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

Dear SEATA Members,

I hope that the 56th Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia in Indianapolis was as enjoyable and rewarding for you as it was for me. I was glad to see so many District IX members and wished I could have visited with more of you. While this year's convention was great I know you are all looking forward to next year when we host the profession in New Orleans. We appreciate the wonderful response from so many of you who have already volunteered to assist, and I know that many more will come forward to make the June 27-July 1, 2006 convention the best one yet. We expect to have record attendance and I know that you will work hard to make it an event that will not be forgotten. Please contact **Cary Berthelot** and **Larry D'Antoni**, our Convention Co-Host Committee Chairs to volunteer.

I want to congratulate our NATA Award winners again. We are very proud and appreciative of the work that these fine people have done on behalf of the profession, and it is great to see them recognized in this way. Our award winners were: **Ron Courson**, *Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award*; **Tom Bair**, **Ronnie Harper**, **Janet Passman**, **Kelli Sabiston**, and **John Zubal**, *Athletic Trainer Service Award*; **Dr. Darren Johnson**, *NATA Honorary Membership*; **Bob Lundy**, *NATA 40-Year Award*; **Kenny Howard**, *American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine Distinguished Service Award*; and **Scott Barker**, **Kenneth Wright**, **Vivian Wright**, & **William Whitehill**, *NATA Educational Multimedia Software ATC Commercial Award*. I also

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From the District President Chris Gillespie, ATC

Dear SEATA Membership,

I hope that your summer has been a great one! Summers hold great memories for me and I trust that you have created some memories of your own during this season. As the summer comes to a close, good luck in your upcoming athletic seasons and school years.

As most of you know, nominations for several SEATA officer positions were due by August 15. I encourage **ALL** of you to participate in our association and vote. Voting is the most simple yet, significant way that you can participate in our great organization. Please care about SEATA enough to take the time to vote.

After much prayerful consideration I have decided not to seek a second term as president of SEATA. The past few years have been a time of significant personal problems and growth at the same time. I entered my presidency wanting to do a great job but circumstances beyond my control didn't allow me to achieve all of the goals that I had set forth. I appreciate those of you who have stuck by me and helped me get through thus far. That being said, I am now feeling good and look forward to serving you through next June.

There comes a time in life when we must make choices. This decision has been made in great part because I need to devote my time to my two wonderful daughters, my work here at Samford, and getting back to 100% physically, mentally, and emotionally. I thank you for your understanding, support, prayers, and well wishes. The people of SEATA have always taken care of their colleagues and I have learned this first hand during the past couple of years.

With warmest personal regards and heartfelt thanks, I am....

Sincerely,

Chris A. Gillespie, MEd, ATC, LAT
President

From the District Secretary Jim Mackie, ATC

2005 SEATA / District 9 Election Process District Director - President - Treasurer

Nominations were accepted at the Members Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 as well as submitted to Lori Groover, Elections Committee Chair by the August 15 deadline.

Biographies of each candidate will be submitted to the Election Committee Chair by August 30, 2005 and will be printed on line by September 4, 2005 and through an e-blast to those with e-mail capability.

Ballots will be mailed by September 15, 2005 to all Certified & Retired members per the By-Laws who should receive them and be returned postmarked no later than midnight October 15, 2005.

Ballots will consist of a short biography and a tear off ballot to be mailed at the member's expense. Candidates will be listed in alphabetical order. Ballots are to be mailed to the Accounting firm noted.

Ballots will be opened, counted, and verified with an Accounting firm and results sent to the Election Committee Chair who will notify the candidates of the results by October 30, 2005 and the Membership by November 1, 2005.

Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures approved during the Executive Board Conference Call of August 2nd. Please refer to SEATA.ORG for more detail. Thank you to Nick Pappas, TN and his committee for their dedicated

efforts to this process.

Future Meeting sites Announcing dates of future Meetings

- 21st Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop February 10-11, 2006
- 1st Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference February 10-11, 2006
- 31st Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting March 30-April 2, 2006

Location for each meeting is the Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA

The **First Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educator's Conference** will be held in conjunction with the SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop on February 10-11, 2006 in Atlanta GA. The focus of this year's conference will be: Developing Outcome Assessments, Developing Effective Clinical Sites, and Common Pitfalls with Accreditation Evaluations. Registration will be limited to 150 participants. Please visit the SEATA website for further updates regarding this conference. Co-Chairs Mike Brunet and Bud Cooper have developed a "hands-on" program where participants will engage in facilitated sessions with experts in the field regarding program development.

The SEATA Research and Education Committee would like to announce that **the theme for the SEATA 2006 Annual Clinical Symposium will be general medical**. The committee members are working to bring you cutting edge theory and relevant practice application in this area. Also, look for a Case Study Roundtable next year that hopes to create an atmosphere where physicians and athletic training clinicians can share medical management strategies.

