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News from the District Director, R. T. Floyd

I hope everything is well with you and your fall season is progressing well. Regarding NATA and SEATA this becomes a busy time as we prepare for all of the state, district and national meetings beginning in January. You will find quite a bit of information related to these and their respective deadlines within this *Newsletter* and as on the association websites. Please take some time to plan appropriately to join us at as many of these events as you can.

I want to express my appreciation for your confidence in re-electing me to serve again as your District Director. It has certainly been my honor to represent you and I encourage each of you to contact me with any and all concerns. I also want to encourage you to vote now in the runoff election for SEATA Treasurer.

This is also the time of year to begin the process of recognizing our membership who have demonstrated their commitment to advancing the profession through leadership and service. Both the NATA and SEATA depend very heavily on volunteer efforts by the membership to make so many great things happen in our profession.

Take a few minutes to nominate deserving members for these honors and awards via the NATA and SEATA websites by the of Nov. 15 and Jan. 1, deadlines, respectively.

I will touch on a few highlights from your NATA Board since August. Each of the proposed changes in By-Laws passed unanimously. A revised system to evaluate committee/council members is now in place. We will have our first national quiz bowl at the San Antonio Annual Meeting with a team competing from each district. The Athletic Training Services Project Team has been appointed to delineate services and functions that athletic trainers are educated and qualified to provide through education and state regulation. We are joining the National Association of School Nurses in a cooperative venture to communicate appropriate concussion care in secondary schools without an athletic trainer and as of Oct. 1 Drinker, Biddle, and Reath is the NATA's new lobbying firm. Summaries of the Board Minutes may be reviewed at www.nata.org/members/documents/.

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News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski

The weather is getting cooler (even in Florida). Cooler weather means many activities begin to take place for SEATA. The SEATA Research and Education Committee is working diligently to prepare an exciting and education meeting. Remember that the meeting will be in Florida's panhandle this year. Come to sunny Florida to the Marriott Bay Point Golf and Spa Resort in Panama City Beach, FL. The **34th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting** will be held March 18-22, 2009.

Your SEATA Executive Board continues to meet throughout the year on conference calls. On the September 2008 conference call a very important decision was made by the Board. The action taken

was to approve the **SEATA Legislative Initiatives Fund**. This is a legislative grant process for the states in SEATA. SEATA state organizations are encouraged to apply for these funds through the application process that can be found on the SEATA website.

The SEATA Finance Committee will meet in early November to review the SEATA budget. The SEATA Executive Board is continuing to review the committee structure of our organization. Please refer to the website for a listing of all SEATA committees. If you are interested in getting involved in SEATA please contact your State President or any of the SEATA officers. We want to encourage you to

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Vote in SEATA Runoff Election Now
www.seata.org/elec08b.htm

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SEATA Election Results - Runoff Election for Treasurer

The SEATA Election Committee announces the results of the 2008 SEATA Officer Election. Thank you to those members that took the time to cast your ballot. Of the 3,565 eligible SEATA voters, there were only 313 valid ballots cast. Congratulations to MaryBeth Horodyski and R.T. Floyd for being re-elected to SEATA

President and District Director, respectively.

According to SEATA By-Laws, officer elections require a majority popular vote. No candidate for SEATA Treasurer received a majority of the votes and a runoff election is necessary between Jim Mackie and Gerard White. The runoff election will begin on Friday,

October 24 and run until midnight EST Friday, November 7, 2008. We will again utilize an electronic ballot and members have the opportunity to print the ballot and mail it to our accountant. To view candidate bios, obtain a printable ballot, or link to the voting webpage, go to www.seata.org/elec08b.htm.

34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, March 18-22, 2009, Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort, Panama City Beach, FL

News from the Treasurer, Jim Mackie**Treasurer's Report October 23, 2008****Financial Information**

Cash Flow Report	Wachovia Account		3rd Quarter (July-Sept)
	1-1-08 to 10-23-08		
Inflows	\$236,766.25		\$48,259.16
Outflows	\$275,042.51		\$34,334.12
Difference	\$(-38,276.26)		\$13,925.04

Wachovia Securities Investment Report:

Value 8-31-08 \$220,766.50
Value 9-30-08 \$195,619.21

Other Items

Finance Committee Meeting is set for November 15-16 in Atlanta, GA.
Student Meeting registration is live and there are 33 students currently registered (1-23-08)

Thank You,
Jim Mackie, Treasurer

24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium, Feb. 6-7, 2009, Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA

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

promote our profession and get involved. For more details regarding SEATA Board actions, review the SEATA Executive Board minutes on our website.

I thank those who took the time to vote in the SEATA officer elections. A run-off election is currently underway

for the SEATA Treasurer position. Please get involved and vote by going to the SEATA website or www.seata.org/elec08b.htm.

In closing, please plan ahead for the **24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium** at the Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta,

GA. The meeting will be held February 6-7 2009. Don't forget to plan to attend our **34th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting**.

