

Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association

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From the District Director Chuck Kimmel, ATC

Dear SEATA Member,

I hope this spring finds things going well for you at home and work.

The SEATA Student Athletic Trainer Symposia went very well in February and, once again, was well attended. Eve Becker-Doyle did an outstanding job with the Keynote Address. On a bittersweet note, Jim Gallaspy did another superb job overseeing the meeting. The sad part is that this was his last year in this capacity. Jim has a history of years of contribution to SEATA and NATA and each member owes him a debt of gratitude for his years of selfless service. The faculty is made up of the leaders in education in District 9 and beyond and this has always provided a wonderful weekend of learning for the students who attend. This excellence will continue, however, as Ray Castle and R.T. Floyd have agreed to co-chair the 2003 meeting.

The SEATA Meeting set a record this year for attendance and another year has passed where those that attended were treated to a wonderful educational experience and a weekend of catching up with old friends and making new ones. J.C. Andersen, Tom Kaminski, and the SEATA Research and Education Committee do great work in planning a program that is thorough, yet diverse enough to give the attendees plenty of options. They find a way to plan a big time meeting while keeping expenses in line. MaryBeth Horodyski, Traci Gearhart and those that help with registration made that process as smooth as possible. David Green did his usual fine work with exhibits and set a new record for exhibitors at this year's meeting. Finally, Frank Grimaldi provided the leadership necessary to make the meeting such a success. The time involved in pulling this thing off demands a huge commitment that starts well before Christmas and escalates, as the meeting gets closer. Frank and all those many other people who have a hand in the meeting are invaluable to the final product that we all are so very proud of.

I am very grateful for the support that you have given me relating to issues on the national level, including the dues increase question. As the NATA continues to enhance services for its members, the costs will, of course, increase. Currently the NATA has large projects going on that will touch nearly every member in every practice setting in the near future. The dynamic nature of our Association and the issues we are dealing with makes being an athletic trainer so exciting. Your active participation is important. It is important that you have the opportunity to express your concerns about the many issues facing our Association. With this said, I challenge you and every member to be active and make your feelings known to your leaders.

This truly is the most exciting time in our history to be in the NATA with what all is going on. From the AMCIA report to the reimbursement efforts to the recently established Secondary School Appropriate Care Task Force, to the continued transition relating to entry-level education, and on and on, there is plenty on our plate to be both excited about and, in some cases, concerned. Make your voice known!

The national meeting in Dallas promises to be another outstanding symposium. It is my hope that as many as possible will attend and take advantage of the opportunity. I think that Bertice Berry will be a great Keynote Speaker and will both entertain while challenging all the members who attend so please make an effort to be there for her speech.

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From the District President Frank Grimaldi

I want like to thank all the attendees, exhibitors and speakers who made our 27th Annual SEATA Symposium and Members Meeting a great success. More than 500 people attended and more than 50 exhibitors. Please mark your calendars now for next year's symposium (March 27-30, 2003) once again at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, Georgia.

The success of this past symposium was due largely to several individuals: MaryBeth Horodyski, David Green, J.C. Anderson, Tom Kaminski and Traci Gearhart. I'm truly thankful to these individuals for their dedication and countless hours coordinating speakers, vendors and registration.

Congratulations to the following award winners: Ken Young (Sponsor Award), Malissa Martin (Education and Administration Award), Greg Pendley (High School Athletic Trainer Award), Brad Brown (Professional Athletic Trainer Award), Ron Courson (College Athletic Trainer Award), Bruce Gretz (Clinical Athletic Trainer Award), John Morr (Backbone Award), MaryBeth Horodyski (District Award), Ed Field, MD (Sportsmedicine Person of the Year Award) and Leroy Mullins (Award of Merit).

SEATA has a rich history of outstanding individuals who are great role models for future athletic trainers entering the profession. Congratulations also to the 2002 SEATA scholarship award winners.

