

DISTRICT ONE



NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

A newsletter dedicated to informing District One members on Athletic Training news and events essential to the profession

June 2016

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Notes from the Director



Dear District One Membership,

I will keep my opening remarks as brief possible since this June edition is filled with updates from both our District One State Association Presidents and many of our NATA District One Committee chairs.

It has been a busy time both within District One and at the NATA. I would like to point out three recent developments of significant note that have come forth. First would be the recent FLSA announcement. Paraphrasing from the NATA website: "The Fair Labor Standards Act new **"Overtime" Final Rule**, was released on May 18, 2016, will take effect December 1, 2016. The rule increases the standard salary threshold under which white collar workers are eligible for overtime pay; additionally, it increases the annual salary threshold above which Highly Compensated Employees (HCE) are exempt from overtime pay. The Final Rule also establishes a mechanism for automatically adjusting these threshold rates every three years." To read more please go to the [NATA website](#).

Second would be that CAATE is now undertaking the process of developing the next iteration of the education competencies. Currently the "open comment" period is taking place on the CAATE website. The NATA is asking the majority of its committees to provide input and comment on the standards, which will shape the association's official response. Until this review occurs, NATA will not have any comments on the standards themselves. CAATE has stressed that this process is fully open, transparent and they will accept any and all comments. CAATE also reiterated that these standards are in draft form and could potentially change after the process. For more information please visit the [CAATE website](#).

Finally the recent announcement that the Energy & Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health unanimously passed H.R. 921, the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act of 2015, out of subcommittee. To read more about this exciting news, [Link Here](#).

Over the past month I attended the CATA and ATOM/RI state association meetings. These meetings provided outstanding educational opportunities. Upon reflection during my drive back to Maine I left these meetings with a sense of membership passion and involvement towards our profession. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, due to a wedding commitment in Boston, the recent Northern New England conference in Vermont but heard it was a great meeting. Thank you to all our State Associations leaders for developing and hosting these meetings.

**Save the Date
2016**

NATA's

**67th Clinical Symposia
& AT Expo**

**June 22 -25, 2016
Baltimore, MA**

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Please join me in wishing our 2016 Quiz Bowl Representatives good luck later this month at the NATA competition. We wish them the best of luck in the upcoming competition and hope they can defend our current title as "NATA Quiz bowl champions".

Leah Dell - University of Southern Maine
 Nicholas Tilton - Keene State College
 Vanessa Yolen - Central Connecticut State University
 Alternate Laura Jassowski - Plymouth State Graduate

Finally, I hope to see many of you in Baltimore. To date we have close to 500 District One members attending which is phenomenal. Thanks again and as always if you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Westy



From the Secretary
M. Susan Guyer

Dear NATA District One Membership,
 It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve you as the District One Secretary over the past four years. I have grown from this experience both professionally and personally. The people I have met along the way are passionate about the profession and are looking after the best interests of the district and the NATA. I would like to personally thank Director Weston for his compassionate and thoughtful approach to the profession. He has been a fantastic Director to work with and he helped me become a better District Secretary to serve you. I will miss my time as your Secretary, but I leave you in very good hands.

Below you will see some important dates and time for meetings at the NATA Symposium. I included two links if you would like to support your leadership on our "run" at the foundation event. I have also included an updated District at a Glance (see page 3). Are overall numbers are consistent with previous years as we have more AT's in the District, but the suspended numbers and non-members will continue to be a focus of mine as I take over the role of Chair of the District Secretary Treasurers Committee.

