-mail This Year

Renewing your NATA membership will be even easier this year. Your invoice will be sent right to your e-mail inbox. The invoice will be sent out by Nov. 1, so if we do not have your current e-mail address, be sure to update it. You can update your info on the [website](#) or by e-mailing membership@nata.org and giving your information to the Member Services Department. <http://www.nata.org/membership>

Pay In Installments

When renewing online, you can choose to take advantage of our installment payment option if you do not want to pay the full year's dues all at once. You can pay in two, three or four installments, depending on when you renew. Sign up by Nov. 14, to qualify for the four-payment option.

Renew Early and Extend CEU Bucks

If you have not used your CEU Bucks for 2010, you do not need to rush to do so before the end of the year. Renew for 2011 before Dec. 31, and you will be able to use your CEU Bucks from this year through the end of January 2011. <http://www.nata.org/>

[membership/renew](#) New Benefits

By renewing your membership, you will retain all your NATA benefits, which include some new additions this year. These include: webinars that provide CEU credits and the Career Development Experiences (CDEs) program, which provides opportunities for experience in emerging career fields. <http://www.nata.org/membership/membership-benefits>

More Free CEUs

Subscribe to the *Sports Health* journal when you renew, at a significantly reduced rate of \$35 (\$129 value). With your subscription you get access to three **Free CEU Bucks** to use in the NATA Quiz Center. <http://www.nata.org/quiz-center/sports-health-quizzes>

Dues Discount

If are looking for a way to lower the cost of membership, NATA continues to offer alternatives for reducing your dues. These options include the shared/green discount and the two-year dues payment discount. Contact member services. <http://www.nata.org/membership/renew>

Donate to the NATA

Foundation During Membership Renewal

Before you submit your membership renewal information, think about donating to the NATA Research & Education Foundation. Contributions received during the renewal process support the Foundation's unrestricted funds. Without these unrestricted funds, the Foundation wouldn't be able to hold Research Committee meetings to fund research grants, update the website to include new information or provide the Student Leadership Event at the NATA Annual Meeting. <http://www.natafoundation.org/>

Support The Profession Through NATAPAC

Do you want to support athletic training legislation? Consider donating to NATAPAC, NATA's political action committee, during membership renewal season. There is also a new feature on the NATAPAC site that allows members to make a recurring credit card donation. <https://contribute.pacbuilder.com/contribution.aspx?X=JK2c6SVcwGKm/oiwn66fw==>

BOC Seeks Input on Recertification Requirements

Recommended Changes for Recertification

The BOC Standards Committee conducted a survey last spring that received over 12,000 responses. The committee reviewed comments from the survey as well as many documents discussing different options for recertification requirements. The com-

mittee utilized several references to assist in their discussions. Go to http://www.bocatc.org/images/stories/boc_committees/public_comment_period_fall_2010.pdf to review the references and frequently asked questions before providing your feedback.

The committee respect-

fully submits the following recommendations for public comment. Please take **10 minutes** and let us know what you think. Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QMKH833> to review the recommendations and provide your feedback. The public comment period closes **November 15, 2010**.

36th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, March 10-13, 2011, Grand Hyatt Buckhead, Atlanta, GA

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On April 1, 2010 leaders in health care, wellness, safety and fitness came together to launch the STOP Sports Injuries campaign. The campaign will educate athletes, parents, athletic trainers, coaches and health care providers about the rapid increase in youth sports injuries, the necessary steps to help reverse the trend and the need to keep young athletes healthy. STOP Sports Injuries campaign highlights include teaching proper prevention techniques, discussing the need for open communication between everyone involved in young athletes' lives, and encouraging those affected to take The Pledge to become advocates for sports safety and take the preventative measures to keep kids in the game for life. Visit <http://www.stopsportsinjuries.org/>