Sincerely,
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD,
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SEATA President

Committee Reports

College & University Athletic Trainers' Committee

NCAA, ACSM and BioCrossroads announce the formation of a new national sports injury research center

New national research center focuses on treatment and prevention of sports and exercise injuries
Datalys Center established by NCAA, BioCrossroads and ACSM

Indianapolis, April 15, 2008 --- As the weather grows warmer, baseball and softball leagues swing into action, soccer and tennis matches start up and cyclists and runners hit the road. The health benefits are substantial for those who regularly participate in sports and physical activity. But unfortunately, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 10,000 emergency room visits per day are the result of participation in sports, recreation or exercise. That's 3.65 million ER trips per year. How can those injuries be reduced?

The Datalys Center, a new national non-profit research center formed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), BioCrossroads, and the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), will answer that question by conducting research and providing surveillance expertise to support the sports injury information needs of academic researchers, sports governing organizations, and the broader sports medicine community. The Datalys Center also will serve the general public, media, policy-makers, and all those interested in promoting safe and injury-free participation in sports and physical activity for millions of

Americans of all ages. Through the analysis of sports participation, injury and treatment data, the Datalys Center's mission is to produce and enable significant progress toward better prevention, public health and sports medicine outcomes.

"The goal of the Datalys Center is to create the leading sports injury research, data collection and translation center in the world," said Troy Hege, President of the Datalys Center. "The data and its translation are the foundation for the development of programs, policies, rules and education aimed at preventing, mitigating and treating sports injuries more effectively. In addition, the Center will be an educational vehicle for sports and exercise medicine and health promotion."

The Datalys Center will build on and evolve from the NCAA's Injury Surveillance System (ISS). The NCAA will continue its involvement with sports injury surveillance as the Center's first collaborative partner. The NCAA has been collecting injury and exposure data from a sample of NCAA institutions in a variety of sports for 25 years. This effort, which has resulted in the creation of the largest ongoing collegiate sports injury database in the world, has established the NCAA as a leader in student-athlete injury surveillance and prevention, and the Datalys Center will continue the NCAA's prominence in this area. The NCAA sport and policy committees have used the data as the underpinning for evidence-based decision making on health and safety issues.

For example, the NCAA has used its injury surveillance

data in policy discussions related to:

- 1995 rules modifications and a point of emphasis in men's ice hockey for the officials on reducing hitting from behind and contact to the head.
- 1997 NCAA Bylaw modifications addressing the use of permissible equipment and player contact in spring football practices to reduce the risk of injury.
- 2003 NCAA Bylaws modifications for football fall pre-season practice day schedules to reduce the risk of injury.
- 2003 rules modifications in women's lacrosse mandating protective eyewear to reduce the risk of injury.

"By seeding the Datalys Center with some of our tools and injury surveillance capabilities, these resources will now be available to a much broader community," said Robert Vowels, Vice President of Educational Services, NCAA. "In addition, this access and the development of new research services and capabilities will advance our own health and safety efforts in collegiate athletics."

The ACSM and BioCrossroads, Indiana's initiative to grow the life sciences, also were involved in organizing the new research initiative.

"The science of sports medicine is an intriguing area for BioCrossroads. It represents the overlap between sports and life sciences, two of the most significant sectors in the Indiana economy," said David Johnson, President and CEO, BioCrossroads. "The Datalys Center is a significant research asset that complements Indiana's other leading

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HHS releases physical activity guidelines

The Federal Government has issued its first-ever [Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans](#). They describe the types and amounts of physical activity that offer substantial health benefits.



Revamped NATA Web site launches

We launched the enhanced NATA Web site this month! It features:

- A [brand-new search engine](#), using Google technology. This new engine now shows search results from both the public pages and the **members-only** pages
- New drop-down menus on the home page, which accompany our new & very comprehensive list of main menus
- The new NATA logo & colors incorporated throughout the site
- The ability to stay logged in to the [members' section](#) indefinitely, using the new "Remember Me" function
- Useful "Did you know" factoids throughout the site

NATA's [new home page](#) keeps the dynamic components of the previous one, including timely info in the center of the page, the NATA News section and Flash videos. Watch as the site continues to evolve.

College & University Athletic Trainers' Committee (cont. from Pg. 3)

research institutions such as Indiana University School of Medicine, Purdue University, The Regenstrief Institute and the Fairbanks Institute for Healthy Communities."

Also announced today, are the Board of Directors for the Datalys Center, which includes leading members of the sports medicine community:

- Marjorie J. Albohm, President-Elect, National Athletic Trainers Association
 - Irv Bomberger, Executive Director, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine
 - James Isch, Senior Vice President for Administration and CFO, NCAA
 - Barry P. Katz, Director of the Division of Biostatistics, Department of Medicine, Indiana University
 - John B. Swarbrick, Jr., Partner, Baker & Daniels
 - Robert C. Vowels, Jr., Vice President for Education Services, NCAA
 - James Whitehead, Executive Vice President/CEO, ACSM
- "ACSM believes that the Datalys Center is a vital resource for helping society to better capitalize on the benefits of sport and physical activity, and it will be an important asset to the sports medicine community and everyone interested in safe and healthful sports and physical activity," said James Whitehead, Executive Vice President, ACSM.

