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

Dear SEATA Members,

I hope the holidays were enjoyable for you and that you were able to get a break before having to begin the excitement of a new year filled with opportunity. Last year provided us with many challenges which resulted in rewards for our profession and put us in position to better address the challenges of the future.

As you know we did not receive the decision we preferred regarding the CMS "Therapy - Incident To Services." but we are optimistic about the future. Your continued work in providing excellent patient care and taking advantage of every opportunity to tell our story will help the athletic training profession emerge stronger than ever before. Please keep up the positive messages, particularly with your U.S. Senators and Representatives, about who we are, our educational requirements, and our proven level of effectiveness in providing care for people of all ages.

Regarding NATA issues, those members with fifty years of continuous NATA membership will be awarded 50-year pins beginning this year. The NATA Board of Directors has established The NATA Political Action Committee (NATA-PAC). The NATA-PAC board of directors will consist of the NATA president, chairs of the Finance, Governmental Affairs and Reimbursement Committees, and the Board liaison to the Governmental Affairs Committee. Check the *NATA News* for further details. The BOD unanimously approved offering a discounted *Journal of Athletic Training* subscription of \$20 for non-certified student members. The BOD approved the following revision of the NATA mission statement with possible final adoption as early as August 2005 after presentation and approval by all districts: **TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDED BY CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND TO ADVANCE THE ATHLETIC TRAINING PROFESSION.** Three versions of the NATA logo have been approved for controlled use, one for members, one for districts, and one for organizations. The NATA will form a National Legal Council comprising three members from the LIME team, the Finance Committee Chair, and one additional board member. Council recommendations for funding from a national legal fund to be initiated will require approval by the NATA President. A dues increase (for all categories except students) of \$10 for online payments and

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From the District Vice-President Kelli Sabiston, ATC

I sincerely hope that everyone had a beautiful holiday season and is looking forward to fantastic opportunities in 2005.

The annual meeting survey results are in and tabulated. The results can be found on the SEATA website. Three survey respondents are the lucky winners of free registration to the 30th SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium this March – Hope Davis (GA), Chris Watts (GA), and Donna Morgan (TN). Thanks to all those who took the time to complete the surveys and give valuable input.

Welcome to Clay Farr, ATC (GA) who has agreed to become the new Chair of the SEATA Site Selection Committee. The committee will work hard to provide the SEATA annual meeting with the best and most cost-effective location.

Final plans are underway to make the 2005 30th SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium a memorable and educational one. The Education Committee has put together one of the most impressive programs ever.

A highlight of the program will be our Presidential Lecturer who will address us at the luncheon on Saturday April 2nd. Thanks go to Jay Shoop for helping to secure this outstanding speaker – Mr. Jeff Van Note. Mr. Van Note played football at the University of Kentucky and then played 18 years with the Atlanta Falcons. He is now a sports-talk personality in Atlanta and will be an entertaining and enlightening speaker. This will be a “can’t miss” event!

Plans are also being made for a special event on Friday April 1st. David Jones is heading up the organization of a social/fundraising event for SEATA legislative efforts. Look for details in the near future.

For more information on the annual meeting, go to www.seata.org for all the up to date news. Mark the dates for the meeting – March 31st through April 3rd, 2005 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, comments, and/or ideas. I look forward to seeing you all in March!

From the District Secretary Jim Mackie, ATC

[20th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop](#)
February 11-12, 2005, Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel, Atlanta, GA

[30th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#)
March 31 - April 3, 2005, Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel, Atlanta, GA

[NATA's 56th Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia](#) will be held in Indianapolis, IN from Sunday, June 12 through Thursday, June 16.

Help to stay informed, keep your membership information current
Help us keep you informed by updating your NATA & SEATA Contact Information Now! If possible, please add or correct your email address as this is our primary form of communication with you.
<http://www.nata.org/members1/resources.cfm>

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

\$15.00 for non-online payments has been approved for presentation to and action by the districts.