2006 NATA annual meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana, June 27-July 1

2007 NATA annual meeting

Anaheim, California, June 26-30

**SEATA Executive Board Meeting
June 13, 2005
Indianapolis, Indiana Downtown Marriott
8:00 am - 10:00 am**

Roll Call & Call to Order at 8:00

District Director: R.T. Floyd

President: Chris Gillespie

Vice-President: Kelli Sabiston

Secretary: Jim Mackie

Treasurer: MaryBeth Horodyski

Alabama: Brad Montgomery

Florida: Marisa Brunett

Georgia: Lori Groover

Kentucky: Greg Rose

Louisiana: (not present)

Mississippi: Donna Wesley

Tennessee: Nick Pappas

Request for approval of March Minutes

Marisa Brunett, FL made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect the tabled vote on dues increase to reflect that the action was due to pending state meetings of FL, LA, MS, AL Seconded: Brad Montgomery, AL; Approved: 6-0-0

Presidents Report

- Members Meeting will take place Tuesday June 14, 2005 in Room 500 ICC
- 2005 Annual Symposium: Chris thanked all for their work and it was a great success
- 2006 Annual Symposium will be March 30- April 2 Room rates of \$99.00 @ Crown Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta. Please note this change of date
- Acknowledgments: Welcome to Marisa Brunett who will assume office of Vice - President on 6-14-05 following members meeting
- Election Committee: Thank you to Lori Groover, GA and her committee
- Policy & Procedures: Thank you to Nick Pappas, TN and his Committee
- Symposium Committee: Thank you to Kelli Sabiston, VP and her Symposium committee.

Directors Report

- Membership category Certified Military Inactive will receive certain benefits and will be fully restored on return
- CMS issues involving the NATA Lawsuit that has been filed will be presented as pertinent
- Hit the Hill Day was very successful, over 170 appointments were held with members of Congress and their staff
- 2006 June 27 – July 1, National Symposium in New Orleans, and due to the dates we will be able to bid in near future for future symposiums. 2007 is scheduled for Anaheim and 2011, 2013, 2014 sites are undecided at this time; 2012 & 2015 are both scheduled for St. Louis
- 2006 Awards dinner will be in the evening. Exhibit hours will change to end at a later time.
- Specialties Certification Committee has been merged into the Graduate Education Committee efforts
- Support was expressed for the Public Relations Committee, AAOS & NATA initiative
- Board Slogan Support: “NATA Supports Ethnic Diversity”
- Please note the Board has expressed it’s support for NASM / NATA co-branding initiative with the evolve program as a membership benefit

R.T. presented a request to consider a proposal for an exchange of meeting planners or District Director with District 1 & 2, in exchange for free registration & hotel at their meeting for the purpose of observation and exchange of ideas. Action deferred at this time.

A SEATA Strategic Planning meeting was proposed and discussion by web conference or earlier session in March. This would require perhaps an additional night for the Board and officers and expenses for a facilitator. A study of the amount of money this will involve and this will need final approval of the Board.

Chris will investigate costs involved, solicit input, and will present to Board by the July / August conference call.

SEATA website update and feedback

Work continues on the Web site on a regular basis

R.T. suggests that collaborative efforts be formed with other organizations in the future for educational and professional advancement.

Vice President Report

- The Board, Officers, and Symposium Committee are requested to please look at Annual Symposium responsibilities as task list and forward suggestions to Marissa in the near future

Secretary Report

- Vice-President Special Elections Summary: Over 3,500 Ballots were mailed to the membership with 313 total ballots received by the Accounting firm for validation, of those 22 were invalid, (18 no cert #, 3 no candidates listed, 1 voted for 2 candidates, 70 were returned due to no forwarding address)
- Elections for District Director, President, & Treasurer will be held in the fall. Aug 15, 2005 is the nomination deadline
- FYI: Freeconference.com is available for conference calls
- E-blasts: please limit requests and Jim will look at creative ways as well as policies and procedures for this to be done in the future
- Unauthorized use of e-mail addresses: please note that all requests for e-mail or mailing addresses should come through the District Secretary who will pass on to the NATA Office. These requests are for one time use and events such as education courses that charge a fee will be charged a fee.

Treasurer report

Total Inflows	\$206,478.26
Total Outflows	\$194,130.79
Overall Total	\$12,347.47

MaryBeth discussed the issue of Liability Insurance for Board Members which is being discussed by the NATA, and we may have to secure our own in the future.

Noted that 1087 District 9 Members are currently registered at the National meeting in Indianapolis

State Reports

Alabama:

- Successful State meeting was held in May with 165 in attendance at Gulfport, MS.
- Looking to open our law and make it a practice act in the future. Passed our Sunset review with minimal changes in our law, only significant change was allowing a system of financial punishment for LAT's who fail to renew licenses.

Florida:

- Governor Bush recently vetoed a stand alone Athletic Training Bill.
- ATAF Symposium in April with over 300 attendees in Attendance.
- Larry Starr was inducted into the ATAF Hall of Fame.

Georgia:

- A bill was recently signed by the Governor with changes effective July 1.
- New members of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers are: Jeff Treadway, Consumer; Russ Hoff, Athletic Trainer at Valdosta State University; Dr. Scott Malore, Physician / Macon area; Warren Morris, re-appointment.
- Golf Tournament will not be held in July due to unforeseen problems. More information will be sent at a later date.