Sports medicine researcher named Datalys Center's Director of Epidemiology and Biostatics

Indianapolis, October 20, 2008 -- The Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention today announced that, through an arrangement with the University of North Carolina, Dr. Steve Marshall

will serve as Director of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. In this capacity he will oversee and manage all surveillance, research, analysis and health policy activities for the newly launched organization.

Dr. Marshall is an Associate Professor of Epidemiology at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he conducts research on injury prevention, with a specific focus on sports medicine. He is also a faculty member in the Departments of Orthopedics and Exercise and Sport Science, and is a Core Faculty member and Biostatistician at the University of North Carolina Injury Prevention Research Center. A noted methodologist, Dr. Marshall has an international reputation for the design and analysis of sports injury studies.

"The Datalys Center seeks to be the preeminent center for sports injury and public health information, and Dr. Marshall's passion and commitment to this research area will be invaluable to the development of the organization," said Troy Hege, President of the Datalys Center. "He is an integral member of the sports medicine and epidemiology communities, and his voice will be important in advancing the goals of our organization and in leading research activities that will have a positive impact on human health."

Dr. Marshall brings a strong track record in research to the Datalys Center. His current research is focused on injuries from sports and recreational physical activities, including severe knee injuries, such as anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries. He is a primary investigator of a National Institutes of Health-funded prospective cohort study of biomechanical risk

factors for ACL injury that is based at the three largest U.S. military academies (Air Force, Army and Navy). He has also conducted studies on protective equipment in youth baseball and rugby, and on concussions. He has a strong interest in injury surveillance data and the statistical analysis of multi-year data from injury surveillance systems.

Dr. Marshall earned his B.S. degree in mathematics from the University of Canterbury and conducted his graduate studies in statistics at Lincoln University (both located in Canterbury, New Zealand). Dr. Marshall received his Ph.D. in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has been a faculty member in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill since 1999.

"As an epidemiologist, researcher, instructor, and public health professional, Dr. Marshall's expertise encompasses all of the critical elements of the Datalys Center – research, analysis and health policy," said Robert Vowels, Vice President of Educational Services, National Collegiate Athletic Association. "He'll be an outstanding asset as Datalys moves forward."

"Too often sports injuries are thought to be largely unavoidable – 'just part of the game' or 'the price you pay to play' – but in fact sports injuries are highly preventable," said Dr. Marshall. "Because of the vision of the NCAA, and other organizations such as the American College of Sports Medicine, National Athletic Trainers Association, and American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine, and the American Medical Society for

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Sports Medicine, the Datalys Center can help decrease the incidence and consequences of sports injuries."

The Datalys Center also announced today that Susanne Wolf, RN will serve as the organization's Senior Project Coordinator. Ms. Wolf received her degree in Nursing from Cornell University and a Masters of Public Health from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her experience includes 30 years of successfully planning and implementing research projects in collaboration with various prominent principal investigators. She has extensive previous experience in surveillance of occupational injuries.

"We are extremely excited to have Ms. Wolf join the Datalys team," said Hege. "She brings a tremendous amount of relevant experience and expertise to the Datalys Center, and together with Dr. Marshall, represents the core of a scientific team that will be instrumental in helping the Datalys Center become a leading innovator in sports injury research."

Datalys Center adds prominent sports medicine researcher as external

scientific advisor

Indianapolis, October 27, 2008 – The Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention today announced that Dr. Thomas Dompier has joined the Datalys Center as an external scientific advisor. In this role, Dr. Dompier will consult with the Datalys Center's senior leadership on their injury surveillance program for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Center's first collaborative partner.

Dr. Dompier is an assistant professor in the Athletic Training Education Program at

the University of South Carolina where he is currently conducting the epidemiologic analyses for a Department of Defense project examining health outcomes of Soldiers during Basic Combat Training. His background includes the management and analysis of large surveillance databases and formal training in both injury epidemiology and sports medicine.

"Dr. Dompier is an ideal person to work with the Datalys Center's injury surveillance program," said Troy Hege, President of the Datalys Center. "He has a strong record of injury research, conducting athletic injury surveillance for the National Athletic Trainers' Association and others. Together with Dr. Steve Marshall, the Datalys Center's newly hired Director of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, the Datalys Center is gathering a prominent team of sports medicine experts to focus on the prevention and treatment of sports and athletic activities."

Dr. Dompier's research is focused on pediatric injury epidemiology and methods for assessing maturity. As a doctoral research assistant, he managed a database for the Appropriate Medical Coverage for Intercollegiate Athletics (AMCIA), a two-year multi-center injury surveillance study for the National Athletic Trainers Association. He has also conducted multi-year surveillance projects, including risk assessments in youth football and soccer. Currently, he is managing and aggregating multiple databases of thousands of observations of injured soldiers.

"I am extremely excited to contribute to the Datalys Center's efforts to improve the health and safety of the millions of individuals of all ages who

are physically active by advancing the field of sports injury research and policy," said Dr. Dompier. "The strong support already garnered from the sports medicine leadership located in Indianapolis, including the NCAA and the American College of Sports Medicine, signals the bright future of the Datalys Center."