A number of current issues may be of interest to all athletic trainers and in some ways will affect how we perform our duties as certified athletic trainers. David Jones, who is the NATA Governmental Affairs Chair, is monitoring federal regulations pertaining to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) privacy regulation. The NATA National Symposium in Dallas this summer will provide more related to HIPAA.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. James R. Andrews for his wonderful presidential lecturer speech about the relationship between an athletic trainer and a team physician. Dr. Andrews flew from Orlando the morning of his speech and returned immediately after to cover a couple of college football scrimmages. This is a true example of "practicing what you preach."



From the District Treasurer MaryBeth Horodyski

The following is an abbreviated report of the SEATA annual budget. The budget report was presented to the SEATA Executive Board during the March 2002 Board meeting. If you have additional questions related to the annual budget report, please contact MaryBeth Horodyski, SEATA Treasurer.

Total Income	194,225.66
Total Expenses	183,006.51
Net Income	11,219.15
Savings Account	25,781.88
Investment Account	184,314.58

Minutes for SEATA (NATA District IX) Executive Board, March 2002

1. SEATA Board members present: Chuck Kimmel, District Director; Frank Grimaldi, District President; MaryBeth Horodyski, District Treasurer; states represented: AL, FL, LA, TN, GA; visiting guest from NATA District VI.
2. Frank Grimaldi welcomed the members of the SEATA Board. The minutes of the June 2001 were reviewed. A motion was made by Tom Bair (GA) and seconded by Marisa Brunett (FL) to accept the minutes. The motion passed 5-0, with KY and MS not in attendance.
3. MaryBeth Horodyski gave a financial report for the 2001 year. Included in the report was information on the main checking and savings account, as well as individual state accounts. A discussion was held on the need to plan for the future regarding SEATA's accounts and whether an increase in district dues is necessary. The discussion revealed there might not be a need to increase district dues at this time. Frank suggested that the states may wish to increase state dues, but it must be agreed upon by all 7 states. A brief discussion related to governmental affairs money and how states need to apply for funding. Chuck Kimmel provided clarification for the state presidents as to how a legislative emergency is defined. A basic definition is that there must be an assault on the individual state's practice act. States were reminded to apply for legislative funds before the end of the NATA annual meeting.
4. Enter Chad Barker from MS.
5. Chuck Kimmel provided the District Director's Report. He reported that the NATABOD has approved a new task force for secondary schools and Craig Portwood from FL serves on this task force. A reimbursement course is being developed. Chuck Kimmel reported that the rotation for the national meeting has been changed. Due to low attendance the meetings on the west coast will not get the convention as frequently. This change was not opposed from the District Directors of the west coast.

The spine task force educational information has been completed. Doug Kleiner from FL should be commended for his efforts. Chuck also reported that a final decision has been rendered regarding the ATC retired status. If one is retired the correct notation is the use of a lower case 'c' for certified. Chuck mentioned that the JAT supplement on education will be sent to all collegiate setting ATCs, but those not at the collegiate setting may request a copy free of charge. Frank asked if state presidents should get a copy of this edition of the journal. Chuck asked all presidents to request this issue through the NATA News. Chuck warned state presidents that education reform would continue to cause issues for the next several years. Chris Gillespie informed the state presidents about the round table at the student SEATA meeting. Chuck mentioned that a large issue is a perceived quality of clinical experience; additionally the perceived rules of the game continue to change and evolve. He noted that the District Directors job is not to take sides, but to hear and sort out the issues.

Chuck reported that Coppertone has signed on as new corporate partner with the NATA. The Motrin contract has been renewed. Chuck reported that a committee is working on Emergency Planning for the ATC. Both Ron Corson and JC Andersen should be commended for their efforts. A new award called the Gail Weldon Woman Athletic Training Award was approved by the NATABOD. Chuck mentioned that the keynote speaker for the NATA Annual Meeting would be Bertrice Berry.