Kentucky:

- Legislative efforts continue. 2005 elections results: Sandy Williams as Vice-President and Dean Geary as Treasurer.
- State Meeting will be February 2006.
- Joe Beckett has been appointed as the new Curriculum Director at Eastern Kentucky University.
- Political Action Committee (PAC) efforts continue.

Louisiana: No current report

Mississippi:

- State meeting to be held July 20-23 at the Isle of Capris Hotel. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be Wednesday July 20, 2005

Tennessee:

- Annual Meeting will be January 21-22, 2006 in beautiful Gatlinburg, TN. www.tnata.org

Committee Reports

- Foundation report by Mike Wilkinson as to donations will be all-inclusive for consideration with annual giving. Asks consideration for increase of \$2-3 for student dues

Old Business

- Board approval of SEATA Mission and Vision Statements
Motion by Greg Rose KY & Brad Montgomery AL, approved 6-0-0-1
- Changes to Policies and Procedures: No action at this time as it is a work in progress, consider a conference call in late July early August for final approval.

Consideration of amendments to the By-Laws will be reviewed and further reviewed and discussed at the July / August conference call. Please send all information by June 30th to Nick Pappas & Chris Gillespie and a conference call will be arranged to add this proposed amendment as a part of the fall ballot

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 am and will be re-convened Tuesday June 14, 2005 at 3:30 pm

Help SEATA & NATA build our membership!

Give us leads on associate members and we'll contact the prospects you identify about membership.

www.seata.org/assocmemfm.htm

**Executive Board Meeting re-convened @ 3:30 pm Tuesday June 14, 2005
Indianapolis Convention Center Room 500**

Present were:

District Director: R.T. Floyd	Alabama: Brad Montgomery
President: Chris Gillespie	Florida: Marisa Brunett
Vice-President: Kelli Sabiston	Georgia: Lori Groover
Secretary: Jim Mackie	Kentucky: Greg Rose
Treasurer: MaryBeth Horodyski	Louisiana: Cary Berthelot representing Gary Lewis
	Mississippi: Donna Wesley
	Tennessee: Nick Pappas

Chris asked we hold State reports till the Members meeting later this afternoon. All agreed.

Reviewed that By-Laws revision task force is composed of Nick Pappas, TN; Donna Wesley, MS; Greg Rose, KY; & Marisa Brunett, FL

Election Procedure Proposal

Motion by Marisa Brunett to accept the Elections Procedure Proposal with the current changes and add this to the Policy & Procedures Manual
Seconded by Brad Montgomery, AL
Approved 6-0-0 (LA not voting)

Regarding a SEATA Policy on member request to solicit donations at SEATA Meetings. Discussion was held regarding this but it may create problems in determining which groups would be allowed to solicit. Group recommended that all be excluded from any solicitation of funds so there is no discrimination.

Consideration of NATA & SEATA Dues increase proposals

Motion by Nick Pappas, TN to accept the NATA Board request for an increase of \$10.00
Seconded: Marisa Brunett, FL
Approved 6-0-0

Motion by Brad Montgomery, AL to accept the SEATA Dues increase of \$10.00 (total of \$52.00) for Certified Regular and Associate Members (\$5 to REF, \$20 to SEATA, \$27 to states)
Seconded: Donna Wesley, MS
Approved 6-0-0

Motion by Lori Groover, GA to accept the SEATA dues increase of \$10 (total of \$20.00) for Certified Student
Seconded: Marisa Brunett, FL
Approved 6-0-0

Mike Wilkinson, District 9 REF representative has asked for a consideration of an increase for the NATA-REF from the students.

Motion by Greg Rose, KY to not increase student dues for the purpose of donating to the NATA-REF
Seconded: Lori Groover, GA
Approved 6-0-0

New Business

- SEATA web based meeting registration with Signup4 proposal

MaryBeth reports we'd like to switch services but will have to cancel the current bankcard firm to make it economically feasible. Fees and finances were discussed and it was felt that the Treasurer and Secretary should investigate this further and allow them to determine what is best. She also noted that we are investigating a change in the software program we currently use with modifications by one of her Technology consultants. Jim noted we are basically hosting approximately 1,000 registrants at the three meetings and this process would benefit from streamlining the process and being up to date with progressive software.

Motion by Nick Pappas, TN to allow the Secretary and Treasurer to continue investigation and

determine what process is best.
Seconded: Donna Wesley, MS
Approved 6-0-0

- Committee Chair Funding Proposal

Kelli presented her proposal which was previously distributed earlier that would provide for limited funding of \$100- 150.00 to Standing National Committee Chairs or SEATA National Committee Representatives for the purpose of attending committee meetings at the National or District meeting. This would be a one time per year request, not cumulative, under policies and procedures to be established.

