

Southeast Athletic Trainers Association

January 2003 Newsletter

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Message from the District Director: Chuck Kimmel

Dear SEATA Member:

It is my hope that you and your family had a wonderful Holiday Season! Even as busy as we all are, I hope you were able to rest and relax a little.

SEATA is entering its most exciting time of the year with the SEATA Student Athletic Trainer Workshop in February and the SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in March. **R.T. Floyd** and **Ray Castle** are making plans for the student meeting and it is shaping up to be its usually outstanding program. For SEATA, **Frank Grimaldi**, **MaryBeth Horodyski**, **Jim Mackie**, and **J.C. Andersen** are planning for a wonderful weekend. It is my hope that, depending on your needs, you will plan on attending one or both of these very important meetings.

On the national level, things have been pretty quiet over the past few months. Our Board of Directors met in Nashville, Tennessee, in December. **Nick Pappas** and the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society made everyone feel welcomed. The meeting was very productive and many important topics related to the NATA were discussed. **Julie Max** is doing a exemplary job serving as our President and guides the Board in a very professional and competent way.

It was most gratifying that a group of students from Eastern Kentucky University visited the Boardroom. Under the guidance of **Alice Wilcoxson**, the students attended sessions over two days. Because of their experience, a few of the newest members of our Association have a better idea of how their Association works. Other than on rare occasions when the Board is in Executive Session, the meetings are open to the membership and I would encourage you to "drop in," if you are ever in an area where the Board is meeting to see leaders you have chosen represent you to the best of their abilities.

The June meeting in St. Louis will mark a bittersweet time for SEATA, as we will lose two invaluable leaders who have given of their time and talents for many years.

Both Frank Grimaldi and MaryBeth Horodyski will be vacating the positions they have filled more than adequately.

Frank's work as President has moved SEATA well beyond where it was when he assumed the office. His love for our Association and the hand with which he has led our Executive Committee will be hard to be matched in the future. Frank has improved the Annual Meeting in countless ways. He led the effort to move our Association into the technological age, pushing for a better web page and making our activities, like registration for our meetings and our *Newsletter*, web based.

MaryBeth has served, first as Secretary/Treasurer and now Treasurer, for the past six years. She has handled all her duties in an exemplary fashion again advancing both offices well beyond where they were when she assumed these very important duties. She has guided our financial matters through some very turbulent times, as each of us with a 401k or any investments at all would appreciate. Her hand has been steady and her guidance on target.

As both move on to better things, each member of SEATA today and in the future is better off for their service. The sacrifices they have made on our behalf will never be fully known or appreciated but every one of us owes them a sincere thank you and best wishes.

With this said, it is now more important than ever that we have leaders equal to these two, if that is possible, to step up and offer themselves in service to SEATA. If you are interested in any of the two positions being offered for election this year, **please** consider serving SEATA. If you have a colleague that you believe would be right for one of these positions, please nominate them. Our Association has always been marked with outstanding leadership and now is not the right time for this to change!

I hope to see you at one of the Atlanta meetings, a state meeting along the way, or in St. Louis. As always, it is truly an honor to serve you. An honor I do not take for granted. You are the best athletic trainers in the country and it is a pleasure to serve. Do not hesitate to call on me if I can ever be of any help to you.

Message from the President: Frank Grimaldi

We as athletic trainers have the FREEDOM to do our jobs to the best of our abilities for the health and well being of the individuals we tend.

We all have freedoms granted us from the physicians we report to. We are given the freedom to make assessments on our patients and to treat them. We have the freedom to educate ourselves to improve our knowledge and skills as athletic trainers. Never take these freedoms for granted.

In this spirit of freedom, SEATA has taken several steps forward to improve its service to members:

☺ We now have a new and improved website, thanks to the endless work of Jim Mackie and MaryBeth Horodyski.

☺ The student SEATA meeting is set, and final plans are being ironed out to continue improving an already wonderful experience for the 500+ students who take advantage of this great educational experience each year. Ray Castle and RT Floyd are the masterminds behind the student SEATA program. This year's program will take place in a familiar home – the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, on February 14-15, 2003.

☺ Our members' Annual Meeting and Symposium will be held on March 27-30, 2003, also at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia. The members' meeting has been improving each year under the guidance of JC Anderson and Carl Mattacola.

☺ This is also a year for elections. Please choose qualified individuals for the vital positions of president and treasurer. Nominations for both positions will be closed at the members' meeting in March. With outstanding individuals in these positions, they can continue to improve SEATA's standing as a leading district within the NATA.

I would like to thank all the committees, state presidents and SEATA-elected board members who have been a great help to me in leading SEATA these past three years. As always, I would like to encourage all members to get involved at your state levels, which strengthens SEATA in the long run. If there is anything I can do for you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Secretary's Report: Jim Mackie

Elections

Nominations are being accepted at this time for the offices of District President and Treasurer. Nominations will close following the Annual Members Meeting in March in Atlanta. Please include a brief biography from the candidate. Elections will take place in April by mail ballot. Please send to me at jdmackie@attbi.com.