His undergraduate degree in Physical Education and Exercise Sciences is from Michigan State University, and his master's degree in Kinesiology is from Pennsylvania State University. He earned a Ph.D. in Kinesiology from Michigan State University.

About The Datalys Center

The Datalys Center (www.datalyscenter.org) is a national non-profit organization that conducts and provides research and surveillance expertise to support the sports injury information needs of organizations focused on improving the health and safety of the growing number of Americans who are physically active and/or participate in sports. Through the Center's collection and analysis of sports participation, injury and treatment data, programs, policies, rules and education can be developed in order to prevent and treat sports injuries more effectively.

Datalys is a combination of the words "data" and "analysis", symbolizing the Center's work in sports injury research, data collection and translation of the information into actionable outcomes. In Greek mythology, Daedalus was a clever and skillful inventor and problem solver, a fitting image as the Center will provide answers and solutions to the sports medicine community about sports injury and prevention.

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You can sign up to have daily or weekly Think Tank updates sent right to your inbox. Simply visit the Think Tank you wish to subscribe to, then go down to the middle of the Think Tank page under *Threads in Forum* and click on the *Forum Tools* link. Click on *Subscribe to this Forum* and select whether you want to receive daily or weekly e-mails. It's as simple as that!

More than one thousand members have [signed up for one or more Think Tanks](#) -- they provide a forum for discussion, build connections for collaboration and deliberation with your peers, and open the door to leadership opportunities and development within NATA.

February 2009 in Washington, DC Register now for multiple events

[Registration and housing are now open](#) for the 2009 [Athletic Training Educators' Conference and other events](#) scheduled for Feb. 2009 in Washington, DC. (Events include the **Educators' Conference**, **Student Leadership Conference [iLead]**, **Clinical Instructor Educator Seminar**, **NATAPAC Fundraiser** and **Capitol Hill Day**.)

Go [HERE](#) to watch a one-minute video of athletic trainers talking about the value of the Educators' Conference.

NATA, APTA meet in Washington, DC

NATA legal counsel initiated a meeting with the APTA legal team, CEO, and President Scott Ward. The meeting took place on Wednesday, Sept. 24 in Washington, DC. Marje Albohm, Eve Becker-Doyle and Paul Genender represented the NATA. The meeting was cordial and opened lines of communication between the two groups. Follow up will occur between legal counsel for NATA and APTA. We will keep you informed of any further developments.

Reimbursement Tools

See lots of useful information regarding reimbursement at www.nata.org/insets/reimbursement/index.htm

Vote in SEATA Runoff Election Now

www.seata.org/elec08b.htm

1st Annual SEATA Student Quiz Bowl

The 1st Annual SEATA Student Quiz Bowl will be held at 7:00 P.M. Feb. 6, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, GA. The winning team will represent District IX at the 1st Annual NATA Quiz Bowl in San Antonio, TX. Details on team registration and make up will be forthcoming on the SEATA web site.

NATA Research & Education Foundation

Athletic Training Student Challenge

Actively Supporting The NATA
Research & Education
Foundation

Thank you for your consideration of participating in the Athletic Training Student Challenge, and competing in a fundraising effort benefiting the NATA Research and Education Foundation.

The goals of this program are to provide an opportunity for students of athletic training to actively support the NATA Foundation and to raise money for research in athletic training.

Please review, complete and submit the '[Intent To Participate Form](#)' by the December 31, 2008 deadline. However, the sooner you submit, the sooner you may begin raising funds!

A '[Donation Submission Form](#)' must be subsequently completed and mailed periodically along with groups of contributions/checks secured by your group.

Thanks again for your consideration! Please contact Patsy Brown with any questions.

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NATA Foundation Scholarships

2009 Scholarship applications are available on the NATA Foundation website by October 15, 2008. There are three categories: Entry Level, Masters and Doctoral. Go to <http://www.natafoundation.org/scholarship.html> for further information on scholarships. Application packets must be fully submitted online by Friday, February 6, 2009, to be considered.

Young Professionals Committee

The recently established NATA Young Professionals Committee Mission Statement and Goals have now been approved by the NATA Board of Directors.

MISSION STATEMENT: To identify and address the interests, needs, and concerns of young athletic training professionals and to facilitate communication to and from members of that group.

GOALS

- To increase recruitment and retention of young athletic training professionals in the NATA.

- To increase the number of young athletic training professionals involved in volunteer positions at the local, state, district and national levels.
- To increase the number of young athletic training professionals attending the NATA annual meeting.
- To provide educational opportunities relevant to the interests and concerns of young athletic training professionals.
- To encourage young athletic training professionals to become involved in public relations efforts to educate the

public about the profession of athletic training.

- To encourage young athletic training professionals to become involved in legislative efforts.
- To promote professional socialization of young athletic training professionals.
- To encourage young athletic training professionals to get involved in efforts to improve working conditions and quality of life of athletic trainers.
- To promote professionalism among young athletic training professionals.

SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Committee

The [24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium](#) is scheduled for Feb. 6-7, 2009 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Pre-registration is \$75 if submitted online by Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 or postmarked before midnight, Tuesday, January 20. Registration after this (if available) is \$90. Online registration is recommended at [https://](https://www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT33E)

www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT33E or you may use the mail-in registration form at www.seata.org/09atssreg.doc. Preregistration is recommended as soon as possible due to limited space in each of the three tracks. Rooms at the [Crown Plaza Ravinia](#) must be reserved by January 14, 2009 to ensure the \$107 room rate by

calling [Connections](#) at (404) 842-0000 or (800) 262-9974. Identify yourself as being with the SEATA Meeting. SEATA is calling for Case Study Abstracts **authored by athletic training students** as detailed at www.seata.org/casestudy09.htm. For complete information go to www.seata.org/09atss.htm.

SEATA Communications Committee

Previously we reported that we were working on addressing several technical issues with the SEATA website. We believe we have now corrected

most of these problems and plan on some additional updates in the near future. If you should find any errors or problems, please notify us via [web-](mailto:webmaster@seata.org)

[master@seata.org](mailto:webmaster@seata.org). We also welcome your suggestions and comments.

SEATA Corporate Partnership Committee

With the 2009 SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting just around the corner we are still working on getting new vendors/exhibitors to join us in Panama City Beach. I think with the changes to a new location, a new hotel and a different weekend we should have a very successful meeting. I would like to thank our Corporate Partners, Gatorade, Sports Health Supply,

Breg, Inc, and Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center.

Please submit any new companies in your area (especially in South Georgia, South Alabama and Florida) who could become a new exhibitor or have them contact me at the address given. Please support our exhibitors, especially our Corporate Partners, as they help in making our

SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting the great success that it has become.

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SEATA Hall of Fame Committee

The SEATA Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations to recognize those members who have performed extraordinary service and brought honor to the profession of

athletic training particularly at the SEATA level. 2009 Hall of Fame nominations may be made online at www.seata.org/hofinfo.htm. Service at local, state, and national levels is

considered but service to SEATA is the primary consideration. Nominations must be submitted by Nov. 15 with all application materials submitted by Dec. 15, 2008.

SEATA History & Archives Committee

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

or call 334-670-3722.

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

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

SEATA Honors & Awards Committee

The SEATA Honors & Awards Committee is soliciting your nominations for the following 2009 awards: [Jack C. Hughston, M.D. Sportsmedicine Person of the Year](#), [Chuck Kimmel Award of Merit](#), [Dis-](#)

[trict 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](#). Nominations should be made by Jan. 1, 2009 at www.seata.org/Awards.htm

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

Do you have your NATAPAC tiles hanging in the NATA Office yet?



Save the date
2009 WFATT

World Congress
The 2009 WFATT

World Congress will be held in San Antonio June 15-17, right before the NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia. Come to San Antonio a bit early and get the chance to meet sports medicine professionals from around the world!

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National Athletic Trainers' Association political action committee

SEATA Executive Board Minutes

All Minutes of the SEATA Executive Board Meetings and Conference Calls are posted to the SEATA website as soon as possible after being approved. Go to <http://www.seata.org/OrgInfo.htm>.

New salary data available
Results show increased pay for athletic trainers

NATA has released the results of its 2008 athletic training salary survey, and salaries are on the rise nationwide.

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You already know about the wonderful benefits you get as an NATA member: 10 Free CEUs, award-winning publications, social media (including our new Think Tanks, enhanced Web site and blogs), online Career Center, significant discounts, networking opportunities ...

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 - Free meeting registration and free airfare
 - Free meeting registration
- NATA has options that might help you save money when you renew. If you can't renew online, please contact our Membership Dept. at 1.800.879.6282. Thank you!

New for students 'Student Sneak Peek' subscription

Do you know athletic training students who aren't NATA members, but would like to "sample" the association? NATA has a new offering for them -- **Student Sneak Peek**. It's a great and affordable way for them to start the association experience.

SEATA Life Balance Project Team

The Life Balance Project Team is a new committee for SEATA; we have evolved out of the former Women in Athletic Training Committee. Our goal is to provide life balance resources to the entire membership in areas that include: work options, personal and leisure time, family time, child care, elder care, health for the healthcare provider, financial planning, and retirement.

The new NATA Think

Tanks also include a Life Balance forum. If you have an interest in the area, feel free to sign up for this and other topics (<http://forum.nata.org/thinktanks/>).

The Life Balance Project Team is comprised of a chair and members from each of the states in the district. With our transition from the WATC to the project team, we have many vacancies. Please contact
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(mkm13@msstate.edu) if you would like more information; men and women are both encouraged to become involved.

Since the WATC had many resources for the membership, many of them are still available on the Life Balance Project Team site on the SEATA website, including the timeline of women in SEATA, bios of profound women, and a list of female SEATA award winners.

SEATA Memorial Resolutions Committee

Kevin M. Jones

Kevin M. Jones, age 32, of Madisonville, Kentucky, formerly of Hot Springs, died September 16, 2008. He was born on May 7, 1976 in Hot Springs, AR.

