

November 2011 District 1 Notes from the Director



Happy Thanksgiving District 1 Members !!

On behalf of the Executive Committee of NATA District 1, the Ullucci Family and myself I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. As we all settle down to give thanks for the gifts and we have been given may we all stop to say a special thank you to those Athletic Trainers who have come before us and helped mold and shape our profession. Those founding members of the NATA would be proud of how far we have come out of the shoe box, but they would remind us the importance of gathering together to share their questions, ideas and their knowledge amongst their peers. I am certain that the camaraderie spawned in those early years has contributed to the success of today's evidence based athletic training.

May we all take the time to say a special thank you to those who serve our country today as well as in the past as well as their families. Without their service and dedication, far from home, we would not be able to enjoy the gifts, which have been bestowed upon us all.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as District Director. I hope that my efforts as Director have justified your trust and support now and into the future.

Paul A. Ullucci, Jr.

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Special thank you messages;

I had the honor to be a panelist with Marcia Anderson, Sarah Brown and Charlie Redmond at the first annual ATOM student conference held at Holy Cross. The conference was a tremendous success.

Thank you to the members of MATA for inviting me to speak at Colby College it was incredibly gratifying to see so many old friends and so many students. I really look forward to another opportunity to come back in the future!

Athletic Trainers in the News

Special thanks for Timothy Crandal, ATC and East Greenwich quarterback Andrew. Both appeared with me on Cox's Varsity Life program to describe the importance of having an Athletic Trainer FULL TIME at every high school in Rhode Island after fracturing his tibia and fibula in a football game two weeks ago. Andrew has some unique connections to athletic training, his great uncle is Kerkor "Koko" Kassabian and his coach John George is the son of Frank George. It is only appropriate that someone with that many connections to NATA Hall of Famers and past District 1 Directors would fracture his leg and receive prompt and immediate care by an Athletic Trainer and future leader in our profession!!!

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District Update

Rebecca Payne Scholarship

I am extremely pleased to announce that Rebecca Payne Memorial Scholarship has been fully endowed one year early than expected. This tremendous accomplishment would not be possible without the overwhelming generosity of Rebecca's family and friends as well many members of District 1. Rebecca's tragic death is a reminder of how important friends and family are to all of us while her memory will live long in our hearts and minds. The Foundation scholarship named in her honor will continue to provide a reminder of her unrealized professional potential while continuing to provide financial assistance to those undergraduate students residing within District 1.

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BOC Fee Increase- The BOC Board of Directors has 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 and 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](#)

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District 1 Dues Breakdown

Here is an exact breakdown of the invoicing you will receive this November and December when you renew your NATA membership, given the BOC fee increase

If you choose to pay the BOC fees as part of your membership dues:

\$ 150	NATA Dues
\$ 20	District 1 Dues
\$ 25	State Dues
\$ 34	BOC Fees
\$ 5	Foundation Donation
\$ 5	<u>District 1 Legislative Superfund</u>
\$ 239	Payable to NATA for your Professional Development Package

\$ 150	NATA Dues
\$ 20	District 1 Dues
\$ 25	State Dues
\$ 5	Foundation Donation
\$ 5	<u>District 1 Legislative Superfund</u>
\$ 205	Payable to NATA for your Professional Development Package

+
\$ 50 Payable directly to the BOC for their fees to maintain certification
\$255 Total Payment if you pay separately

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Skype the Director – December 8, 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 at paul@risportsmed.com and I will respond.

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EATA update

EATA will be held in Boston at the Westin Copley 2012 January 6-9, Boston, MA

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EATA Awards Banquet – Get your ticket NOW !!!

The EATA awards banquet will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 6:30pm in the American Ballroom on the 4th floor of the Westin Hotel.

Your EATA registration fee includes your admission to the banquet, however this year you will need to tell us if you are coming to the banquet so that we can reserve a seat for you. When registering online or via the mail, please indicate whether or not you plan on attending the banquet so that we can provide you with a ticket for entry. This ticket will be in the registration packet when you pick it up.