Pre-registration for the **20th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop** on Feb. 11-12, 2005 ends Jan. 26 and hotel reservations must be made through Connections by Jan. 20. We have advertised this Workshop nationally through the *NATA News* and the *NATA eBlasts* multiple times and expect a large turnout. Space is limited so please encourage your students to register early. Non-certified students who register for the Student Workshop will be given a discount to attend the 30th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting.

On behalf of the SEATA Executive Committee, we look forward to seeing all of you at the **30th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting**, March 31 - April 3, 2005. We are hoping for a record turnout and sincerely hope that you will make every effort to join your peers for a great meeting. The Meeting Agenda and Registration Form should be on the SEATA website by time you read this and we encourage you to pre-register to secure your preferred mini-courses and to assist us in minimizing unnecessary expenses. Please bring a member that has not been SEATA before or in a while. Of particular note, we will have a SEATA Social on Friday night and are looking to have a great time in a relaxed atmosphere visiting old friends and meeting new ones. For this 30th anniversary meeting we are not only hoping to make history with the largest attendance ever but also to capture some of our rich history on camera and video for our archives. Additionally, we will be providing, in conjunction with the **National Academy of Sports Medicine**, an *Introduction to Integrated Training & Kinetic Chain Assessment Workshop* on Thursday, March 31. Seating is limited so again, please register early.

We have made significant efforts to notify everyone who may have allowed their NATA and SEATA membership to lapse. Due to the importance of being an active member of your organization, I respectfully request any assistance that you can provide with our membership efforts. Please make a point to encourage your peers to maintain their membership. If you have influence with employers who may be persuaded to assist their ATC employees with membership dues payment, please use it. Regardless of who pays your dues, NATA and SEATA membership (which includes your state membership) is a great deal. There has never been a better, nor more important time to be a part of **your** professional organization. Related to this we have, through eBlasts, requested assistance from all college/university athletic trainers and athletic training educators in SEATA to make special efforts toward increasing our student membership. As we begin a new membership year, we ask that you guide and direct tomorrow's athletic trainers to become involved through active membership in our professional association. Additionally, we are in the planning process of a membership drive to target other individuals working professionally in athletics, education, research, medicine or an allied health profession related to athletic training to become associate members. We will be asking your help in identifying these individuals so that we may contact them. Look for more information via future SEATA eBlasts and the SEATA website.

On other SEATA matters, your Executive Committee has recently approved us hosting a SEATA Educators' Conference in conjunction with the **21st Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop** in Atlanta on February 10-11, 2006. We have had a tremendous expression of interest in this from the athletic training education program directors in SEATA and expect to offer this on an every other year basis. Additionally, we have renamed the **SEATA Sportsmedicine Person of the Year Award** in honor of the late **Dr. Jack Hughston** and the first **Dr. Jack C. Hughston Sportsmedicine Person of the Year Award** will be presented at our **Tim Kerin Awards Banquet** on April 2, 2005.

Again, I want to encourage everyone to keep your contact information updated with the NATA by going to <http://www.nata.org/members1/resources.cfm>. Please provide a current email address, as this is the primary form of communication from the NATA and SEATA to our membership.

It is truly an honor and pleasure to serve you in this capacity and I look forward to seeing you all in Atlanta, March 31 - April 3, 2005. Best wishes to you throughout this year.

Sincerely,

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Career Assistance Committee

Disney's Wide World of Sports Internship is a non-certified/certified semester long internship. The Wide World of Sports Complex is a 200 acre, 7 venue facility. Primary responsibilities include medical coverage of a multitude of amateur, semiprofessional, and professional sporting events; clinical coverage of the athletic training room; and attendance and completion of educational requirements in preparation for the NATABOC exam.

Housing is provided by Disney as well as basic utilities, local phone service, discounts on merchandise and food and a monthly stipend for food and transportation that amounts to \$12/day.

