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District Update

BOC Fee Increase- The BOC Board of Directors have voted to increase fees associated with maintaining certification. This fee was previously a part of your membership dues but will be a separate line item on the new invoices which will be sent to you this fall. NATA staff and the NATA Board of Directors have worked with the BOC to reduce the fee for NATA Members. NATA Members will be asked to pay \$34 yearly by the BOC, non-members will pay \$50. This substantial savings to our membership is compounded by the increase in the number of free CE courses available through the NATA Website for its members.

[Click here To see the video by BOC President Peter Koehneke](#)

[Click here to see the video by NATA President Marge Albohme](#)

D1 Executive Board votes to assist NHATA – I am extremely pleased to announce that on Tuesday 2/22/2011 the District 1 Executive Board voted to provide \$3,000 to the NHATA (New Hampshire Athletic Trainers Association) to help prevent deregulation of athletic training in New Hampshire. The funds, the first to be withdrawn, from the District 1 Legislative Superfund and will be combined with an emergency grant from the NATA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) to help pay for a lobbyist to prevent NH legislators from eliminating licensure for Athletic Trainers in NH. [Please keep in mind that it was only last year, that NH passed a bill requiring reimbursement for services provided by ATs.]

I am even more proud to announce that the state presidents as well as the D1 Treasurer and Secretary made the decision unanimously. This signifies the solidarity felt between all athletic trainers, regardless of setting or State, within District 1 to support the interests of ONE state, within our district. While I have never been an advocate of increasing dues, I can honestly say the \$5 each D1 member has given to our superfund over the past two years has been either well invested (netting a positive return on investment) or well spent (defending our profession).

As a personal note. I would like to thank the State Presidents and D1 Secretary Tim Weston and D1 Treasurer Joseph Scott for choosing to support the athletic trainers of NH. This

undeniable example of solidarity within the athletic trainers throughout the district is an excellent example of what we can do together as professionals. I am very proud of their decision and am confident that the spirit of support and solidarity will help NHATA win its fight.

I can foresee further legislative threats to our profession, which will require prompt and immediate responses from our national, district and state associations. These responses will require not only the knowledge and accumulated medical wisdom our profession has garnered over the years but also the financial backing to support what we know is true so that we can make others believe what we know is true to be true....

I am reluctantly confident that more money will be drawn from the District 1 Legislative Superfund over the coming months, but as I was reminded by Tim Weston "that's why we created it....". I hope that all districts and all states will be similarly prepared.....

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Skype the Director – May 17, 2011 @ 11am My username is Paul A. Ullucci, Jr. All District 1 members are invited to contact me via SKYPE should they have any questions. If you are unavailable at that time please feel free to email me question @ paul@risportsmed.com and I will respond. [To top](#)

Joe Bourdon

Paul,

D1 should be made aware that on March 29, 2011 Joe Bourdon died in Florida at the age of 69. Joe graduated from Marquette University in 1965, and Bowling Green University in 1968. He worked in the NBA, NFL, Hofstra, Boston College, New England Tea Men of the NASL, Jacksonville Tea Men of the NASL, and retired as the Director of Sports Medicine at Nemours Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. He was never elected, however, Joe Bourdon was certainly deserving of being called a Hall of Fame Athletic Trainer. He was always willing to have students with him, and would do anything to help all his students move on to the next step of their careers. He was an outstanding health professional and certainly was an ambassador for the Athletic Training profession. Anyone that knew Joe Bourdon, and had the opportunity to spend time with him, professionally or in a social setting, is very privileged. The Athletic Training profession, and District One, has lost one of its long time members, and a true friend.

If anyone would like to leave a message for Joes wife or kids there is a guest book on line, through the;Florida Times-Union Obituary page.

I worked with Joe with the New England Tea Men and in Jacksonville and his family has kept this very quiet, I just found out this morning.