Motion by Greg Rose to accept the proposal that we establish an amount to be determined for the purpose of a committee chair to attend the national or district based committee meeting and a task force be appointed for the purpose of establishing guidelines to be chaired by Marissa Brunett, Gary Lewis, LA: Brad Montgomery, AL

Seconded: Nick Pappas, TN
Approved: 6-0-0

Greg Rose, KY raises for discussion regarding the current \$5.00 per member funding of the NATA-REF that a referendum be placed on the ballot in September for a removal of the \$5.00 donation per member.

Motion by Greg Rose, KY to place on the August Ballot an item giving members a choice regarding future funding of the NATA-REF through the dues structure. Proposed wording will be drafted by Mike Wilkinson of the NATA-REF to be approved by the Executive Board at the July / August conference call.

Seconded: Nick Pappas, TN
Approved: 6-0-0

Adjourned at 5:25 pm

**SEATA Executive Board
Conference Call
August 2, 2005
12 noon EDT - 1:50 pm**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: President Chris Gillespie called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm
2. Roll Call

District Director: R.T. Floyd	Alabama: Brad Montgomery
President: Chris Gillespie	Florida: Marisa Brunett
Vice-President: Marisa Brunett	Georgia: Garry Gillis
Secretary: Jim Mackie	Kentucky: Greg Rose
Treasurer: MaryBeth Horodyski	Louisiana: Gary Lewis / Gerard White
	Mississippi: Donna Wesley
	Tennessee: Nick Pappas
3. Approval of Minutes from June Meeting was deferred until the Secretary sends out for approval following this session to the Executive Board.
4. President's Report

Report on SEATA Strategic Planning Meeting

 - Chris reports this is an expensive process from the people available in Birmingham or Atlanta. This would require one additional night of travel and hotel for all involved as well. Chris & R.T. will continue to research this opportunity and report as more information becomes available.
 - Chris took the opportunity to express his concerns regarding the NATA-REF financial issue and asked that it be thoroughly discussed later in this call.

5. Director's Report
 - CMS issue information is available on the NATA web site & NATA News
Looking into the appeals process, overall it was favorable support
 - NATA-BOD minutes have been forwarded to the SEATA Executive Board for their review
6. Vice-President's Report
 - Annual Meeting Comments
Please forward all suggestion and concerns to Marissa as soon as possible
 - Committee Chair Funding Proposal Progress
 - Marisa will forward a proposal to the Board. Please respond and cc to Jim, MaryBeth & Chris with your comments & concerns
7. Secretary's Report
 - Newsletter deferred till after this call & should be available by the 15th of August on line
 - Lori Groover, Elections Committee shared in this report
Election nomination deadline is August 15th
Ballots out by Sept 15 & returned by October 15th
Membership to be notified by Nov. 1
8. Treasurer's Report
 - Has received two proposals regarding future meetings but they were both considered too small to accommodate our need.
 - MaryBeth is also looking into an appropriate gift for out going vice president Kelli Sabiston
9. State Reports (all were deferred at this time)
10. By-Law Changes (Please refer to Committee Chair, Nick Pappas document for review)
 - Nick stated his concerns regarding some of the articles that continue to need some change prior to approval
 - A discussion was held regarding the need for length of service on district committees
 - A change from 4 years to 3 years the length of service as committee chair was recommended.
 - A table on our web site should reflect the current committee membership.

Motion by Nick Pappas, TN to accept the proposed by-laws with changes so membership may vote on these changes, Second by Lori Groover, GA: Approved 7-0-0

 - Jim is asked to place on the web site a version noting current & proposed changes to be available for review prior to the ballot in September.
 - Nick will forward a clean (with changes) copy and a current & proposed change copy to the Executive Board for informational purposes.
 - A hard copy will be made available to members who request it of the Secretary
11. Policies & Procedures for SEATA
 - Following explanation and discussion, a Motion was offered by Nick Pappas, TN to accept the latest amended version of the Policy & Procedures as the current working document to replace the existing version. The Committee members will continue at the request of the President to update the Policies & Procedures as necessary. Second Lori Groover, GA, Approved 7-0-0
12. Meeting planners or District Director exchange with District 1 & 2
 - A motion was presented by Donna Wesley, MS to accept the invitation of District 1 & 2 for one year for an exchange of meeting planners, District Director, or the Presidents designee in exchange for free registration & hotel at their meeting for the purpose of observation and exchange of ideas. Visiting district designee would be responsible for airfare and other necessary expenses (within current SEATA Travel Policy) reimbursed through their district. Second by Nick Pappas, TN; Approved 7-0-0
 - It is noted that President will communicate with the host District and confirm this is a reciprocal relationship and will be in effect for 2006. The President will also designate who will attend this meeting to represent District 9.
13. NATA-REF funding issue discussion continued from June Meeting

- A motion was presented by Brad Montgomery, AL & Seconded by Donna Wesley, MS to overturn the vote of June placing this issue on the election ballot for the membership. Motion Failed 3-4-0
- A motion was presented by Greg Rose, KY & seconded by Lori Groover, GA, to form a committee to draft appropriate wording to address this REF funding issue and to present the language to the Executive Board for final approval prior to the September ballot and membership consideration. Approved 7-0-0
- This Committee will consist of Greg Rose, KY; Donna Wesley, MS, Lori Groover, GA, & Gerald White, LA. Included also as consultants are Mike Wilkinson, District 9 REF representative and Jim Mackie, Secretary. The language will be submitted to be approved by the Executive Board by Sept 1 with a final deadline of September 5 for placement on the Ballot to be sent out by September 15.