Admission is still free, we need to make this change to help manage our food and beverage costs as well provide the hotel with an accurate head count when planning the meal.

** without a ticket you will not be permitted into the banquet **

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the Registration Chair:

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EATA Webmaster vacancy

The EATA is looking for a replacement for District 2 Director Michael Goldenberg who is the current webmaster. Those interested in this position should contact Michael Goldenberg mgolden@lawrenceville.org

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NEWS from the NATA Board of Directors:

NATA BOD Conference call Schedule

Our next conference call will 11/22/11 followed by another call on 12/14/11. If you have any comments or concerns you would like me to present to the NATA Board of Directors or the Staff of the NATA please feel free to email, SKYPE or call me at your convenience. Our next schedule face to face meeting will be January 27th-29 2012.

Paul Ullucci's BOD Assignments

I am currently assigned as the BOD liaison to the Honors and Awards Committee and have been assigned to the NATA's Finance Committee.

I have also been asked to lead the Vision Quest Workgroup assigned to develop guidelines and recommendations for outcomes research aimed at achieving Vision Quest Goals 4.1 and 4.2.

This work group is tasked with identifying types of research projects, which are practice based and demonstrate comparative effectiveness between Athletic Trainers and other medical professionals. This advocacy research is designed to demonstrate the value of services provided by Athletic Trainers in support of NATA's efforts to obtain third party reimbursement by Medicare as well as support the employment of athletic trainers in traditional settings such as secondary schools.

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US Bone and Joint Decade/ Initiative “ The Value in Musculoskeletal Care”

President Albohm has asked me to join the US Bone and Joint Decade/Initiative Board of Directors replacing Cate Brennan Lisak as the NATA representative. This organization is made up of professional and patient organizations, government officials, insurance and

industry representatives interested in promoting musculoskeletal health within the United States. You can get further information at www.usbjd.org

I will be traveling to Chicago, IL December 13-14 to represent the NATA at the USBJD Board of Directors Meeting.

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Upcoming Events:

NATA Promotes the Profession!

The NATA, its' staff and its public relations company have made it a priority to promote our profession. Media coverage highlighting Athletic Trainers promoting athletic safety in the high school and collegiate setting have been featured in ESPN, CBS Evening News, Today Show, CNN, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, New York Times and many more media outlets ! [To top](#)

Secondary School

Secondary School Employment Strategies Workshops - SSATC has put these on at numerous district meetings and every year at the NATA annual meeting for the past 5 years or so. The workshop addresses how to get a job and how to improve your existing job. The presentations are also online at <http://www.nata.org/athletic-training/job-settings/secondary-schools-setting>

Position Proposal Guide and Position Improvement Guide – The committee is currently updating both of these documents.

Secondary School Value Model Presentation – a modifiable presentation that members can use to demonstrate their value in presentations to administrators, school boards, etc.

Secondary School State Grants – Available in previous years to state athletic training associations to help with local projects related to secondary school job development and improvement. In July, the group voted to modify the grant to encourage state associations to gather market penetration statistics in each state.

Back to School Letter – Letter goes out annually to state activities associations. This year we will include superintendents, risk managers, etc. reminding them of the importance of having an athletic trainer.

Exhibition and speaking engagements – NIAAAA/NFHS Athletic Directors Conference, National School Board Association Conference

Secondary School Benchmark Study (N4SB) – Important market research for our strategic planning in secondary school job creation.

Secondary School Job Satisfaction Survey – Will also collect important data from this survey to all secondary school members, including hours, teaching responsibilities, employment models, etc.

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College/University

Online AMCIA – The Appropriate Medical Coverage for Intercollegiate Athletics now has an online worksheet, making it easier than ever before to demonstrate the need for additional staff/improved working conditions. All things AMCIA available here

<http://www.nata.org/appropriate-medical-coverage-intercollegiate-athletics>

Health Model Article – Charlie and Darrin put together a great article in the March '11 NATA News on the healthcare model of employment for collegiate athletic trainers and its positive impact on working conditions and athlete care. I've attached it here in a pdf.