My sincere thanks and appreciation,
Sue

Important Dates and Times @ NATA

- Wednesday June 22nd, 2016
 NATA Capitol Hill Day
 7:30am-4:30pm
- Thursday June 23rd, 2016
 District 1 Business Meeting
 Hilton, Holiday Ballroom 4
 6:15pm-7:15pm
- Saturday June 25th, 2016
 NATA Foundation Run
 Westy, Sue and Diane Running
 6:00am
 To Support Westy on his run, [Go HERE](#)
 To Support Sue on her run, [Go HERE](#)



District at a Glance

By Gender

	Count
Female	2145
Male	1645
N/A	40



By Status Matrix

	Active	Suspended	Total
Certified Regular	1728	207	1935
Associate	22	42	64
Retired Certified	77	1	78
Honorary	9	0	9
Non-Member	0	775	775
Student Undergrad	476	81	557
Student Graduate	11	2	13
Student Certified	218	15	233
Career Starter Cert	138	28	166
Total	2679	1151	3830

Member Counts Matrix (Excludes Suspended Members)

	CT	MA	ME	NH	RI	VT	Total
Certified Regular	385	754	181	194	97	117	1728
Associate	7	9	1	1	3	1	22
Retired Certified	15	38	10	8	5	1	77
Honorary	1	5	1	1	1	0	9
Student Undergrad	114	169	47	71	24	51	476
Student Graduate	0	7	1	2	1	0	11
Student Certified	78	74	12	18	14	22	218
Career Starter Cert	34	55	22	13	8	6	138
Total	634	1111	275	308	153	198	2679

Vote Today for NATA to Win 2016 STRIVE Award!

NATA is a finalist for the National Council of Youth Sports STRIVE (Sports Teach Respect, Initiative, Values and Excellence) Award! This award recognizes organizations that embrace a "kids first" approach, evidenced by their implementation of recognized best practices and policies that protect kids by promoting responsible health, wellness and safety within their organization. You can **VOTE** once per day throughout the month of June.



From the Treasurer
Diane Sartanowicz

Account balance as of May 31, 2016	\$288,013.89
Account balance as of May 31, 2015	\$271,824.36
Difference	\$16,189.53

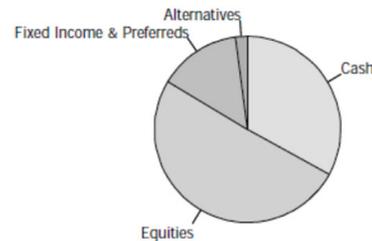
Dues collected Dec-June 2016	\$34,685.30
Dues collected Dec-June 2015	\$37,241.70
Difference	\$-2,556.40

***There are more suspended members than last year.**

ASSET ALLOCATION
 (as of May 31, 2016)

ASSET ALLOCATION (includes accrued interest)

	Market Value	Percentage
Cash	\$95,216.84	33.06
Equities	145,689.78	50.58
Fixed Income & Preferreds	41,082.02	14.26
Alternatives	6,025.25	2.09
TOTAL VALUE	\$288,013.89	100.00%



FDIC rules apply and Bank Deposits are eligible for FDIC insurance but are not covered by SIPC. Cash and securities (including MMFs) are eligible for SIPC coverage. See Expanded Disclosures. Values may include assets externally held, which are provided to you as a courtesy, and may not be covered by SIPC. For additional information, refer to the corresponding section of this statement.

This asset allocation represents holdings on a trade date basis, and projected settled Cash/ BDP and MMF balances. These classifications do not constitute a recommendation and may differ from the classification of instruments for regulatory or tax purposes.

District 1 continues to be financially healthy with no liabilities. We have had quarterly meetings with our financial advisor from Morgan Stanley who continues to look at our investments and asset allocations to make any adjustments accordingly.

Some of the highlights this year were the increase to the District 1 State Scholarships to \$2,500.00 as well as implementation of the Safe Sports School Grant funding. We will continue to look at initiatives that benefit our membership.

The above information is a brief snapshot; I look forward to providing you with a detailed financial report at our business meeting at NATA in Baltimore.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Sartanowicz



President
Dominique Mathieu Ross, PhD, ATC

ATOM has hit the ground running in 2016 with several events, projects and lots of membership involvement. We have been focused on garnering support for our two proposed Bills, *An Act Relative to the Act of Athletic Training* and *An Act Promoting Consumer Choice in Health Care*. The executive board, governmental affairs committee and ATOM membership have been meeting with representatives on Beacon Hill and in their home towns to discuss how both bills will affect the profession of athletic training and improve health care in the Commonwealth.