On line Membership Card Available

From the NATA offices: "The NATA has added the option of printing a membership card from the NATA Website. It is in the "members only" section of the website. You should note that on the card you will see that it indicates both your district and state affiliation. We added this to the card this year to allow you to use your NATA card as a state membership card as well. This service is being provided to allow access to a valid membership card from any computer with Internet access as often as is necessary

throughout the year. Instructions and logistics of an updated membership card are as follows:

The menu option to print your own membership card only appears for members who have paid their 2003 dues in full. The card-printing option becomes visible on the members-only screen for a member 24-48 hours after the dues payment is posted to their members' record. During this 24-48 hours the Internet access file for the members-only section is updated to include the new paid-through date.

Members who pay online by credit card Monday-Thursday have their payment posted to their account the next day. Members who pay online Friday, Saturday, or Sunday have their payment posted to their account by the following Tuesday. Members who mail in their payment by check may experience a 2-3 week delay until the data entry is done, since the national office is receiving a large volume of dues payments by mail."

Annual Meeting Information and Student Meeting Information is accessible on the Web page or contact Mary Beth Horodyski at horodmb@ortho.ufl.edu for registration materials.

Committee Reports

Committee on Reimbursement: Tim McLane

COR is the old RAG! Committee on Reimbursement is now the former Reimbursement Advisory Group. As such, we are looking to make sure we have representation of every state in SEATA as we have moved to having district representation at the national level. As such, would all state presidents please work to find a representative from your state? Cigna has made a move to recognize ATC's and hopefully this will carry over to others and nationally. A replacement is being hired to take Lanell Collins' place as she left to pursue other interests. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

Exhibits: David Green

Our 2003 SEATA Partner Plans were mailed out the first week of December. We are looking for a another record year with our exhibitors as we had 54 booths available during last years SEATA Meeting and we sold all 54. I would like to get 60 booths this year. We want to attract more vendors, so please put the word out about this meeting to all of those sales reps who call on you.

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

Women in Athletic Training: Kelli Sabiston

Women in Athletic Training Committee Mission Statement:

To research and prioritize issues of concern to women in the Association, engaging all of the NATA's membership in problem solving discussions.

The District 9 Women in Athletic Training Committee (WATC) has been re-tooled and is lining up projects for 2003. Some of the areas of focus are: nominating worthy ATCs for awards; life balancing issues; history of women in District 9; leadership training; and programming. Many of the projects on which the WATC focuses will benefit all ATCs in all settings. If anyone has specific requests or questions, please feel free to contact any committee members. Visiting the NATA WATC website and the SEATA website can also give members needed information with links to pertinent topics. Following is a list of state representatives on the District 9 WATC:

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If anyone is interested in serving on the District 9 WATC, please contact Kelli Sabiston. Any input and discussion is welcome.

NATA Research & Education Foundation: R.T. Floyd

"Invest in Tomorrow, Support the NATA Research & Education Foundation".

As you know, the NATA REF is **the** primary organization dedicated to funding research and education in the field of Athletic Training. As such, we need to understand how the NATA REF benefits our profession through scholarships, research grants, and educational programs. Please support the NATA REF through your annual donations. You may contact the REF through www.natafoundation.org. We appreciate SEATA's continued support of the NATA Research and Education Foundation.



State Announcements

Florida

ATAF membership has elected the following new officers:

Marisa Brunett-President

Garry Gillis- Vice-President

Christina Farley- Secretary

Central Representative- Bob Hammons

South 1 Representative- Jessica Mora

West Coast Representative- Steve Walz

ATAF Clinical Symposium, April 11-13th, 2003 at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs. Contact Bob Hammond at wdw.athlete.medical.care@disney.com or 407-939-1478 for more information. Registration Brochures will be following in the mail

Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society

- Nashville, TN December 18, 2002: The Executive Committee announced that plans are moving right on schedule for the annual state meeting and symposium. With a new two-day format, the meeting will be held at Middle Tennessee State University on Saturday, January 18th and Sunday, January 19th, 2003. Registration forms, directions, meeting program and other information are available at www.tnata.org. An important discussion for the business meeting will include the consideration of a long-awaited revision of the TATS Constitution and By-laws.

The Secondary School committee is involved with the TSSAA to investigate the use of certified athletic trainers with weight certification of high school wrestlers. More information will be available at the state meeting. One of several Public Relations committee projects that will be shared with the membership is an updated display to provide a resource for getting the word out to the public about our profession. Last but not least, the Reimbursement Task Force and Executive Committee are announcing the recognition of the certified athletic trainer as an allied healthcare provider by Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Tennessee. This has resulted with inclusion of the certified athletic trainer in the policies and procedures manual by Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Tennessee effective January 1, 2003. This is a huge step for our profession as we progress towards our goal of gaining reimbursement for athletic training services in the healthcare setting. More details will be discussed at the state meeting.

Don't forget . . . the new TATS website is up and running. Go to www.tnata.org to check it out soon!

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Held during the 2003 SEATA Annual Meeting

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