Thanks

Sully

Dr. James Sullivan, DPM, LATC

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Beverly Rhea

Beverly Rhea, wife of Jerry Rhea (NATA Hall of Famer) suffered a heart attack and died while undergoing surgery for a fractured hip. Many of our members may know Beverly and Jerry and would like to know that the family would prefer donations to the Jerry Rhea Scholarship Fund instead of flowers. [To top](#)

2011 NATA Hall of Fame Winners from District 1 – please join me in congratulating Marjorie King and Marcia Anderson for their induction into the NATA Hall of Fame

Marcia Anderson
Marjorie King

2011 NATA Award winners from District 1

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer (MDAT)

Jeff Stone

Athletic Training Service Award (ATS)

Mary Barnum

Jamie Musler

Fellow of the NATA

Erik Swartz

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StarTRACKS : District 1 is looking for members who are interested in taking part in StarTRACKS. StarTRACKS is a program of self-study for athletic trainers wishing to create, improve, or refine their leadership skills. Intended to assist members who wish to serve the profession as a volunteer leader at the state, district, or national level of their professional association, the skills and knowledge gained from this program will benefit athletic trainers in all aspects of their life. <http://www.nata.org/StarTRACKS> for more information. [To top](#)

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D1 Athletic Trainers in the News

Kai Aboulian

<http://www.yaledailynews.com/news/2011/apr/05/long-road-ahead-for-reising-11/>

Alumni Reunions –

Program Chairs let us know where and when your reunions are scheduled for the NATA Annual Meeting in New Orleans so that I can publicize it for you ! email me at paul@risportsmed.com

Plymouth State and Keene State Alumni Party

The Plymouth State and Keene State Alumni Party will be held at Molly's at the Market (1107 Decatur St.) on Tuesday, June 21st from 6:30-8:30. To RSVP and for directions, Plymouth State grads, please contact Linda at levy@plymouth.edu; Keene State grads, please contact Scot at sward@keene.edu.

EATA update

NEWS from the NATA Board of Directors:

State Leadership Forum – All state presidents and state leaders who are planning on going to New Orleans this year should plan on attending the State Leadership Forum. There will be exciting news as the NATA continues to provide state leaders and future leaders opportunities for education and collaboration. . [To top](#)

NATA BOD next meeting- The NATA BOD will be meeting in Dallas, TX on May 7, 2011. The next NATA BOD conference call is scheduled for March 23, 2011. Please feel free to forward me any comments or concerns you may have which you feel should be brought to the board. [To top](#)

New Editor for the Journal of Athletic Training –

CRAIG RUSSELL DENEGAR, Ph.D., P.T., A.T.,C., FNATA has been appointed as the new Editor and Chief for the Journal of Athletic Training. Craig is a member of District 1 and is a highly accomplished researcher and educator. He will bring tremendous energy and expertise to the Journal.

Involve Evolve Evolves !

The NATA staff recently performed a review of the current councils and committees and with feedback from the members has suggested that all NATA councils be converted to committees in order to reduce confusion and continue to foster the development of new leaders within the organization. The transition to committees will now place term limits on these groups. Each member will have a 1 year term which is twice renewable.

Their suggestions were discussed and refined over the past few months by the BOD and the BOD has chosen to make the transition from councils to committees with a few exceptions. The uniqueness of the Public Relations, Pronouncements and Journal Councils dictate that

their members must have a longer term, which is outlined below. In order to prevent a huge turn over in members the chairs will meet with their liaisons to work out an orderly transition of old member off of the groups and new members on.

Recommended Special Circumstances

Committee	Chair term limit	Member term limit	Maximum allowed years of service – chair	Maximum allowed years of service – members
Journal Committee	2 years, twice renewable	2 years, twice renewable	6	6
Pronouncements Committee	2 years, twice renewable	2 years, twice renewable	6	6
Public Relations Committee	2 years, once renewable	Based on district guidelines	4	Based on district guidelines

Current Composition

	Expertise- or Settings-based	District-based
Committees	Convention Program Committee	Clinical & Emerging Practices Athletic Trainers' Committee
	Executive Committee for Education	College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee
	Continuing Education Committee	District Secretaries/Treasurers' Committee
	Honors and Awards Committee	Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee
	Most Distinguished Athletic Trainers' Subcommittee	National Athletic Training Students' Committee
	Service Award Subcommittee	Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee
	Specialty Awards Subcommittee	Young Professionals' Committee Hall of Fame Subcommittee
Councils	Council on Revenue	Public Relations Council
	Professional Education Council	
	Post-Professional Education Council	
	Post-Professional Education Review Council	
	Ethics Council	
	Fellows Council	
	Governmental Affairs Council	
	International Council	
	Journal Council	
	Pronouncements Council	