NATA Calendar



Don't miss a thing!
NATA CALENDAR at
<http://www.nata.org/calendar>

NATA, NATA Foundation, NATAPAC and SEATA Deadlines & Dates

- Nov. 15, 2010** 2011 NATA award nominations deadline. Go to www.nata.org/honors-awards
- Nov. 15, 2010** SEATA Honors & Awards Nominations deadline. Go to www.seata.org/Awards.htm.
- Nov. 15, 2010** SEATA Hall of Fame Nominations deadline. Go to www.seata.org/hofinfo.htm.
- Nov. 15, 2010** Free Communications Program Abstracts for 2011 due. Go to www.natafoundation.org/free-communications/free-communications-call-for-abstracts
- Dec. 1, 2010** NATA Fellows Application & Materials Submission Deadline. Go to www.nata.org/Fellows
- Dec. 1, 2010** SEATA Legislative Grant Application Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/SEATALegislativeGrant11.doc
- Dec. 1, 2010** NATA Honors & Awards Submission of Materials Deadline. Go to www.nata.org/honors-awards
- Dec. 7, 2010** Youth Sports Safety "ONE YEAR LATER: A Report Card on the Youth Sports Safety Crisis" Washington, D.C. Go to www.youthsportssafetyalliance.org/Summit.htm
- Dec. 31, 2010** NATA Membership Renewal Deadline. Go to www.nata.org/membership/renew
- Jan. 3, 2011** NATA Clinical Instructor Educator (CIE) Seminar Early Bird Registration Cutoff. Go to www.nata.org/CIEseminar
- Jan. 3, 2011** NATA Athletic Training Educators Conference Early Bird Registration. Go to www.nata.org/ATEC
- Jan. 7, 2011** SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/SEATACallforAbstracts11.pdf
- Jan. 14-15, 2011** Georgia Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting & Symposium, Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center, Peachtree City, GA. Register at www.athletictraining.org
- Jan. 15-16, 2011** Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society State Meeting, Radisson Hotel Opryland, Nashville, TN Registration at www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=910026
- Jan. 28, 2011** NATAPAC Fundraiser Registration Deadline. Go to www.nata.org/ela-2011-legislative-events
- Feb. 1, 2011** SEATA 2011 Capitol Hill Day Funding Form Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/SEATACapHillFundReq11.doc
- Feb. 3-5, 2011** 26th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium, Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA
- Feb. 4, 2011** NATA Athletic Training Educators Conference Registration Deadline Go to www.nata.org/ATEC
- Feb. 4, 2011** NATA iLEAD Registration Deadline. Go to www.nata.org/iLEAD
- Feb. 7, 2011** NATA Foundation Scholarship Applications for 2011 due Go to www.natafoundation.org/scholarship-program
- Feb. 11, 2011** SEATA Research Grant Application Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/SEATAResearchGrant2011.pdf
- Feb. 15, 2011** [General Research Grant](#) applications due. Pre-Proposal Submission Form required
- Feb. 24, 2011** NATA Capitol Hill Day Legislative Briefing 6-8 P.M. Go to www.nata.org/ela-2011-legislative-events
- Feb. 24, 2011** NATAPAC Fundraiser 8 to 10 P.M. Go to www.nata.org/ela-2011-legislative-events
- Feb. 25, 2011** NATA Capitol Hill Day. Go to www.nata.org/ela-2011-legislative-events
- Feb. 25-26, 2011** NATA iLEAD. Go to www.nata.org/iLEAD
- Feb. 25-27, 2011** NATA Athletic Training Educators Conference. Go to www.nata.org/ATEC
- Feb. 27-28, 2011** NATA Clinical Instructor Educator (CIE) Seminar. Go to www.nata.org/CIEseminar
- Mar. 1, 2011** Annual Doctoral Grant Applications due. Go to www.natafoundation.org/grants/DoctoralGrant3PP704.pdf
- Mar. 10-13, 2011** 36th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, Grand Hyatt Buckhead, Atlanta, GA
- Apr. 1, 2011** Spring [Master's Grant Applications](#) due
- Apr. 2011** [Athletic Training Student Challenge](#) Contributions due
- May 12-15, 2011** Alabama Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting at [Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort](#), Sandestin, FL. Go to www.alata.org
- June 3-4, 2011** Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society Symposium and Business Meeting, [Bellarmine University](#), Louisville, KY. Go to www.kyats.com
- June 19-22, 2011** [NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia](#), New Orleans, LA

AAN Position Statement on Sports Concussion



October 2010

The American Academy of Neurology (AAN)—an association of more than 22,500 neurologists and neuroscience professionals dedicated to providing the best possible care for patients with neurological disorders—is an advocate for policy measures that promote high quality, safe care of individuals participating in contact sports.

Concussion is a common consequence of trauma to the head in contact sports, estimated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to occur three million times in the United States each year. Among people aged 15 to 24 years, sports are now second only to motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of traumatic brain injury. While the majority of concussions are self-limited injuries, catastrophic results can occur and the long-term effects of multiple concussions are unknown.