Kevin received his degree in Athletic Training in 2000 from Henderson State University. In 2003 he received a MA in Sports Administration.

Kevin was an Athletic Trainer for Trover Sportsmedicine Foundation in Hopkinsville and worked at Madisonville North High School in Madison, Kentucky. While covering a soccer event on Tuesday, September 16th he collapsed and was taken to the hospital in which he passed away later that evening. Visitation will be held at the Davis-Smith Funeral home on Saturday, September 20th from 6-8 pm in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Funeral will be held at the same location on Sunday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Cynthia Ann "Cindy" Wall

Cynthia Ann "Cindy" Wall, 45, of Auburn, died unexpectedly Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

Born in Jacksonville, IL to

William and Patricia Wall, Cindy graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1981. Cindy earned an undergraduate degree in Sports Medicine from Arizona State University in 1986 and a Masters of Science in Health and Human Performance from the University of Kentucky in 1989. Cindy joined the Auburn Athletic Department in 1991 as trainer for the Women's Basketball team, and was most recently involved in athlete rehabilitation with Dr. Mike Goodlett. Cindy was a member of Cornerstone United Methodist Church.

Cindy loved people and she made them feel special. She had a giving spirit and servant heart. She made comfort quilts for cancer patients. She knitted hats for babies in intensive care. Cindy, an avid bicyclist, supported Parkinson's research by participating in the annual Bike

Ride Across Georgia and Johnny Ray Century rides.

Cindy loved Auburn Athletics and the athletes she worked with, her "kids". She promised their parents they would be well cared for, and in many ways, she was like a second mom. Whether they needed surgery or had a simple sinus infection, she was always there for them.

Cindy loved quilting and the women in her quilt guild. These ladies understood the quilting fever Cindy shared with her mom, and supported Cindy's playful addiction to buying and trading exotic fabrics. The Thursday girls will always remember her.

Cindy loved her family deeply. She would travel to Florida or California to be with them at a moment's notice. Cindy loved her nephews and never missed a birthday celebration. She took every opportunity to be part of their lives.

Cindy has left an indelible mark on those around her. We will miss her genuine personality and unconventional manner.

Cindy is survived by her father, William L. Wall and his wife, Marilyn Wall; her mother, Patricia Joan Wall; her brother



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William Scott Wall and sister-in-law, Cynthia Wall and their children, William Hayden Wall and Jay Dalton Wall. She is also survived by her goddaughter, Michelle Glahn.

Condolences to the family may be sent in care of Cornerstone United Methodist Church. Donations may be made to "Tigers Unlimited Foundation" in memory of

Cindy Wall. If providing a donation please be sure to note that it is for the Cindy Wall Memorial Fund.

Sign the guest book online at www.oanow.com.

SEATA Research & Education Committee

SEATA Call for Abstracts for 34th Annual Clinical Symposium & Mem- bers Meeting

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is issuing a call for Abstracts for the SEATA Research Seminar at the 34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting as detailed at SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts 34th Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting at www.seata.org/SEATACallforAbstracts09.pdf.

Abstracts must be submitted to Cathy Brown PhD, ATC at browncn@uga.edu by January 12, 2009.

SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is pleased to announce that they are accepting grant proposals for Research Grants up to \$2,000.00.

Priority will be given to those grant proposals which include an NATA-BOC certified athletic trainer who is a

member of NATA District 9 (SEATA). The deadline for grant proposals is February 13, 2009. For more information, contact:

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browncn@uga.edu (e-mail)
Or visit the SEATA website at www.seata.org/SEATAResearchGrant2009.pdf

SEATA Scholarship Committee

Each year the SEATA scholarship program makes available 6 awards (some up to \$1,000) for undergraduate and graduate athletic training students. Starting November 17th, the SEATA Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications from all potential candidates. The basic criteria to be considered include a GPA of 'B'

or above and the intent to make athletic training their primary means of livelihood. In addition, there are 3 Family scholarships available to SEATA members who have a dependent enrolled in college/university. To apply for a Family scholarship the dependant need not be majoring in Athletic Training.

We urge those of you who know of potential candidates to encourage them to submit an application. The deadline to apply for any of these scholarships is January 7, 2009. For more information please click on the following link: www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm.

Has your College/University or Clinic organization ordered its NATAPAC tiles to be placed in the NATA Office yet?

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

As always, we encourage you to take an active role in your professional organization which will only be as successful as you make it on a daily basis.

Your involvement makes a difference.

Best wishes to each and everyone during the upcoming holidays.

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

Just 17 days left to nominate for NATA Honors & Awards

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for his or her contributions to the athletic training profession? **Nominations for NATA's 2009 Honors & Awards program** are open through Nov. 15, 2008.

Do you have what it takes to be an NATA Fellow?