Catastrophic Injuries: Support for the AT

That NATA has recently added the forum “Catastrophic Injuries: Support for the Athletic Trainer” has been added to the Think Tank lineup. Athletic Trainers who have been involved in catastrophic injuries can go to this form for help and assistance as well as contact Todd Christman at toddc@nata.org. [To top](#)

NATA NATION : The National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) Foundation, the research and education organization for 35,000 professional athletic trainers worldwide, is conducting a unique three-year injury surveillance and outcomes research project focused on athletes in public secondary schools. The NATA NATION - Secondary Schools™ is the NATA Foundation’s name for its data collection and fundraising efforts for outcomes research. The acronym NATION stands for “National Athletic Treatment, Injury and Outcomes Network.” The grant name of the project is the “Secondary School Injury Surveillance Outcomes System” (SSISOS) project, and is the flagship research project for NATA NATION. This research is being conducted by the Datalys Center for Sports Injury

Research and Prevention, which also conducts injury surveillance for the NCAA. The website is www.natanation.net [To top](#)

NATA Presidential Elections : There are three candidates for President of the NATA per NATA By Laws only two candidates can be presented to the membership for consideration, for this reason the presidential nominating committee will meet on Committee Day at the annual meeting, Sunday, June 19, from 4-5 pm to determine which of the three candidates will be eligible to run in the association wide election in the Fall of 2011. The three candidates are

James Thornton – NATA Vice President, District 2 Director

Mark Gibson – District 4 Director

Terrance (Terry) Noonan – NATA Secretary Treasurer, District 5 Director

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NATA By Law Changes – The NATA BOD has voted to recommend changes be made to the NATA By Laws. This change must be voted on by the membership of the NATA, due to timing issues District 1 and District 2 will be voting at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans this June. The proposed BY LAW change will give licensed; none BOC certified athletic trainers, the right to vote in NATA and therefore District Elections. A 2/3 majority must vote for the recommended changes in order for the BY LAWS to be amended. The exact old language with corresponding changes are below for your review.

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MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 Classes of Members. NATA shall have the following classes of Members. The Board of Directors may create categories within each class.

- (a) **Certified Members.** Certified members possess current National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) certification (ATC) and are in good standing with the BOC.
- (b) **Certified-Retired Members.** Certified-Retired Members have resigned certification with the BOC and met the *Policies and Procedures Manual* requirements for Certified-Retired status.
- (c) **Other Members.** Individuals who do not possess BOC certification. fall into the above categories.

3.4 Membership Rights and Privileges.

- (a) **Certified Members.** Each Certified Member shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA. Only Certified-Regular Members and Certified-Student Members shall be eligible to serve as Directors and Officers of NATA. Certified Members may serve on Committees, Councils and task forces and as liaisons. Certified Members shall have the right to exercise such other privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.
- (b) **Certified-Retired Members.** Certified-Retired members shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA. Certified-Retired members shall pay no dues and have other rights and privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.
- (c) **Other Members.** Other Members shall have the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA, but shall have no voting rights and. With the exception of licensed or registered athletic trainers, Other Members shall have no voting rights. Other Members who are licensed or registered athletic trainers shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members. Other Members shall not be eligible

to serve as Directors or Officers of NATA. Such Members shall have other rights and privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.

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8.2 (b) Election. Elections shall be conducted in an orderly, efficient, equitable and secure manner. A ballot shall be sent to each Certified Member having voting rights. An election shall not be held if there is only one candidate. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall take office as NATA's President at the next Annual Members' Meeting.

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From John W. Morr, ALATA President

I do not know how to construct this particular letter to the membership, but I will do the best I can. As you are probably all-too-aware, the State of Alabama has had its share of natural disasters and it was with heavy hearts that we went through another one this past Wednesday.

While the tornadoes have affected my home town of Tuscaloosa, I recognize and sympathize with the many ATs in Alabama who are in similar situations. The many emails, texts and voice messages to me & other members of the The University of Alabama Athletic Training family are greatly appreciated. We have received offers of assistance from ATs from across Alabama and our neighboring states and we feel truly blessed by all of them.

Pride in our profession wells up in me as we carry on to do our job of caring for those in need. This is what we do and who we are. This is why we do what we do. We do this daily, but under far different circumstances. We basically just want to help someone in need; it doesn't matter who the patient is.