Members of the AAN specialize in treating disorders of the brain and nervous system, and some members have particular interest and experience caring for athletes and are best qualified to develop and disseminate guidelines for managing athletes with sports-related concussion. Based on the clinical experience of these experts, the AAN supports the implementation of policy that supports the following recommendations:

Recommendations

1. Any athlete who is suspected to have suffered a concussion should be removed from participation until he or she is evaluated by a physician with training in the evaluation and management of sports concussions
2. No athlete should be allowed to participate in sports if he or she is still experiencing symptoms from a concussion.
3. Following a concussion, a neurologist or physician with proper training should be consulted prior to clearing the athlete for return to participation.
4. A certified athletic trainer should be present at all sporting events, including practices, where athletes are at risk for concussion.
5. Education efforts should be maximized to improve the understanding of concussion by all athletes, parents, and coaches.

Position Statement History

Approved by the AAN Sports Neurology Section, Practice Committee, and Board of Directors
October 2010 (AAN Policy 2010-36).

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

Chuck was recently approved by the Board to serve as the SEATA Parliamentarian.

Your SEATA Board has added a few new members (as several states have had elections in the past few months for their president positions) and continues to meet throughout the year via conference calls. Most recently we approved several SEATA members to take positions on committees, discussed procedural issues related to our members in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, charged the SEATA Finance Committee to review the financial commitments for

the SEATA Legislative Grant Program and approved funding (\$1,000 per state) to assist SEATA members in attending activities in Washington DC on Capital Hill Day.

Please plan ahead for the **26th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium** at the Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA. The meeting will be held February 2-5, 2011. Don't forget to plan to attend the **36th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting** at the **Grand Hyatt Atlanta – Buckhead** in Atlanta, GA on **March 10 – 13, 2011.**

As always, I ask that you become involved and promote our profession. Contact your State President about SEATA committee openings. Do you know someone that should be honored with an award? Look at the possibilities at the NATA site www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm. SEATA also has scholarship opportunities - www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm. Encourage students to join the NATA, SEATA and their respective state organizations. Sincerely,
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD,
ATC, LAT

Youth Sports Safety Alliance to Issue Report Card

Register now for *One Year Later: A Report Card on the Youth Sports Safety Crisis*, which will take place Dec. 7, in Washington, D.C. Eight expert speakers will discuss exertional sickling, brain injury, heat illness and sudden cardiac arrest. See the entire schedule, which includes a resource fair and networking event, and register early.

<http://www.youthsportssafetyalliance.org/Summit.htm>

YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY
ALLIANCE

**ONE YEAR LATER:
A Report Card
on the
Youth Sports Safety Crisis**

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DECEMBER 7, 2010**



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state level**

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**Honors & Awards
Nomination Dead-
lines Coming Soon**

Nomination deadlines are drawing near for 2011 national awards. A host of committees also recognize outstanding achievements. Find online applications and all the details you need to make sure you nominate a deserving colleague for the appropriate honor.

<http://www.nata.org/honors-awards>

Committee Reports

College and University Athletic Trainers Committee

See "A Primer on NCAA rules for football safety" at :
<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/public/NCAA/Resources/Latest+News/2010+news+stories/>

[October/ A+primer+on+NCAA+rules+for+football+safety](#)

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NATAPAC

Just a friendly reminder that NATA dues renewal for 2011 is scheduled to start this week. This is a great opportunity to encourage members to make a contribution to NATAPAC when they renew their dues.

Another exciting option that is now available is setting up a recurring credit card contribution. Members can now contribute a designated amount (minimum \$5) that will automatically be charged to their credit card either monthly,

weekly, every two weeks or every four weeks. Visit www.natapac.org to make your contribution on-line. Please encourage this type of donation in all of your communications.

SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Committee

The SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Committee has finalized the dates and locations for the next three symposiums. The meeting location will remain the

same at the Crown Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, GA. The dates are as follows:

- Feb. 3-5, 2011
- Feb. 2-4, 2012

- Jan. 31– Feb. 2, 2013

Look for more information on the 2011 symposium in the near future on the SEATA website.

SEATA Corporate Partnership Committee

Our 2011 SEATA Partner Plans will be E-Mailed out the first week of December. We are looking for another record year with our exhibitors as we had 40 booths available during last year SEATA Meeting. I would like to get 50+ booths this year. With our meeting moving back to Atlanta, we are hoping for a better attendance and a larger exhibitor turn out.

We still have several months before our meeting so

please contact your local vendors to see if they will attend this years meeting. 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, Bauerfeind, Bledsoe, and Gatorade as they help in making our SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium the great success that it continues

to be.

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SEATA History & Archives Committee

If you have any historical artifacts pertaining to Athletic Training please notify John H. Anderson at athtrain@troy.edu

or call 334-670-3722.