14. New Business

- Noted by Donna Wesley of a computer scam regarding "Management SEATA.ORG". All are advised not to open this e-mail.

15. Adjourned at 1:50 pm

Submit your News to SEATA at www.seata.org/newsform.htm

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

want to take this opportunity to congratulate our NATA Research and Education Foundation scholarship winners: **Jennifer Sebert**; University of Kentucky; **Rachel Dockery** from Troy University; **Kayla Fulghum** from Valdosta State University; **Mario F. C. Alzate** from Georgia Southern University; and **Karen Hostetter** from the University of Southern Mississippi. Nominations are being accepted until Nov. 15 for the 2006 NATA awards, and I encourage you to nominate our many deserving members.

Regarding news from the NATA Board of Directors, we were very pleased with the success of the "Storm the Hill Day" and plans are already underway for 2006. Your continuous efforts at the national level are particularly important in light of the CMS issue which affects every athletic trainer regardless of employment setting. Please stay informed on this through NATA eblasts and the NATA website. This issue along with other future challenges will require your involvement and a higher level of commitment than ever before if we are to continue progressing as a profession. Related to this I encourage your support, both philosophically and financially, of the NATAPAC. Finally, all districts have now approved the revised NATA mission statement and proposed dues increase. We will act on these issues in August as planned. The entire minutes of the NATA Board of Directors Meetings and Conference Calls are on the SEATA List Serve for your review.

Congratulations to **Marisa Brunett** on being elected SEATA Vice-President. I am confident that Marisa will continue to build on the progress that **Kelli Sabiston** initiated in this office. We also want to thank **Bud Cooper**, **Elijah Fletcher**, and **Bill Welsh** who made themselves available as candidates in this election. Regarding elections, the nomination process has now closed and you will be receiving a ballot shortly after September 15. You have a very important responsibility in choosing your District Director, President, and Treasurer for District IX in this election. Additionally, you will be asked to vote on some proposed changes in the SEATA By-Laws. Please do your part by submitting your completed ballot as per the instructions provided

I urge you to actively solicit membership in the NATA and SEATA among the allied health professionals and physicians with which you work. We have a great deal to offer these professionals in our association, and they can certainly assist in strengthening our profession through active membership. You may easily refer these potential associate members to our office in Dallas via the SEATA website.

I have very much enjoyed the honor of serving as your District Director during the past year and look forward to receiving your continued input on the issues of our profession. Best wishes to you as we begin the fall.

Sincerely,

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

COMMITTEE REPORTS

College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee

Chair Courson called the meeting to order at 8:05am. He welcomed new committee members Rod Walters (D3) and Mark Pietrock (D10) to the group.

Courson congratulated committee members selected to receive awards this year. Walters will be inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame; Babich and Courson will receive the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award; and McDonald was recently named to the ALATA Hall of Fame

CUATC Recognition Program

McDonald reported on the CUATC recognition program. Eleven college/university ATCs will be honored this year at the CUATC Session. Immediately following the session will be a luncheon to honor the winners, hosted by the Center for Drug Free Sport. President Kimmel, Eve Becker-Doyle, select board members and NCAA President Myles Brand will attend. Winners will have their photos taken for possible publication in the *NATA News* and *Convention Daily News*.

McDonald reported that the number of nominations received was decent for the program's inaugural year. To get more nominations for 2006, the program will be promoted more heavily in the coming year. A dedicated e-mail will be sent to all college/university members in the fall. A reminder will be included in the NATA e-Blast in January. The program will also be mentioned in CUATC updates in the NATA News. The nomination form will remain online all year, but the 2006 season will close March 1, 2006.

The Over and Above award will now be known as the Above and Beyond award.

CUATC Session

Hanley reported that everything is in place for another successful CUATC Educational Session at the meeting. Myles Brand, NCAA President, will speak for approximately 20 minutes, followed by a question and answer session. The committee discussed several topics that might provide potential questions for Dr. Brand.

2006 Session

Thompson will coordinate the session for 2006. The committee discussed several ideas for topics for next year, including:

Mental health
Clinical depression
Alternative therapies
Drugs and alcohol
Risky behaviors
Eating disorders
ADHD
Suicide

Discussions could include ways to identify community resources to help with these issues.

Thompson asked for the committee's help in identifying speakers for the program. Members should send names to Thompson.

NATA only funds two non-ATC speakers per session. Klossner stated that the NCAA might be able to help fund an additional speaker for the CUATC Session.