A discussion was led by Chuck Kimmel on the increase in National Dues. This increase would be \$10.00 for all categories, except students' fees which will be \$5.00. Most states in SEATA have passed this increase at their state meetings. Chuck mentioned that this will need to be on the June 2002 SEATA Executive Board meeting agenda for an official vote. Chuck reported that due to the 9-11-01 problems, the NATA did lose money in investments. The NATABOD has approved new measures to protect money. Chuck mentioned that no checks have been sent to the districts regarding Sponsorship money. Chuck provided a historical prospective of sponsorship allocation money. The amount started at 15%, was cut back to 10%, then reduced to approximately 8 1/2%. The reason to decrease is that the BOD is first responsible to the NATA and then provides surplus to districts.

Chuck mentioned that Chad Starkey (NATA Education Council) stated that ATCs with concerns should contact him. Chuck mentioned that the Graduate Education Committee has presented the NATABOD with a proposal for Standards and Guidelines for graduate education. Chuck mentioned some concerns he has with the document. A concern that was discussed is whether programs 'should' have or 'must' have prior experience in the clinical setting of athletic training. Chuck wants this section to say must. Chad Barker (MS) stated he supports this opinion. MaryBeth Horodyski mentioned that she serves on the Graduate Education Committee and would be happy to discuss with the state presidents issues related to concerns about the document.

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Chuck mentioned that some rules regarding obtaining the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award have been modified. The award can be given award through special consideration. Chuck mentioned that the Exertional Heat Illness position statement has been approved. In conclusion, Chuck reminded everyone that the NATABOD minutes are posted on the list serve.

6. The Secretary's Report was present by MaryBeth Horodyski for Jim Mackie. Members are reminded to provide address changes to the NATA. Information regarding CEU hole punch duties was provided to the state presidents. The state of GA was responsible for stuffing the attendees' bags this year.
7. Frank Grimaldi provided the President's Report. He asked that all states provide MaryBeth with information on state meetings for the website. This will enable members from one state to attend other state meetings. He reminded states that they can have a booth at the SEATA meeting for \$55.00. Frank stated that new changes will occur on the website over the summer months. He noted that SEATA purchased a digital camera to assist in putting pictures on the website. A portion of the bill for the camera will be covered by FL as reimbursement for the FL camera which was to be used for SEATA.
8. Enter JW Durst (KY)
9. The members of the SEATA Executive Board were informed that awards nomination will be on-line for NATA awards. Members are encouraged to nominate eligible candidates.
10. The budget for speakers at the SEATA meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Chris Gillespie (AL) to rename the Honoraria Guidelines dated May 1999 to Policies for Honoraria for Speakers. The motion was seconded by JW Durst (KY). The motion passed with a 7-0 vote. A second motion was made to reaffirm the levels of honoraria as stated in the May 1999 document with exceptions from the policy being approved by the SEATA President. The motion was seconded by JW Durst (KY). The motion passed with a 7-0 vote. A third motion was made by Nick Pappas (TN) stating that the above motion statements be added to the policy and procedures manual. The motion was seconded by Marisa Brunett (FL) and passed with a 7-0 vote.
11. Chuck Kimmel addressed the SEATA Board about the development of a NATA BOD Scholarship. The scholarship would be funded by each district at a cost of \$200.00 per year. The Board approved the scholarship during an earlier email vote 7-0. Additionally discussion was held about developing a Bobby Barton Scholarship to honor Dr. Barton as a past president of the NATA. This scholarship would cost SEATA \$2,000.00 annually. A motion was made by Nick Pappas (TN) to develop a scholarship in Dr. Bobby Barton's name. The motion was seconded by Tom Bair (GA). The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.
12. There was discussion to increase the cost of the minicourses at SEATA by \$10.00. The consensus of the SEATA Board members was to adopt the increase.
13. Several SEATA committees provided reports to the SEATA Board.

Katy Curran of the NATA Foundation encouraged members to attend foundation night at the NATA Meeting in June. She also reminded members that there will be a fun run at the fairgrounds during the June meeting. She highlighted the various activities and research the NATA-REF is supporting and encouraged members to donate to the NATA-REF.