Please send to John Anderson the history of your school's Athletic Training Pro-

gram. We have a rich history in District 9 – let's remember who brought us to the dance.

SEATA Memorial Resolutions Committee

James L. Bible

(June 23, 1934 - July 10, 2010)

Jim Bible passed away in July at age 76. Bible spent 30 years in the athletic training profession, working as head athletic trainer for Indiana University, the University of Louisville and the Orlando Renegades. He also worked for the Orlando Parks and Recreation Department until he retired.

He was the son of the late Lucy and Harry Bible of Chattanooga, Tenn. He is survived by Gloria, his loving wife of 50 years and his sons: James bible and wife Rhonda of Coral springs, Fla. and Chris Bible and wife Julie of Lithia, Fla. Bible is also survived by his six grandchildren: Christopher, Katie, Sean, Meghan, Jacob, and Matthew, and his sister, Martha Mittness of Atlanta, Ga.

Memorial donations may be sent to:

Sanlando United Methodist Church
Congregational Care Fund
1890 W. St Rd 434
Longwood, FL 32750

James Brock Terwilleger

(May 28, 1944 - November 3, 2010)

Terwilleger Sr., James "Doc" B., 66, of Sanford, the son of Mary Nancy Terwilleger and the late James E. Terwil-

leger, Jr. passed away on November 3, 2010. He has fought a battle with cancer for over 6 years and the Lord called him home to victory. He is survived by his wife Linda Sue Williams of 44 years; his son Jim and Tammy Terwilleger; his daughter Nancy and Noy Rivers. He has five grandchildren, Aric Terwilleger, Heath, Payton, Jaley and Faith Rivers and one great-grandchild, James Terwilleger. He is also survived by three brothers, John, David and Bill Terwilleger, all of Sanford. Jim was born and raised in Sanford. His great, great grandfather, Seth French, was one of the first settlers in Sanford. Jim graduated from Seminole High School in 1962, where he played football with an undefeated team! He attended the Citadel in South Carolina and graduated from Murray State University in Kentucky. Jim taught in the Science Department and worked as the Athletic Trainer at Seminole High School for 37 years, where he was lovingly nicknamed "Doc". He was the first Certified Athletic Trainer in Seminole County and is credited for assisting in the establishment of Sport Medicines programs in Seminole County High Schools. He was inducted into the Seminole County

Sports Hall of Fame, Athletic Trainers Association of Florida Hall of Fame and the Seminole High School Sports Hall of Fame. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Sanford and even attended several of the church's mission trips with the youth group to build houses in the Mountains of Tennessee for those less fortunate. He enjoyed boating, fishing, photography, scuba diving and woodworking. He was a loving husband, devoted father/grandfather, and dedicated teacher to many, many students and athletes. The family will receive friends and loved ones at Brisson Funeral Home, 710 Lexington Green Lane, Sanford, on Saturday, November 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A Celebration of His Life will be held at First United Methodist Church, 419 S. Park Avenue, Sanford, FL on Sunday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Seminole High School, Attn: Mike Gaudreau, 2701 Ridgewood Avenue, Sanford, 32773. The family would also like the thank Rev. Jimmy Jones, Dr. James Quinn and Hospice of the Comforter for their loving care.

Athletic Training Marketplace Helps Stock Your Shelves

Marketplace 2010 Edition

Check out the Athletic Training Marketplace, brought to you by NATA and Multiview. This new feature is a searchable,



sortable online directory that lets you find specific suppliers for your every need. Plus, a handy desktop search tool takes you directly to the NATA homepage or lets you search for products with one click. Find your new ATM at www.nata.org.

Iota Tau Alpha

National honor society for athletic training is growing

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

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



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

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

Concussions in Football Video Available

As part of a campaign to educate athletes, health professionals, coaches, parents, administrators and others about concussions in football, NATA has released a new concussions resource. Narrated by Steve Young, this 12-minute video titled "Concussions in Football: Signs, Symptoms and Playing Safe" is funded in part by the NFL. It follows last year's release of a similar educational DVD focusing on concussion safety in hockey. It is available as a free online download on affiliated websites.

<http://www.nata.org/health-issues/concussion>



NATA Endorses Proposed Concussion Legislation

NATA has endorsed the Protecting Student Athletes from Concussion Act of 2010 (H.R. 6172), which was introduced on Sept. 23 by the U.S. House Education and Labor Committee. A separate piece of concussion legislation, H.R. 1347: Concussion Treatment and Care Tools (ConTACT) Act, recently passed the House. Learn more about NATA's legislative efforts.