Lasell College Students presenting at the ATOM on the Hill Day

We had a great turn out on May 16th at our "ATOM on the Hill Day" where visits were made to over 100 Representatives and their staff. Speakers included Dr. Ellen Geminiani, Athletic Trainer Joe Scott, Representative Patricia Haddad and ATOM President-elect Robert Colandreo. Athletic training students from Bridgewater State University, Boston University, Endicott College, Salem State University, Springfield College and Lasell College provided poster presentations illustrating the workplace settings of ATs.

Battling an April snowstorm, ATOM also hosted our Young Professionals Conference at Springfield College. Learning lab sessions included a presentation from the Kori Stringer Institute, Emergency Airway Management and Functional Assessment with Corrective Exercises. Students also had the opportunity to network with ATOM and District 1 representatives through a Q&A session.



Speaker Joe Scott- ATOM on the Hill Day

ATOM also hosted the Annual ATOM/RIATA Spring Conference at Lasell College. This year members had the opportunity to choose from 6 learning lab experiences involving hands-on participation. Keynote speakers included Fernando Perfes of the Ma Department of Public Health speaking on substance abuse referral and treatment, and Dr. Kathryn Ackerman of Boston Children's Hospital speaking on the Female Athlete Triad and RED-S.

An additional project was the launch of the new ATOM website with conference registration and e-blast capabilities. Future plans include a fall YP conference, additional website updates and continued advocacy for our proposed legislation.



Campaign kick-off event for Sen. Karen Spilka. (Diane Sartanowicz, Sen. Karen Spilka, Janet Kennedy and ATOM lobbyist Steve Roche).



Boston University Students presenting at ATOM on the Hill Day

See additional image next page.



President

Jeffrey Shanley, MBA, MS, LAT, ATC

The CATA has been extremely busy since the end of the EATA annual meeting. To start, we launched our new logo and website during the State Business Meeting at the EATA. We have received some great feedback on both the new logo and website. The Executive Council and GAC have also been busy at the capitol this year representing the athletic trainers in CT. We were active on three bills this past session. The first was SB 356 to update our practice act. The bill was raised by the Public Health committee in February, had a public hearing in March and was passed by the committee. However, the bill died on the senate floor because legislators felt there was too much opposition. We plan on meeting with the opposition groups throughout the summer and fall to continue to address their concerns and we plan to actively pursue a scope of practice bill during the next legislative session. There was also two concussion bills raised this past session. Bill 5142, An Act Concerning Concussion and Youth Athletics conducted on public athletics fields, and bill 5130, An Act Concerning Clearance of Student Athletes with concussion for participation in team activities. The CATA expressed concern with both of these bills. For Bill 5141, it would not hold any operator liable for failure to provide or distribute information regarding concussions to athletes or guardians. This bill died and will be revisited next session. Bill 5130 would allow physical therapist and chiropractors to clear an athlete for return to play from a concussion. The CATA voiced their concern with legislators and the absence of a physician in certain concussion cases. This bill also died but most likely be revisited next session.

Pictured next column, February 24, 2016 Great attendance at Hit the Hill Day.



On February 24th, we held our annual Connecticut Hit the Hill Day with great attendance by both licensed athletic trainers and students. Our thanks go out to our GAC committee chairs Eleni Diakogeorgiou and Perry Siegel for leading this event.

On May 19th, the CATA hosted its Annual Symposium at Quinnipiac University. We had a large turn out with AT's from across the state participating in an EBP filled day. The symposium "It's All About the Evidence Based Practices" included lectures from athletic trainers Jennifer McKeon from Ithaca College and Will Adams for KSI. The lectures can be seen at [HERE](#). We would also like to recognize our CATA Award Winners: 2016 HOF Inductee Vicky Graham, CATA Athletic Trainer of the Year, Jeffrey Shanley, CATA President's Award, Gaetana Deiso, Corey Iamonico, and Tiffany Kinahan, and CATA Donald Bagnall Secondary School ATOY, Mary Cardarelli.