Mary Kirkland gave a report for the COE (council of employment). She noted that the council has five areas of focus: secondary schools, ATCs in the military, National Recreation and Park Association, hospital based ATC, and the physician extender.

Crandall Woodson provided information from the Awards Committee. He encouraged members to remember that identifying awardees needs to be constant year round search for people who are deserving of awards.

Chris Gillespie gave the College/University Athletic Trainers Committee Report. He commented on the issues related to emergency preparation in the collegiate setting. He noted that some emphasis should be made to encourage CPR and First Aid training for coaches and strength trainers. There is a potential to make this a component in the NCAA system. The committee is looking into a survey on the PT in the athletic setting.

JC Andersen and Tom Kaminski provided the report for the SEATA Research and Education Committee. The committee selected Scott Piland of the University of Georgia (Dr. Mike Ferrar, mentor) for a \$750 research grant award. Tom Kaminski stated that the Research Seminar would have 7 speakers instead of 8 speakers this year. In the future we will have

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The SEATA Research and Education Committee has added new members from Kentucky, Mississippi, and Louisiana. It is possible that in the future there may be the potential to have members submit proposals for presenting minicourses (similar to NATA format). JC noted that this is the first year the SEATA Research and Education Committee is offering a student seminar on Saturday night. In conclusion, JC stated that the committee would like to advertise/market the SEATA Annual Meeting to other allied health/medical professionals.

JC Andersen attended the District VI Annual Meeting and provided a report from the meeting. Some of the comments he presented included: marketing to other allied health professionals; differences between District VI (1400 attendees) compared to 500 attendees at SEATA and; District VI plans further ahead for future meetings.

David Jones, the GAC representative for SEATA provided a brief overview of some of the governmental changes in the various states. He reported that every state used the allotted \$4,000 except TN and LA. He cautioned the state presidents that this amount may decrease from the national office. He suggested that states may need to have fund raisers to raise funds for governmental affairs money. He commented on the start up of a bill that proposed that we have an ATC in all high schools with federal funding. He encouraged all ATCs to become aware of HIPPA regulations that protect the patient health information – compliance must occur by 14 April 2003.

14. The meeting was adjourned.

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The Town Hall meeting always provides a chance for each of us to “catch up” on what is going on in the Association as well as express our own concerns about issues that are important to us.

My most sincere congratulations go to the award winners at the SEATA Meeting in March. Each recipient is very deserving of their honor and each represents what makes our Association such a dynamic and outstanding organization.

In closing, it truly is an honor to serve as District Director. Although there are challenges both on our plate and looming just over the horizon, it is gratifying to work for such a wonderful group of professionals, like you. If I had a wish, it would be that you and every member would have the opportunity to get to know the members of SEATA like I have over the years because there is not a bad apple in the bunch!



Committee Reports

College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee

Please see the current NATA NEWS for the CUATC UPDATE.

Ethnic Diversity Committee

First I appreciate all who attended this committee meeting that was held on March 15, 2001 during the SEATA meeting in Atlanta. The notes from that meeting follow.

1. SCHOLARSHIP:

An update was given as to the status of the Ethnic-Diversity Scholarship. The scholarship was started two years ago, but has slowed with progress due to a lack of funding. A scholarship proposal has been sent out to numerous individuals and organizations since that time, but we have had very few with serious interest. The biggest push has been attempting to get in touch with professional athletes who play on teams within the district. This has resulted in some response but no money as of yet. It was suggested in the meeting that we target professional athletes that played their collegiate ball at HBCU and send them a personal letter with the group and SEATA endorsement. This will be brought to SEATA president Frank Grimaldi for his approval. It was also suggested that we speak with individual physicians to see if they would be interested in donating to the scholarship as well. Just last week a letter was sent to the Black Coaches Association Executive Director to see if they would lend sponsorship for the scholarship. If anyone needs copies of scholarship proposal or wants to see the letter sent to BCA please let me know.