Operational Standards

Toth has agreed to oversee this program, which will develop white papers on different topics of interest to the college/university athletic trainer to standardize practices. The initial topics (and potential authors) include:

Pharmacology, Robert Nickell
HIPAA and FERPA, Keith Webster
Administration and Facility Design, Mike Goforth
Physician Services, Jeff Monroe
Drug Testing, Frank Mer/Cindy Thomas/Rod Williams
Radiology, Mike Dillon

Other potential topics for future white papers are infection control, hydration, facility design and beverage operations.

Each document will be approximately 3-5 pages and will include a statement that says these guidelines must also adhere to state and institutional policies. Toth will reference NCAA materials to ensure the new information doesn't conflict with their published information.

Materials should be completed by October 1. The committee will review the documents at the January meeting.

Education Degree Task Force

Courson reported that the Degree Task Force recently surveyed curriculum directors to determine _____. The group is currently developing an employer survey to see if a new program would make a difference in hiring practices. They are also trying to better sync

masters and graduate programs.

By 2014 there would have to be a listed degree in athletic training. A master's degree will not be a requirement.

Uniform Terminology Project

Thompson is representing the CUATC on this task force. He explained the group's purpose is to ensure that correct and consistent terms are used across the board. The group is meeting on Wednesday and Thompson will update the committee following that meeting.

Spearing in Football

The NCAA made the rule change proposed by the Spearing Task Force. The next step is to increase awareness through an educational campaign.

Poster Development: The poster is almost complete. It will be sent to all NCAA member associations. The poster will not have the NATA's name on it.

Since the poster will not be distributed to non-NCAA schools, it was suggested that the committee draft a letter on NATA letterhead telling community college/NAIA/NJCAA they can change the logo and pay to have individual posters printed for their member schools. It was decided that it would be better for this letter to come from NCAA.

Video Development: Jerry Punch has agreed to do the narration on the spearing educational video. Next an active college coach will need to be asked to appear in the video. The subcommittee is currently working on a script and funding sources.

PowerPoint: It was decided that a PowerPoint presentation should be created to educate officials about the new rule. The PPT can be offered on the NATA and NCAA Web sites for members to download.

Courson showed the committee a sample presentation that can be modified for use in different schools. Weir suggested adding a video of a defensive player being speared to illustrate that it's not just offensive players being injured. The group also discussed the possibility of filming Courson giving the presentation so that the tape can be used as an educational aid.

Educational Paper: Julian Bailes has volunteered to develop a 2-3 page educational paper on spearing.

Media Awareness: Courson spoke with Jerry Punch about doing a story on spearing and the rule change. June and/or July would be good

months to publicize the new rule. ESPN, CSTV, Fox Sports and PrimeTime Live may be interested in doing stories on the issue.

Jon Heck and Dr. Torg were suggested as potential speakers for next year's AFCA meeting.

NCAA ISS Update

Dick distributed sample reports from the Injury Surveillance Study. He reminded the committee that the NCAA is hosting a reception Wednesday night.

ISS training is ongoing this week at the NCAA office.

NCAA CCSMAS

Kossner distributed a report on new NCAA legislation.

Infectious Disease

A MRSA PowerPoint is being developed by _____. It will be available (when, where)

Research & Education Foundation

Congratulations to the 2005 NATA REF Scholarship recipients from District IX

Masters

- **Jennifer Sebert**, University of Kentucky Bobby Barton Scholarship Award sponsored by Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association/NATA District 9

Undergraduate

- **Rachel Dockery**, Troy University Donald J. Fauls Memorial Scholarship Award sponsored by NATA Foundation Golf Tournament
- **Kayla Fulghum**, Valdosta State University Jerry Rhea Scholarship Award sponsored by National Football League Charities

Jerry Rhea/Atlanta Falcons Scholarship Award

- **Mario F. C. Alzate**, Georgia Southern University, (Undergraduate) sponsored by Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation
- **Karen Hostetter**, University of Southern Mississippi, (Graduate) sponsored by Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation

Congratulations to the 2005 NATA REF Grant recipients from District IX

Melisa Fazio, BS, ATC & Jennifer Sebert, BS, ATC

University of Kentucky

"Gender, Structure, and Activity: Variables Affecting Knee Kinematics"

\$1,000.00

Osternig Master's Research Grant Program

Julie Sandy, ATC

Georgia Southern University

"Effect of Length of Board and Slide Speed on Motor Recruitment Patterns and Muscle Coordination in the Lower Extremity"
\$985.00

Osternig Master's Research Grant Program

Amelia Sesma, BS, ATC

University of Kentucky

"Effects of Foot Orthotics on Dynamic Postural Control Tasks in Subjects with CAI"

\$1,000.00

Osternig Master's Research Grant Program

Women in Athletic Training Committee

The WATC national committee held their most recent meeting in Indianapolis during the NATA Annual Meeting. At this meeting, Mary McLendon took over the District 9 committee chair position that had been held by Kelli Sabiston. Many thanks to Kelli for the amazing work she has done with this committee over the years!