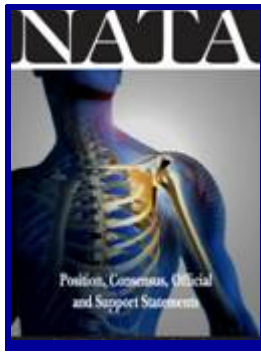
The NATA Fellows program recognizes professional achievement in research and/or education, combined with service to the profession. Only the most accomplished scholarly athletic trainers may earn this distinction and be allowed to use the prestigious designation of "FNATA." By applying for and gaining Fellows status, NATA members pledge their continued commitment to the athletic training profession and the NATA.

Fellows applications will be available online August 1, 2008. All completed materials must be received by the national office on or before December 1. For more information, go to www.nata.org/members/members.cfm?link=/members/documents/fellows.cfm or e-mail Rachael Oats, CAE at rachaelo@nata.org.

Athletic Training Textbook available

now

Have you asked your bookstore to order copies of [NATA's new textbook](#) yet? If you haven't ... what are you waiting for? *NATA Reference Series: Position, Consensus, Official and Support Statements* compiles some of the profession's most critical documents in one convenient, easy-to-access location. This is an invaluable resource that will be useful to your students now and as they advance in their careers.



Iota Tau Alpha National honor society for athletic training is growing

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

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



SEATA Student Senate Committee

SEATA Student Senate Meeting Summary of October 19, 2008 Call

Dr. Amanda Andrews gave the Senate SEATA Student Symposium updates. Senate members will be distributing information about presenting case studies once plans are finalized.

The SEATA Quiz Bowl will be sending the top school from our district to the NATA symposium. Senate members

will be assisting in this event, unless they are called to compete with their school.

The Executive Senate Positions have been filled. The Public Relations Representative will be Gary Coldiron from Eastern Kentucky University. The Secretary is Lauren Self from the University of West Alabama, and the Senate Vice President is Kenna Hogue from Delta State University.

The Senate has begun strategizing marketing promo-

tion. Top ideas have been to send letters to program directors, advertise through E-blasts, and lastly to participate in direct marketing at state and district meetings. This process is still under development.

The group is working hard to finish drafting policy and procedure documentation, the application process and mission statement. Drafts will be completed before the next conference call in November.

BOC Announces New Athletic Trainer Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 28, 2008 – Omaha, NE – Today, the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) formally announces Frank E. Walters, PhD, LAT, ATC, as its newest Athletic Trainer Director-Elect. Frank's term will begin immediately following the July 2009 board meeting. Frank will replace outgoing Athletic Trainer Director Scott Street, MS, ATC.

Frank resides in Parkland, Florida with his wife Anne-Marie. Frank and Anne-Marie have been married for 32 years, and they have two grown children, Jason and Tiffany. Frank, a BOC Certified Athletic Trainer since 1977, is currently the Director of Sports Medicine and Wellness Programs for Broward Health in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Frank completed his

Bachelor of Science degree in physical education at Brooklyn College in 1976, and he obtained his Master of Science degree in physical education/athletic training from Indiana State University in 1977. In 1988, he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in kinesiology at Texas A&M University. From 1991 until 2001, Frank served as a BOC qualified examiner and model.

In response to the election results, Frank said: "I'm appreciative of the opportunity to serve the BOC's constituents. I look forward to working with the other board members to advance our profession and provide the public with an assurance that Certified Athletic Trainers are qualified healthcare professionals."

Denise Fandel, BOC Executive Director, says: "We are

very pleased to have Frank Walters join the Board of Directors for the BOC. His experiences in high schools as a practicing AT and administrator for district-wide AT programs in the Washington, DC and Fort Lauderdale areas will provide the board with additional insights and expertise."

The BOC, a national credentialing agency, has been certifying Athletic Trainers and identifying, for the public, quality healthcare professionals with certainty since 1969. More than 33,000 individuals have earned the ATC® credential worldwide. The BOC is headquartered at 4223 South 143rd Circle, Omaha, Nebraska 68137. For more information, call (877) 262-3926 or visit the BOC website at www.boc.org.

State Reports

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

ATAF ELECTIONS BEGINNING SOON!

Watch your mailbox for your ATAF ballot. It should arrive within the next 2 weeks.

Pictures and bios of the candidates will be available at www.ATAF.org beginning next week. We are voting for president, vice-president, secretary,

Central Florida Rep, South I Rep, and West Coast Rep. Voting closes Nov. 30, 2008.

Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

It's that time again. This years Georgia's Athletic Training Association 2009 Annual Meeting is right around the corner. Will you be there?

The meeting will take place on the weekend of January 16-17, 2009. This is a two-day format with educational sessions starting Friday morning and ending Saturday evening. Registration forms are available online at GATA website, www.athletictraining.org.

What may you ask is in it for you; besides great opportunities for networking as well as

continuing education? There is a GATA Social on Friday night (1/16), this will provide you a way to spend sometime with your fellow ATC's and trade stories and ideas. The Honors & Awards Luncheon is Saturday, (1/17), this is an opportunity to celebrate those who worked hard this year to support the GATA and have been nominated by our peers. This years conference will provide you with an anticipated CEU's: 10-12.

Don't forget to invite your high school students. The Annual High School Athletic

Training Student Meeting to be held on Jan. 17 in conjunction with the GATA Symposium. They can also sign up on the GATA website.