Tim Weston, District 1 Director with 2016 CATA HOF Inductee Vicky Graham

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Jeffrey Shanley 2016 CATA Athletic Trainer of the Year with James Doran, CATA President



L-R, James Doran, CATA President, Tiffany Kinahan, Gaetana Deiso, and Corey Iamónico, 2016 CATA President Award Winners, with Judy Panzer (athlete's parent)



Mary Cardarelli 2016 CATA Donald Bagnall SSATOY with James Doran, CATA President

Finally, we would like to thank outgoing CATA Executive Council members James Doran (President), Meghan Lewis (Vice President), and Janelle Francisco (Secretary) for all their hard work and dedication to the association. We would also like to welcome our new executive council for 2016-2018: Jeffrey Shanley (President), Gary Morin (President-Elect), Dan Smith (Vice President), Ed Blair (Treasurer), Sue Seith (Secretary), Marc Aceto (BOD), Perry Siegel (BOD), and Stephen Straub (BOD). Please watch for eblast about upcoming CATA events including the Select Annual Sports Medicine Symposium on August 2nd at Rentschler Field. Details can be found on our **website**. Have a great summer!

natapac
National Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc. political action committee



President
Christopher Rizzo MS, ATC, CSCS

The Maine Athletic Trainers' Association enjoyed a record-breaking attendance at its Spring Conference held in Brewer, ME on March 4th. Dr Peter Sedgwick led a lecture and hands on laboratory in which attendees had the opportunity to learn pathologies of the thorax and abdomen and practice clinical assessment techniques of those regions. In addition to the educational session, the association celebrated the induction of District One Director, Tim Weston, MEd, ATC into the MATA Hall of Fame. Kyle Gilson, MS, ATC and new Chair of the MATA Public Relations Committee was presented with the Bill Cox Service Award. The Association also awarded the Wes Jordan and Carl Nelson Scholarships to Nate Colpits and Samantha Duvol, respectively, both from the University of Southern Maine.

In April, the MATA launched its new [website](#). The new version aims to provide educational information not only to ATs and Students, but to serve as a resource for the general public as well. Special thanks to PR Committee Chair Kyle Gilson, MS, ATC for all of his work on this important initiative. Also in April, President Christopher Rizzo, MS, ATC, CSCS and PR Committee Chair Kyle Gilson, MS, ATC represented the MATA at the annual Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Conference. The conference, held at the famous Samoset Resort in Rockport hosted nearly 200 Athletic Directors from across the state and featured vendors from throughout New England.

The MATA has also created a Continuing Education Committee, which will oversee sponsored programs as well as compliance with the new BOC Approved Provider standards. This committee, Chaired by Rick Sirois, MS, ATC, CSCS will be working on educational programming for the upcoming year.

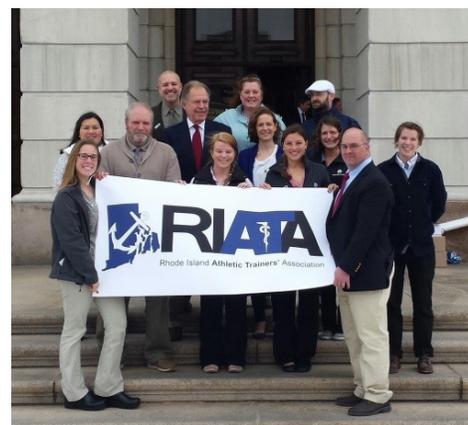
At the National level, Barbara Blackstone, MSS, ATC will be honored with the NATA Service Award at the NATA Symposium in Baltimore. Barbara is currently the AT Program Director for the University of Maine at Presque Isle and also the Chair of the College of Professional Programs and College of Education. She has served at the State level for over a decade, including as President and Vice President. In addition, Barbara has served on the Executive Committee for Education for the past year.