<http://www.nata.org/government-affairs-advocacy>

SEATA Research & Education Committee

Call for Abstracts - 36th Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is issuing a Call for Abstracts for the SEATA Research Seminar at the 36th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, March 10-13, 2011 as detailed at www.seata.org/SEATACallforAbstracts11.pdf. Abstracts must



be submitted to Cathy Brown, PhD, ATC at browncn@uga.edu by January 7, 2011. An example Abstract may be found at www.seata.org/Abstract2011Example.pdf.

SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is pleased to announce that they are accepting grant proposals for Research Grants up to \$2,000.00. Priority will be given to those grant proposals which include an NATA-BOC certified athletic trainer who is a member of NATA

District IX (SEATA). The deadline for grant proposals is February 11, 2011. For more information, contact:

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Co-Chair, SEATA Research and Education Committee
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Department of Kinesiology
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706-542-9257
706-542-3148 Fax
browncn@uga.edu (e-mail)

Or visit the SEATA website at www.seata.org/SEATAResearchGrant2011.pdf

SEATA Scholarship Committee

The SEATA Scholarship Committee invites applications for its 2010-2011 scholarships, which are established to preserve the memory and accomplishments of deceased members of SEATA and to perpetuate the standards of excellence exemplified by athletic trainers. These awards serve to recognize and promote both high achievement and professionalism in athletic training. Starting November 15th, the SEATA Scholarship Committee will be

accepting applications for nine available scholarships. Three undergraduate and three graduate scholarships are available to full time students pursuing a degree in athletic training. The basic criteria to be considered include a GPA of 'B' or above and the intent to make athletic training their primary means of livelihood. In addition, District 9 members who presently have a dependent enrolled as a junior or senior in an accredited college or univer-

sity are eligible for three family scholarships. To apply for a Family scholarship, the dependent need not be majoring in Athletic Training. Additional details related to each of the scholarships can be found at www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm. All potential candidates are asked to visit the SEATA website and complete the online application. The deadline for all scholarships is January 7th, 2011.

26th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium, Feb. 3-5, 2011, Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA

Deloss Brubaker Student Writing Award

NATA Undergraduate student members are invited to submit original manuscripts for the annual student writing contest. One winner will be selected for each of the following

categories:

Original Research

Case Report

Literature Review

All entries must be received by March 1, 2011, for

consideration. Full details can be found at <http://nata.org/deloss-brubaker-student-writing-award> or by contacting Holly McCauley at hollym@nata.org.



StarTRACKS

NATA'S LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." --Muriel Strode

Welcome to **StarTRACKS**, a program of self-study for athletic trainers wishing to create, improve, or refine their leadership skills. Intended to assist members who wish to serve the profession as a volunteer leader at the state, district, or national level of their professional association, the skills and knowledge gained from this program will benefit athletic trainers in all aspects of their life. You will find these skills useful when you lead a Scout troop, serve on the Board of the homeowners' association, or when your boss asks you to chair a committee. NATA districts will name Leadership Scholars each year to begin this self-directed course of study. Individuals are expected to complete the curriculum within 2 years. The districts may award scholarships to these individuals to underwrite the cost of materials and travel attendant to the program. However, any NATA member may have access to the curriculum, use the online tracking system to demonstrate their progress, and receive a Certificate of Completion. Enroll today! This curriculum will evolve as time goes on; leadership development is a process, not a moment in time. Your requirements, however, will be those in place on the day you begin. For more information go to <http://www.nata.org/StarTRACKS>

The program is designed to have two (2) *Leadership Scholars* selected per district, per year. Previously, District IX selected Kristan Yates of Kentucky and Mary McLendon of Mississippi. We are currently looking for 2011 scholars from District IX. SEATA approved an allocation of up to \$1000.00 per person selected by SEATA for the program. While a limited number of members will be identified as 'official' participants, any member may have access to the curriculum. Go to www.nata.org/members/startracks/index.cfm for more information or contact Judy Pulice at judy@nata.org. To be considered for the 2011 District IX Leadership Scholar send a letter of application and current resume to MaryBeth Horodyski at Horodmb@ortho.ufl.edu.

2011 NATA Foundation Scholarship Application Information

The NATA Foundation Scholarship Program is one of the organization's most successful and well-known activities. This program will continue in 2011, providing scholarships in the amount of \$2,300 to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.

Information and requirements for the 2011 NATA Foundation Scholarship Program will be available October 1 via the NATA Foundation website www.natafoundation.org/scholarship-program. The official application will be available mid-October.