The Leadership Ladder educational session and reception at the NATA Annual Meeting were a big success. All four speakers were informative and entertaining. The topic for next year's session will be "Communication," so look for more information on that early next year. The Helping Hands childcare program grew in numbers this year and will be available again at the 2006 annual meeting.

Website- The SEATA and NATA WATC websites are both updated and have a lot of useful information for all members, including a list of the WATC's current projects. There is also a link on the SEATA website for anyone who would like to join the WATC list serve. Log on to www.seata.org and www.nata.org and visit their respective "committee" sections.

History- The WATC could use the help of all SEATA members in identifying profound female athletic trainers as we try to compile profiles of women who have made an impact on the profession. If you have any information about the history of women in the NATA or SEATA, feel free to contact your state representative or Jenay Dunlap Myers and Lauren Carter (see committee page for contact information). If you have information on women from other districts, let us know, and we can pass that information along to their committee.

Mentoring- The WATC is in the process of planning a mentoring workshop for 2006 in conjunction with the SEATA annual meeting. Also, the e-mentoring program continues to

expand, and anyone interested in becoming an e-mentor can find information on the NATA WATC website. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the e-mentoring program and to contact their state representative if they are interested in assisting with any of the WATC projects. It is a great opportunity to get involved and meet new people.

Public Relations- Public relations' efforts continue with the goal of increasing awareness of the work done by the WATC on the district and national level. The WATC wants to provide resources to help all members of the association regardless of gender. The SEATA and NATA websites are great places to find out what the committee has to offer.

Life-Balancing Projects- The Life-Balancing area on the NATA WATC website has plenty of helpful links, and new information has recently been posted regarding Personal Time/ Leisure Time and Financial Planning/ Retirement.

The WATC district committee is comprised of a chair and members from each of the states in the district- Mary McLendon (Chair), Sherry Kimbro (AL), Kristen Couper Schellhase (FL), Lauren Carter (GA), Jenay Dunlap Myers (GA), Debbie Klinger (KY), Lori McGaha (LA), Karen Griffin (TN), and our newest member, Ruth Haugan (MS).

SEATA Newsletter & Website Committee

Please send info for the web page & newsletter to <http://www.seata.org/newsform.htm>

Visit www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm and/or the **SEATA Calendar of Events web page to stay current**

One Day Summit
"Infusing Evidence-Based Medicine into Athletic Training and Clinical Practice"
Sponsored by NATA and the NATA Research & Education Foundation
January 13, 2006
Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Atlanta, GA
Save \$25! Register Today! Early bird registration ends September 30, 2005
www.natafoundation.org/pages/EBMSummit.htm

Mississippi Summit on Sudden Death in Athletes

"Hearts Too Good to Die" – Bernard Lown, M.D.

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., September 12, 2005

Norman C. Nelson Student Union Building, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS
601-984-1300 <http://seata.org/MSSummit.htm>

2006 Weekend Workshop

Muscle Energy Techniques for the Sacroiliac

Joint

15 CEUs!

Friday, January 13 - Sunday, January 15, 2006

Grand Hyatt DFW - Dallas, TX

www.csuchico.edu/~sbarker/CEC/weekend.html



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STATE REPORTS

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

"Governor Bush Veto's Florida's ATC bill".

This legislative session ATAF worked very closely with our lobbyist, Jon Johnson, ATAF members and legislators to "clean up" antiquated language that remains in the bill re: ATC requirements (i.e. the 800 hours required)...etc. to update where our profession has gone to since the educational reform, as well as trying to remove the "first aid requirement" and the "for compensation" language. The "for compensation" language was to make sure that the health and safety of the public wasn't being put at risk if an unqualified person was performing athletic training services but as a "volunteer". Meaning, that since they were "volunteering" they could not be prosecuted for practicing athletic training. And that final change was to get in line with the changes that the Department of Education made in September 2004 re: the addition of a category for schools to hire a **licensed athletic trainer** if they so choose without a teaching certificate.

The bill's (House Bill 1061 sponsored by Representative Kreegel and Senate Bill 2268 sponsored by Senator Fasano) passed both the House and the Senate without any opposition; however was vetoed by Governor Bush (See VETO letter below) at the end of the legislative session.

We must **ALL** start to work together in each of our respected area's visiting with our legislators, continuing to educate our public, support our ATAF PAC and continue to move forward to help get this changes made in the next legislative session. Our Governmental Affairs committee and our Executive Board will be getting some "grass roots" information together for our membership to make even more of an impact for the next legislative session.

Past- President Brunett, along with Sue Foster the Executive Director for the Department of Health's Board of Athletic Training will be attending the BOC regulatory summit July 22-24th.

May 26, 2005

Ms. Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R. A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Hood:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Senate Bill 2268, enacted during the 37th Session of the Legislature of Florida convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2005, and entitled:

An act relating to athletic trainers . . .

Senate Bill 2268 revises a number of provisions relating to athletic trainers, primarily revising the educational requirements required for licensure.