This years meeting will be held in Peachtree City, GA at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center. There is a Special GATA hotel room rate of \$89.00/night. Please go to the following website to secure your room today and to for directions. (<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/ATLPT/main.wnt>)

Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

The Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association would like to invite everyone to attend our 2009 Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium. The IP Resort & Spa in Biloxi will again host our meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 30 - Thursday, July 2, 2009. The contracted room rate is \$109.99 per night plus tax and reservations should be made using the group code S096005; contact the IP Resort & Spa at 1-888-946-2847 or www.ipbiloxi.com to make early reservations.

The MATA would like to welcome new program directors to both of the state's Ath-

letic Training Education Programs. Mary Jones is the new director at Delta State University and Karen Hostetter is the new director for the University of Southern Mississippi. Both of these program directors will assist the MATA Executive Committee in selecting student representatives from Mississippi to attend the NATA's iLEAD conference in Washington, D.C. to be held in February. The student leadership program will be held in conjunction with the NATA's Educators Conference and the 2009 Capitol Hill Day.

Any secondary school athletic trainer that is inter-

ested in working with Jeff Bryant and the Secondary Schools Committee to assist in the MATA's marketing program for secondary school athletic trainers, please contact Jeff at 601-606-5979 or at jeff.bryant@hpsd.k12.ms.us.

The MATA Executive Committee is continuing to meet with our lobbyist and will be scheduling regional meetings in the upcoming weeks to discuss our future legislative efforts. Please be looking for further updates in the MATA newsletter, on our website, and on our members-only group page.

Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

Your friends in Tennessee invite you to join them for the 2009 TATS Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium, scheduled for January 10-11, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Chattanooga Choo Choo. Eight CEU's will be available plus a pre-meeting workshop. Visit the hotel web

site at www.choochoo.com for more details. The special room rate is \$79. TATS members should look for registration materials to be mailed in the near future. All NATA members will be offered member registration rates. Award nominations deadline is De-

ember 1 and early registration deadline is December 12. Call for abstracts has been posted. Check the TATS web site at www.tnata.org for more information as it becomes available. See you in Chattanooga!



SEATA List Serve Information

To subscribe to the listserve, send a blank email to SEATA-subscribe@yahoo.com. To set up full access to the listserve website, including online documents, member information, and an archive of past posted messages, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SEATA/>

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NATA, NATA Foundation and SEATA Deadlines & Dates

- Nov. 7, 2008** Deadline for SEATA Runoff Election at www.seata.org/elec08b.htm.
- Nov. 15, 2008** Nomination process closes for 2009 NATA Awards. Go to www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm and www.nata.org/honors/09nominations.htm.
- Nov. 15, 2008** SEATA Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/hofinfo.htm.
- Nov. 17, 2008** Application process for SEATA Scholarships begins at www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm.
- Dec. 1, 2008** Deadline for submitting supporting information for 2009 NATA Honors & Awards.
- Dec. 1, 2008** NATA Fellows application deadline. Go to www.nata.org/honors/fellows/index.htm.
- Dec. 1, 2008** Abstracts due for 2009 Free Communications at www.natafoundation.org/forms/08CFATFreeCommNew.htm.
- Dec. 8, 2008** 3:00 P.M. Deadline for electronic submission for 2009 Case Study Abstracts authored by athletic training students. Go to www.seata.org/casestudy09.htm.
- Dec. 15, 2008** SEATA Hall of Fame Application materials submission deadline. Go to www.seata.org/SEATAHoFAppFm.doc.
- Dec. 31, 2008** NATA & SEATA Membership Renewal Deadline. Go to www.nata.org/membership/joinnata.htm.
- Jan. 1, 2009** SEATA Honors & Awards Nomination Deadline. Go to www.seata.org/Awards.htm.
- Jan. 2, 2009** Early Bird Deadline for NATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference at www.nata.org/2009febevents/index.htm.
- Jan. 2, 2009** Registration Deadline for NATA Student Leadership Conference (ILEAD) at www.nata.org/2009febevents/index.htm.
- Jan. 7, 2009** Deadline for all materials SEATA Scholarship via www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm.
- Jan. 10-11, 2009** Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society State Meeting, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Chattanooga, TN. Go to www.tnata.org and www.choochoo.com.
- Jan. 12, 2009** SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts 34th Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting deadline. Go to www.seata.org/SEATACallforAbstracts09.pdf.
- Jan. 16-17, 2009** Georgia Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting & Symposium. Go to www.athletictraining.org.
- Jan. 20, 2009** 24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium mail-in pre-registration deadline
- Jan. 20, 2009** Early registration deadline for Clinical Instructor Educator Seminar, Gaylord National Hotel, National Harbor, MD. Go to www.nata.org/forms/09_clinicalinstructor.htm.
- Jan. 26, 2009** 24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium online pre-registration deadline
- Jan. 30, 2009** Registration Deadline for NATA Capitol Hill Day at www.nata.org/2009febevents/index.htm.
- Jan. 30, 2009** Registration Deadline for NATAPAC Fundraiser at www.nata.org/2009febevents/index.htm.

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