Complete applications, which include all letters of recommendation and transcripts, are due February 7, 2011. **Applications that do**

not have all required documentation will not be accepted for review. It is important students gather key documents, such as transcripts and letters of recommendation, as soon as possible. Students should check the website October 1 for instructions and requirements.

The review process will begin in February and winners will be announced in April. The 2011 scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Student Leadership Event held during the NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia on Wednesday, June 22, in New Orleans, LA.

Those 2011 scholarship recipients attending the NATA Annual Meeting will also have

the opportunity to volunteer for NATA Foundation programs while in New Orleans. Staff will be soliciting volunteers for the Convention Shuffle, the Silent Auction and other activities.

This is the perfect opportunity for scholarship recipients to support the NATA Foundation while gaining valuable volunteer experience and making key contacts in the organization. Scholarship recipients selected as volunteers will receive a "2011 NATA Foundation Scholarship Winner" t-shirt.

More information on the volunteer program will be provided in the scholarship recipient notification packet.

NATA Foundation: Now Taking Online Donations

The NATA Research & Education Foundation launched a new website capable of taking online donations. Are you interested in donating to further athletic training research and education? Check it out here.

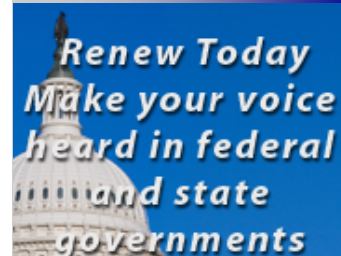
<https://>

www.natafoundation.org/development/annual-fund/online-donation-form



NATA Foundation Free Communications Deadlines Set

The 2011 NATA Foundation Free Communications Committee has changed the abstract submission due date to Nov. 15 to accommodate an increased number of submissions. <http://www.natafoundation.org/free-communications>



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It's Not Too Early! Use the Annual Meeting Budget Planner

Start planning now for the the NATA 62nd Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia in New Orleans. We've posted budget information and helpful tips to help you make the case for employers to support your professional development. Plus, get a sneak peek at the schedule!

<http://www.nata.org/annual-meeting/2011>

Special Fundraising Opportunity in New Orleans

How would you like to raise money for NATA Nation and explore New Orleans at the same time? Native New Orleanian and avid photographer Patty Ellis will be leading a special photo-walk through the French Quarter before the 2011 Annual Meeting, complete with beignets and café au lait. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to NATA Nation, NATA's treatment, injury surveillance and outcomes project.

<http://www.natanation.org/events/>

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>.

State Reports

Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

After several elections, special elections and runoffs, the Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association (ALATA) now has a full slate of members elected to each of the respective positions.. The ALATA Executive Council members are as follows:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE 2011 Renewal of Your License to Practice Athletic Training in the State of Alabama

Consistent with the renewal-period changes made last year, we now operate within a "renewal year" which runs December 1 – November 30. It is during this period that your CEUs must be earned for the following year's renewal.

Your license to practice athletic training in the State of Alabama expires 12/31/2010, and to retain your license you must make application for license renewal. The Alabama Athletic Trainers Licensure Act mandates that you hold a current license to practice athletic training in our State. According to *Code of Alabama*, Section 34-40-12, to practice without a license is punishable by law and, upon conviction, violators shall be punished and fined as provided by law.

License Renewal Packets are available for printing from the website of your State Association, Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association (ALATA).

Please access their web site at www.ALATA.org and select the "State Licensure" tab. From the "State Licensure" page select the link "Licensure Renewal Packet" where you will find the instructions and forms for your license renewal. It is imperative that you follow the instructions and complete all the forms in their entirety.

If you cannot access the forms from the internet, please call or email the Board Office, and I will email, mail, or fax a License Renewal Packet to you. Our email address is as follows: athletictrainers@bellsouth.net.

We will begin to accept Applications for Renewal on October 1, 2010. As you know, your Application for Renewal needs to be in the mail to the Board Office no later than November 30, 2010. After that date, they are considered late. The mailing address is Post Office Box 243011, Montgomery, Alabama 36124

If you do not intend to renew your license, please send a brief written notification stating your intention and justification for not renewing. An example of your justification would be that you have moved to another state and are no longer practicing athletic training in Alabama. You can mail, email, or fax your notification.

Please feel free to call if you still have questions or concerns after reviewing the License Renewal Packet.

Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers
Post Office Box 243011
Montgomery, AL 36124
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athletictrainers@bellsouth.net

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

We are saddened by the news that long-time Seminole High School Athletic Trainer and ATAF Hall-of-Fame member, Jim "Doc" Terwilliger lost his battle with cancer Tuesday. A viewing will be held Saturday, Nov. 6 from 3-5 pm at the Brisson Funeral Home in Sanford, FL. The funeral will be held Sunday, Nov. 7 at 1pm at

the First Methodist Church, 419 S. Park Ave, Sanford, FL. Please keep Jim's family in your thoughts and prayers.

VOTING NOW IN PROGRESS!!!

Please go to www.ataf.org to vote for West, Central and South I Representatives. The voting window is now open.

LICENSURE PAST DUE!!!

If you have not yet renewed your Florida license, please do so now. The deadline was Sept. 30. Please visit the Department of Health website to renew now. Remember that there is no grace period. If you have not renewed you are practicing in violation of the Florida statute.

Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

The 2011 meeting and symposium of the Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association will be held January 14th and 15th at the Wyndham Peach-

tree Conference Center, <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/ATLPT/main.wnt> in Peachtree City, GA. Details, including registration forms, will be

online at the GATA website, www.athletictraining.org. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend.

Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society

The Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society Symposium and Business Meeting will be

June 3-4, 2011 at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY. Visit www.kyats.com for more

details as the date approaches.

Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association

Website

We now have the new website up and running live!! Please visit the site (www.latainc.org) and let me know if you have any comments. Please be patient as we work out the "kinks" in the redesign. Be advised that the new Executive Committee emails currently are not "active". If you go to the EC member's page, you will find their respective contact information.

Each member will need to "register" at the site to have access to the "members only" area. We currently do not have a lot in this area, but I did want to provide instructions on how to "register", see below:

- a) Click "not registered"
- b) This will take you to the registration page. Simply complete the on-line form.

i LATA number: Please put your LSBME state certification number (no letters), if N/A, then NATA member number.

ii Email: Please remember that this will be your "username" to log in.

- c) Once you have the form completely fill out, then submit. The system will send an email to notifying you and myself of your request.
- d) I will be "approving" mem-

bers on a daily basis. Once I go into the system and review your registration, the system will then notify you of your status (hold, approve, deny). Once approved, you will then be able to log-in to the "members only" section. This site is a work in progress.

HOF Enshrinement and Winter Meeting

The 2010 Hall of Fame Enshrinement will be on Friday, December 10th at the New Orleans Superdome at 7 pm. Please join us (Gate C, level 200 at the HOF Display) for the enshrinement of our newest members:

- Dr. Joseph Serio, Louisiana State University
- George Ange, McNeese State University

The LATA will again offer some continuing education

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



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



Journal of Athletic Training



The Journal of Athletic Training is pleased to unveil its new-and-improved Web site at www.journalofathletictraining.org. It's FREE to all members of NATA! At www.journalofathletictraining.org, you'll find:

- Increased basic and advanced search options;
- Alerts when new articles from your favorite authors or your preferred topics become available;
- Citation manager;
- Customizable user profiles.

Try out the new features and functions today, and bookmark the page for your next visit.

Visit the NATA on YouTube at

www.youtube.com/user/NatAthTrainersAssoc



Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association (continued)



opportunities as well as conducting our annual winter business meeting on Saturday, December 11th.

The winter sessions and business meeting is scheduled

for Saturday, December 11 at the Loews hotel in New Orleans. The rooms are \$109.00 per night and the rooms **MUST** be reserved by **November 22** to get the reduced rate. You can go online to reserve a room:

<http://www.loewshotels.com/en/New-Orleans-Hotel/GroupPages/LATA>

Parking at the Loews is \$29.00 per night. Check in is at 4:00 PM with check out at 1:00 PM on Saturday. The phone number at the Loews is

(504) 595-3300.

The Education Committee is currently finalizing the panel of speakers. The sessions will begin Saturday, December 11th at 8:30 am with the business meeting to follow at 2 pm. With New Orleans hosting the 2011 NATA, we would encourage participation of all of our members at the business meeting.

The agenda will be coming soon via a President's Message email!

Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

Update on Athletic Training Regulations

The Board of Health meeting went as expected on October 13 with the final vote being moved to the January 12, 2011 meeting.

The MPTA has asked members to write letters to the Board of Health opposing our definition. The MPTA believes that we are going against the spirit of the negotiations that we held in 2009, and that we are violating the intent of the Mississippi Legislature. The MPTA has proposed the following alternative definitions for "comparable injury":

1. "Comparable injury shall mean an injury by an athlete, as diagnosed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant as being equivalent to an athletic injury."
2. "Comparable injury shall mean an injury sustained by a physical active person that resulted from the person's involvement with athletic activities, as diagnosed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant as being equivalent to an athletic injury."