I am generally concerned with the growing use of state licensure to create modern guilds and protect market interests of select groups. Proposals to expand state licensure of a profession should meet the same criteria already in place in statute for the creation of new professional regulation, specifically:

- Statutory changes should prevent or limit the potential for a substantial risk of harm to the public.
- The skill the profession requires is specialized and readily measurable.

In applying these standards, I have the following objections to this bill.

First, there is no evidence of any pending risk to the public under the current regulations.

Second, "athletic training" is so broadly defined in the bill that it may capture a number of activities regularly performed by parents and volunteers, such as taping the finger of a five-year old child at a rocket football game. The state ought to encourage, rather than discourage, volunteerism at athletic events. This bill subjects volunteers to the fear of criminal prosecution.

Third, this provision attempts to further the continuing and troubling trend of criminalizing activities that are not inherently harmful or wrong. State licensure should only be required to protect the public, and must not be used to protect members of a profession from the supposed indignity of seeing volunteers perform tasks associated with that profession without compensation.

For the reasons provided above, I am withholding my approval of Senate Bill 2268, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush

Nominations for Upcoming Florida Elections are now being accepted

State Nominations were recently opened at that ATAF Symposium, and will be accepted until October 1, 2005. Ballots will be mailed out to current NATA/ATAF Certified members by the end of October. The deadline must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2005. The following offices are up for election:

President
Vice President
Secretary
North East Region Representative
Panhandle Region Representative
Southern 2 Region Representative

Nominations should be emailed to Craig Portwood, ATC/L at acportwood@tomokacc.org

ATAF launches redesigned web site

Please check out the newly re-designed ataf.org website. A lot of hard work and thought has gone into this transformation in hopes of increasing the communication amongst the state's members. Be sure to check out the committee and executive board pages - each committee will have (if they don't have already) its' own page to help you get right to the news that you need most.

Remember, this is a work in progress. Feel free to email suggestions, comments or concerns to Robb Duncanson at robbsd@admin.usf.edu

ATAF Announces New Scholarship Opportunity For College/University Athletic Training Students

The ATAF Executive Board at their April Business Meeting passed a proposal from The College and Universities Athletic Training Student Committee to initiate a scholarship from ATAF recognizing one athletic training student from an approved athletic training curriculum that has excelled in their studies. This year's application for the scholarship has been posted on the ataf.org website for students and program directors to download. The recipient of this scholarship will receive a \$500.00 award to use toward furthering their education at their respective university and a plaque recognizing their award. The applicant's institution will also receive a nameplate plaque in recognition of the student's award.

The deadline is October 1, 2005 and can be found on the CUATSC section on the ataf.org website.

Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association

Just wanted to try to touch base with you regarding our amassing volunteers for next year's NATA meeting. Basically what Larry and I are doing right now is soliciting email addresses from the memberships of LATA and now, hopefully, SEATA. If we could put a blurb in the newsletter stating that the official Applications will be available sometime in late August but that anyone interested in getting in our data base can email either Larry D'Antoni or myself at nata2006_larry@yahoo.com or nata2006_cary@yahoo.com. We will send out a notification on when the application is available and also let everyone know what "jobs" are available as soon as we find out.

Thanks so much for your help...and for all that you do for SEATA.

Cary Lynn Berthelot, MA, ATC, LAT

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Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

The Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association recently held its 2005 Annual Symposium at the Isle of Capris Resort in Biloxi. The meeting had the largest attendance in recent years and drew athletic trainers from Louisiana and Alabama as well. Thanks and congratulations to **Tim Colbert** and his staff for putting together a great conference. The 2005 meeting will again be held at the Isle of Capris Resort next July and anyone having suggestions or interested in presenting at the meeting should contact Tim at Delta State University.

During the meeting the MATA held the 3rd Annual Awards Banquet and inducted two new members into the MATA Hall of Fame. **Mike Wilkerson** presented **Mr. Willie "Doc" Barnes** with his Hall of Fame ring and plaque and **Jim Gallaspy** raised a glass in honor of his late friend **Andy Bryan** as he presented him into the 2005 class of the Hall of Fame. Two new annual awards were also presented at the banquet; a surprised **C. Ross Langston** received the inaugural MATA Athletic Trainer of the Year Award from **Jeff Bryant**, and **Jeff Moore** presented the inaugural MATA Sports Medicine Person of the Year to **Dr. L. G. Hopkins** of Oxford. The MATA congratulates these award winners and encourages all members to help recognize the contributions of our colleagues and nominate deserving individuals for state, regional, and national awards.

Nominations for Treasurer, Director of Professional Improvement, and Physician Member to the Executive Committee will be accepted until January 31, 2006; nominations should be submitted in writing to MATA Secretary, **Deborah Dunn**.

The MATA is working with The University of Mississippi Medical Center to promote the Mississippi Summit on Sudden Death in Athletes. On September 12, 2005, in Jackson, healthcare professionals from around the country will meet to educate physicians, athletic trainers, coaches, and others on current trends in screening and assessment tools, evaluation techniques, and AED use, as well as the importance of public education and the development of public policy. For more information contact The University of Mississippi Medical Center Office of Continuing Education 601-984-1300.

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