There are three internship periods: Fall, Spring and Summer. There are four positions for the fall and spring and seven positions for the summer. The application deadline for the fall is **May 31st**, for the spring it is **September 30th**, and for the summer it is **February 28th**

Qualifications:

1. Recent graduates or 4th year athletic training students only.
2. Working knowledge of evaluation, prevention, rehabilitation and emergency care of athletic injuries.
3. First Aid/CPR certified
4. Professional liability insurance provided by individual or individual's school.
5. Ability and willingness to interact effectively with medical staff, Disney staff, and guests.
6. Working knowledge of NATABOC guidelines and standards.
7. 3.0/4.0 GPA
8. If the internship is a school requirement then a contract must be established between school and internship site.
9. Current TB Skin Test.
10. Background check provided by student.

Location:

Disney's Wide World of Sports

Sports Medicine

P.O. Box 10000

Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Phone: 407-939-1478

Fax: 407-939-2129

Contact:

Adam T. Kjosa Head Athletic Trainer

Email: Adam.T.Kjosa@disney.com

Application Procedure:

Send cover letter, resume, 3 references, copy of current CPR card, liability insurance, TB skin test and official transcripts to:

Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex

ATTN: Adam Kjosa

P.O. Box 10000

Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee

The NATA College and University Athletic Training Committee will be meeting in Louisville, KY, Jan. 10-12 in conjunction with the American Football Coaches Association. Several issues are on the agenda but the most pressing issues are regarding spearing rules in football and the CUATC Athletic Training Awards for 2004-2005. I plan to have a report for SEATA upon my return from this meeting.

Public Relations Committee

Please remember March is NATA Month so check the web at NATA.ORG for more detailed information. This year's theme is "Rehabilitation: Accelerated return to activity". Make plans now to promote your profession.

SEATA Executive Committee

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 1:00 pm Atlanta, GA at the Crown Ravinia Plaza Hotel.

SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium

February 11-12, 2005 Atlanta GA. Crowne

Ravinia Plaza Hotel, www.seata.org/Meetings.htm

SEATA Honors & Awards Committee

SEATA is now accepting nominations for the Dr. Jack C. Hughston Sportsmedicine Person of the Year Award, 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, Sponsor's Award. Please take a few moments to nominate them at www.seata.org/Awards.htm

SEATA Newsletter & Website Committee

Please submit all information for posting on the website to R.T. Floyd at rtf@uwa.edu.

Women in Athletic Training Committee

SEATA Women in Athletic Training Committee Continues Work

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

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

History - After an initial history-gathering project, the WATC will be continuing to collect information on profound women in the NATA and SEATA. All

districts in the NATA are participating and publication of a book on the history of women in the NATA is the goal.

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

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

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

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

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

STATE REPORTS

Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association would like to invite you all to our state meeting May 19-22nd 2005 at the Grand Casino in Gulfport, MS. Please visit our website at www.alata.org or call Mike Jones at 205-975-9255.

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

The Annual ATAF High School Student Athletic Trainer Workshop will be held at the University of Central Florida in Building HPA 1, room 119 on Saturday, January 15, 2005. All high school student athletic trainers are encouraged to attend. We are again hosting the "Meet and Greet" which gives the high school students the opportunity to meet with program directors or representatives from many of the accredited athletic training programs from around the state. The cost is \$25 and will include lunch. Check the ATAF website for a copy of the agenda and registration form or watch for a copy of our brochure which should arrive at high schools by mid December.

Pre-registration deadline is January 7, 2005.

Also, we are now accepting applications for the ATAF High School Student Athletic Trainer of the Year. The guidelines, requirements and application can be downloaded off the ATAF website. Three high school student athletic trainers will be honored at the Awards Luncheon at the ATAF Symposium in April 2005. Application deadline is February 25, 2005.

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Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

GATA 2005 Annual Meeting

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

Highlights of the 2005 Meeting will include:

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

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

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