2. MINORITY MEDICAL TOPICS AT SEATA:

It was discussed about the lack of minority medical issues that are presented during the SEATA meeting. It was noted that some people that have attended the meeting for sometime have not seen any issues on the program related to minority medical issue/injuries that we as athletic trainers come across. I spoke to Frank Grimaldi after the meeting concerning this and thought the same thing. He directed me in turn to speak with JC Andersen seminar director. More information will follow.

3. MENTORING:

Last year during the NATA in Los Angeles it was suggested that the NATA begin to put together a mentoring list of potential mentors and mentees. The last update that I heard on that from MaryBeth Horodyski was that it was placed in a data bank at the NATA and was given to the web master at the NATA. It was suggested that minority trainers and students as well as women in athletic training may need to be earmarked on this list to enhance greater opportunities for mentoring program for women and minorities.

4. REPRESENTATIVES:

We are in need of a representative from Louisiana for the committee. If you know of anyone or would like to be it please let me know.

If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns dealing with ethnic issues please contact:

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Exhibits Committee

We had 54 booths available during this year's SEATA Meeting and we sold all 54. I would like to get 60 booths next year. We want to attract more vendors next year so please put the word out about this meeting to all of those sales reps who call on you at your jobs.

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.

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Honors and Awards Committee

Individual members of SEATA, willing to submit applications of deserving colleagues and mentors, have allowed our district to be well represented in this year's class of winners.

All members are urged to pick up nomination forms at the Dallas meeting and submit before the early January deadlines. Isn't it time you recognized an outstanding person in your athletic training career?

Memorials and Resolutions

If you are aware of a recent death of a District 9 member please contact:

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Committee Reports

Placement Committee

The NATA website is being updated to include a section where individuals are able to review procedures for the Placement room at the National Meeting.

The NATA website is also being updated for when people log in to the PVN, to add a pop-up screen to update their email addresses. If the member has a current email address, they can go to their record and correct or add it. Otherwise, they can close the pop-up and proceed on into the members-only section. This will assist the National Office in keeping current with the members addresses as most who use the PVN service are in the processes of making a job change

The new District 9 Placement Representative is Scott Bruce. He is located at the University of Miami and may be reached at sbruce@miami.edu or (305) 284-4131. He was confirmed at the last board meeting. We welcome him and know he will do a great job for the district.

Public Relations Committee

We are now looking for activities that promoted NATA month. If you participated in this event please take a minute to call 706-322-1217 ext. 24 or e-mail your information to me as soon as possible.

The NATA News will publish a special section highlighting NATA month activities so please respond. The NATA Month Public Relations contest is going on as well. This is a great way to recognize those ATC's who have promoted the profession of athletic training through NATA month activities. The form for the contest can be found @ www.nata.org. The winner of this contest will receive \$! 50.00 gift certificate to purchase NATA merchandise.

I look forward to serving you the SEATA members from a public relations standpoint throughout this year. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to call or e-mail.

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Research and Education Committee

Scott Piland from the University of Georgia was named the recipient of the 2002 SEATA Grant Award. The title of Scott's grant proposal was "Concussion Resolution". His sponsor was Dr. Mike Ferrara. Scott will present his research findings at the SEATA Research Seminar held in conjunction with the SEATA Annual Members Meeting in March of 2003.

Scholarship Committee

This year we had the largest number of applicants to ever seek scholarships offered by the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association. The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the winners of these awards for 2002. Following are the award winners.

Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Ashly Lord
Georgia State University
3.4 GPA
Majoring in Physical Therapy
Supervising ATC: Lloyd Knott

Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

Davi Rose
Asbury College
3.7 GPA
Majoring in Athletic Training
Supervising ATC: Christine Uhl

Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation

Summer Neldner
University of Alabama at Birmingham
3.5 GPA
Majoring in Physical Education
Supervising ATC: Heloise Jones

Jim Gallaspy Student Leadership Award

Amanda Andrews
University of Southern Mississippi
3.7 GPA
PhD student majoring in Human Performance and Recreation
Supervising ATC: Matt Smith

Family Scholarship Program

Mike Wilkerson, ATC
Mississippi Sports Medicine
Hometown: Clinton, Mississippi
(His daughter attends the University of Alabama, majoring in Nursing.)

Congratulations to the individuals listed above. We are honored to have you represent our district as this year's scholarship award recipients.

Congratulations to the following SEATA members receiving awards at the 2002 National Symposium in Dallas

HALL OF FAME
Jack Redgren, Tennessee

MOST DISTINGUISHED ATHLETIC TRAINER
Chuck Kimmel, Tennessee
Bob Nevil, Tennessee
Carl Williams, Louisiana

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
Harlan Selesnick, MD, Florida

ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICE AWARD
Marisa Brunett, Florida
Mary Kirkland, Florida
Stephanie Lennon, Florida
Mark Parsons, Tennessee
Therese Sparn, Tennessee

In Memory of Aimee Gunnoe, MS, ATC

Aimee Gunnoe an Instructor in the Athletic Training program at Georgia Southern University, was killed in a traffic accident on her way home from working as an athletic trainer at a cheerleading competition in Daytona Beach, FL.

At Georgia Southern she has served as clinical coordinator for the past 3 years and as a clinical athletic trainer for mens/womens tennis. This spring she was hired in this role permanently.

Aimee completed her undergraduate education at James Madison University and her masters degree at the University of Florida. Prior to arriving at Georgia Southern she was the Assistant Athletic Trainer at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, FL from 1996-1999. Outside of GSU, she frequently served as volunteer on the medical staff for the United States Taekwondo Union, covering events such as the Junior Olympics, National Championships, and Junior and Senior National Team Trials. In September 2001 she was selected to accompany the Junior National Team to the Junior Pan American Games in Chile. During the summer, she worked as an athletic trainer for the National Cheerleaders Association covering camps and competitions such as the College National Cheer and Dance Championships. This past January, she was selected to accompany High

In Memory of Kimberly McMichael, ATC

Kimberly McMichael an athletic trainer for Mississippi Sports Medicine of Jackson was killed in a traffic accident. Kimberly received her Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in health and wellness.

STATE REPORTS

Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

Kenny Howard, long time athletic trainer at Auburn University, was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame on March 16. Congratulations to Kenny and his family from ALATA.

The Annual ALATA Meeting will be held in Gulf Shores May 16-19. Contact Heloise Belarmino Jones at U.A.B. for registration information. Phone: (205) 934-6013.

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

The 14th Annual Clinical Symposium and Business meeting was held in Maitland, FL on April 12-14, 2002.

Congratulations to Craig Portwood, ATC/L, Head Athletic Trainer at Daytona Beach Mainland H.S. on celebrating the 25th Anniversary of their Athletic Training Program on March 27th.

Also, congratulations to Craig Portwood for being selected to represent the NATA Secondary School for appropriate care Task Force!

Congratulations to Sue Stanley-Green, who has been selected to the NATABOD!

Congratulations to MaryBeth Horodyski for receiving the SEATA District Award at the 2002 Annual SEATA Meeting.

Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association

24th Annual Summer Symposium

June 6-8, 2002

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Hosted by: Louisiana State University

Total CEU's: 11

Registration--Professional Members \$115.00, Students \$50.00

Hotel: Sheraton Convention Center

Address: 103 France Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Phone Number: (225) 242-2600

Golf Tournament

When: Thursday June 6, 2002 at 8:00am

Where: University Club, Baton Rouge, LA

Cost: \$50.00 entry fee: 4 man scramble

Educational Meetings will begin Friday morning at 7:45 am and continue through noon on Saturday. A Student Athletic Trainer workshop will also take place

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