College/University Job Satisfaction Survey – CUATC has already completed a survey similar to the secondary school survey mentioned above.

College/University Value Model – CUATC and COR are working jointly to produce a presentation that will illustrate the value of a college/university athletic trainer.

2011- 12 PR push for College/University Setting – Robin is going to sit in our next CUATC conference call once football schedules calm down. We will then complete a formal plan for a public relations campaign for the C/U setting for the upcoming year.

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Phil Hossler Concussion Study

Attention Secondary School Athletic Trainers:

Attention to concussion is at an all-time high. Those of us working in the secondary school setting have often been charged by legislation to educate our athletes, parents and coaches. I am seeking methods from around the country that are being utilized to inform, talk with, and educate your staff and/or community.

Send any and all to me please (none to common or to complex) for possible inclusion in an article I am developing. If included, you will of course be given credit for your method. Be certain to respond with name, work place, town and state. Thank you

Phil Hossler, ATC

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Young Investigators urged to apply for USBJI Grant Mentoring and Career Development Program.

The United States Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI) and Bone and Joint Decade Canada are dedicated to increasing research of musculoskeletal diseases. The USBJI has developed a grant mentoring and career development program to provide early-career investigators an opportunity to work with experienced researchers in our field to assist them in securing funding and other survival skills required for pursuing an academic career.

This program is open to promising junior faculty, senior fellows or post-doctoral researchers nominated by their department or division chairs. It is also open to senior fellows or residents that are doing research and have a faculty appointment in place or confirmed. Basic and clinical investigators, without or with training awards (including K awards) are invited to apply. Investigators selected to take part in the program attend two workshops, 12-18 months apart, and work with faculty between workshops to develop their grant applications. The unique aspect of this program is the opportunity for attendees to maintain a relationship with a mentor until their application is funded.

Deadline to apply for the Spring 2012 Workshop is January 15, 2012. The next workshop is scheduled to take place April 13-15, 2012 in Toronto, ON.

To apply for this program, please go to their web-site, www.usbji.org/rd/?yii.

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2012 US Figure Skating Synchronized Skating National Championships

Folks,

Lyle J. Micheli, M.D., Medical Director, Ellen Geminiani, M.D. Associate Medical Director, and Brian FitzGerald, BSN, ATC, LOC Medical Chair /Asst. Medical Director are requesting your services to provide medical coverage for the 2012 US Figure Skating Synchronized Skating National Championships to be held at the DCU Center, Worcester, MA, February, 29-March 3, 2012.

Team practices will also be held at New England Sports Center, Marlborough, MA, FMC Buffone Arena, Worcester, MA and FMC Horgan Arena, Auburn, MA February 29-March 3, 2012.

Children's Hospital Boston Division of Sports Medicine is the Medical Sponsor for this event and our entire staff will be involved in coverage along with many local allied health professionals and their medical facilities.

We need to provide multiple layers of coverage, (MD, PA, NP, ATC, PT, RN, EMT or combinations of each) at the DCU Center, which is the official practice and competition venue, but we also need complete coverage by individuals for each shift at NE Sports Center (2 Rinks), Buffone Arena and Horgan Arena.

I have also attached a Medical Volunteer Form which can be downloaded, completed and faxed back to me with a copy of your practice license.

You can also go on line to; www.2012synchro.org to find further information about this event.

Please respond at your earliest convenience so we can begin to secure complete medical coverage for this event. You will receive a medical jacket/vest, pin, access to hospitality suite for food, parking and medical credential which will allow you access to DCU Center to watch competitions when not scheduled for coverage. We will also offer tickets to competitions for family or friends to those who volunteer for multiple shifts.

Thank you for your time and attention concerning this major U.S. Figure Skating event.

Brian FitzGerald, BSN, ATC, LAT

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