All of our education, experience and abilities prepared us for this week. Organized, immediate assessment of the problem was followed immediately by a plan to carry out each task with efficiency and, above all, caring hearts and souls. That may sound a bit warm and fuzzy, but deep down this IS athletic training. I cannot speak for all those affected this week, but I truly believe that other ATs in Alabama are doing the same things that we have been doing in Tuscaloosa.

I truly am proud of the UA Athletic Training Staff, Faculty and Students and can't imagine a finer group to work alongside each day. If you wish to assist with the recovery, please contact me and I will be happy to point you in the appropriate direction. You can reach me by email at alatapres@gmail.com. Please keep all of those affected by these storms in your thoughts and prayers.

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Upcoming Events:

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Date: June 3/4

Location: Boston MA

website: www.bsmpg.com

direct link to event page: <http://www.bsmpg.com/standing-on-the-shoulders-of-giants/>

Continuing Education: 13 hours for both Athletic Trainers and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialists

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Shirley Sahrman, Dr. Clare Frank and Tom Myers.

Program: This three track event allows attendees to follow one particular course of study or mix and match to fit their educational needs.

Questions: bostonsmpg@gmail.com

thank you!

Art Horne

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Face Mask Removal Study

Molly Day, Laura Decoster, Erik Swartz and I have begun data collection for our research project this year and are in need of more ATCs to serve as subjects! We are looking for a total of about 25-30 ATCs over the next few months who can come to the UNH Biomechanics Lab and serve as participants. This study will directly compare face mask removal to helmet removal to determine whether face mask removal is in fact safer than helmet removal. Actual data collection will take between 1.5-2 hours and you will receive CEUs accordingly. We have specific dates blocked out over the next few months, but most fall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings or weekends. Please let us know if you are interested in participating. Thank you in advance and please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions you may have!!

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NY State meets at Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid

The New York State Athletic Trainers Association Annual Conference will be held at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid NY June 3-5 including a golf outing on the 3rd. There will be further information and registration available on the NYSATA website at www.gonysata2.org.

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CATA/WFATT World Congress Annual Meeting

This year the CATA Annual meeting is being held in conjunction with the WFATT World Congress in Banff, Alberta, Canada from 25-28 May, 2011. It is always an excellent conference, and NATA members can receive 12 CE's for attending. Those of your NATA District that can't make the travel down to New Orleans may want to consider this conference instead.

Can you please post this conference to your District website? The link is:

<http://conference.athletictherapy.org/> <<http://conference.athletictherapy.org/>>

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Effective September 1, 2011 NAERA members will not recondition/recertify any football helmet 10 years of age or older.

The National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association (NAERA) has announced it will no longer accept helmets for reconditioning or recertification that are more than 10 years old. This policy will become effective at the start of the reconditioning season September 1. The 10 years shall be determined by the manufactures date as required by NOCSAE document 001. For example at the end of this upcoming 2011 football season, any helmet dated 2002 or older will not be reconditioned/recertified. More information available @

<http://www.naera.net/>

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http://psfa-info.org/EMAILS/cpsad/cpsad4_11.html

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Northern New England Athletic Training Conference

The Vermont Athletic Trainer's Association is hosting the Northern New England Athletic Training Conference. The conference will be at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT on June 10th and 11th. We are offering 10 CEUs upon completion of the conference. The rest of the details are in the attached brochure

For additional conference information, please contact: Vin Faraci at vfaraci@vtathletictrainers.org or Denise Alosa at dalosa@vtathletictrainers.org.

NH Musculoskeletal Institute's 18th Annual Fall Symposium

Saturday, September 10, 2011, 8 AM - 4 pm
SERESC Conference Center, 29 Commerce Drive, Bedford, NH
603-627-9728
Visit www.nhmi.net for full course information

\$150 early bird/member registration/\$175 regular registration. Fee includes course materials, lunch and breaks.

6 Contact Hours; NHMI is a BOC Approved Provider

2011 Bertrand & Blanche Letendre Student Athletic Training Summer School Scholarship

The 2011 Bertrand & Blanche Letendre Student Athletic Training Summer School Scholarship has been awarded to Brandon Hammerstrom. Mr. Hammerstrom attends Manchester (NH) Memorial High School. This scholarship provides funds for students interested in careers in the sports medicine field of athletic training to attend a summer camp focused on athletic training.