The definition that is currently included in the proposed Regulations is as follows:

"Comparable injury shall mean an injury to an individual, as diagnosed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant as being equivalent to an athletic injury."

It is the opinion of the Advisory Council and the MATA that this definition is consistent with the language and intent of the statute and allows the referring medical professional to determine the appropriate provider of rehabilitation services based upon the patient's specific diagnosis.

Please take a few minutes to write a letter supporting this definition to the Board of Health. The Department of Health is asking that letters be received by **October 15**.

Letters should be mailed to the following address:
Vickey Maddox
Office of Professional Licensure
P.O. Box 1700
Jackson, MS 39215-1700
Fax #: 601-364-5057

It is important that we remain vigilant in our efforts to defend our knowledge, skills and ability to practice. Please

contact an MATA Executive Committee member if you have any questions or concerns. Also, please let an officer know if you have a personal contact with any Board of Health member.

MATA seeking input on 2011 Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium

The MATA is asking members to provide input on the dates, location and time for the 2011 meeting. Please contact Jeff Bryant at jeff.bryant@hattiesburgpsd.com to give your thoughts on the meeting. We are specifically looking at the IP Resort & Spa as the location and the dates of June 28 - 29. Also, if you have suggestions for speakers or topics for the meeting, please contact Jeff Moore at jgmoore1@gmail.com.

The University of Southern Mississippi M Club Alumni Association inducted Kevin Mangum, Assistant Athletic Trainer with the New Orleans Saints, into the M Club Hall of Fame on September 19, 2010. Kevin was a 1981 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Training Education Program.

Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

TATS Athletic Training Student of the Year

TATS is currently accepting applications for both the Undergraduate and Graduate Athletic Training Student of the Year Awards. Each award is accompanied by a \$1,000.00 scholarship. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2010.

All Applicants must possess the following criteria:

- Third / Fourth year Athletic Training Student or Graduate Athletic Training Student
- Member of TATS and G.P.A. of 3.0 or above

All applicants interested in applying for the Student Athletic Trainer of the Year Award must complete the following:

- Scholarship Application Page at <http://www.seata.org/tats/TATSScholarshipApplication2010.doc>
 - Brief written statement why you should be the recipient of the TATS Scholarship
 - Official Transcript from school's registrar
 - 3 Letters of Recommendation:
 - 1 from Supervising Athletic Trainer
 - 1 from Coach with whom you work with on a daily basis
 - 1 from Professor from your major course of study
- Please send all application materials to:
Kristi Phillips, M.Ed., ATC/L
Chair, Scholarship Committee, TATS

Middle Tennessee State University
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Box 96
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
615-904-8326
615-898-5020 (fax)

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO APPLY DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS DECEMBER 1, 2010

TATS Awards Nominations

TATS is currently accepting nominations for the following honors / awards to be presented at the annual TATS Meeting Saturday January 15, 2011.

- Backbone Award
- Clinic/Professional Athletic Trainer of the Year
- College Athletic Trainer of the Year
- Corporate/Organization Award
- Hall of Fame
- High School Athletic Trainer of the Year
- Sports Medicine Person of the Year
- Educator Award

A summary of each award is may be found at www.seata.org/tats/TATSHonorsAwardsSummary.doc along with a nomination form at <http://www.seata.org/tats/TATSHonorsAwardsNominationForm2010.doc>. Deadline for nominations is December 1, 2010. Please forward the nomination forms to Ray Knight at:
Ray Knight, MS, ATC
Head Athletic Trainer

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New TATS website

The new TATS website is nearing completion and should be online as soon as this week. As with any new website, it is a work in progress and will continue to be revised and improved as we go. Thank you to the membership for their patience while we complete this project.

Registration for annual meeting/hotel

On line registration for the annual meeting January 15-16 will be available soon. Please save this date and plan to attend. Our Education Committee is putting together a great educational program with excellent speakers this year. The address for registration is <http://www.regonline.com/TATS2011>. It should be online by the end of this week.

Hotel room reservation is currently available at www.radisson.com/nashvilletn. Click on 'More Search Options', complete step 1, add the promotional code TNAT11, and then click on 'Find Rates' to complete reservation. Or you can call the Radisson toll-free at (800) 333-3333 and reference Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society to make your reservation. The rate is \$99.00 per night.



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

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

State Organizations on Facebook



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