President
Andy Llaguno MEd, ATC, CSCS

The Rhode Island Athletic Trainers' Association (RIATA) has been busy this past year. The organization currently has a bill to mandate athletic trainers in all secondary schools in the House of Representatives H7639 and in the Senate S2954. In early March, several members of the RIATA as well as the Rhode Island Interscholastic League director and medical doctors proposed and defended H7639 to the Health, Education and Welfare committee. Overall, the bill was received positively from the committee and the bill has since gained Senate support S2954. RIATA is waiting for a date when the bill will be proposed to the Senate to defend the bill.

Our organization also Hit the Hill on March 23, 2016 where the House of Representative and Senate proclaimed that March 23 as Athletic Trainer Day in Rhode Island.



*ATC gathered in front of the State house
on March 23, 2016.*

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Also in March, the RIATA advertised on several Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) buses. The buses' route was highly visible throughout Providence, our capitol. In addition, advertisement was placed in local paper throughout RI to support the bill H7639.



Right: President, Andrew Llaguno with the House and Senate Proclamation from March 23, 2016.



In addition, several awards were given at the ATOM/RIATA Spring Conference



Athletic Trainer of the Year – George Finn



Kathleen Laquale Scholarship – Jessica Barrett



President's Award – Helen Malone

Lastly, 3 high schools were awarded Safe School in Rhode Island by the NATA, Bay View Academy, Lincoln School, and St. George's School. Lastly, Valerie Webber will take over presidency on July 1st and Jeff Nadeau will be the president-elect of the RIATA.



St. George's ATC, Jeff Nadeau with several of his student-athletes.



President
Chuck Carter ATC

So it's June and I am sitting here in my flannel jammies wondering if I just saw a snowflake? Ahhh New England if you don't like the weather...well you know the rest.

Here in the Granite State the climate has cooled off but sure enough the thermometer will rise again. The same can be said about opposition to our licensure. In January the NHATA, with assistance from the NATA, successfully fought off a proposal to repeal our licensure. Several NHATA LATC's stepped up to the plate and travelled to a hearing committee room in Concord. They spoke at a board meeting about the importance of licensure and how it protects those we serve. Their message was received loud and clear and the measure was stopped before it could gain momentum.

I think a particular round of applause ought to go out to Mr. Dan Sedory, ATEP Director at UNH. Dan eloquently articulated the training, skills, and didactic education each of us are assessed on to insure our competency and hence safety of our charges. Thank you Dan, and all the others who attended on behalf of our association.

Sooner or later political climate, like our seasonal one, will change. Let's get together and be proactive in defending our profession.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR UPDATED EMAIL AND/OR MAILING ADDRESSES.

Expect to see the latest edition of the NHATA newsletter at the beginning of July. The newsletter will be produced quarterly and will bring you current news and happenings around the state. In the next edition look forward to seeing the profiles of potential NHATA President candidates and an announcement of a voting period. If you are interested in running for a position on the E- Board please **email** me.

The Young Professional Committee is up and running and is gathering steam. Nick Laurence is chairing

the group and is doing a great job. They have been surveying young NHATA ATC's to assess needs and concerns of the new members. Keep your eyes open for an email from him.

New Hampshire will be hosting the 2017 Northern New England Athletic Training Conference . We have begun the process of vetting locations, dates, and programming. If you are interested in helping please contact me.

FORE! The 2nd Annual NHATA Golf Tournament will be on July 23rd at Beaver Meadow Golf Club in Concord. Come join us for an afternoon of golf and fun! You can register on line at www.nhata.org.



COME PLAY WITH US!!!

NEW HAMPSHIRE ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION WILL BE HOSTING THE 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT THIS SUMMER!

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016

8:30 AM SHOTGUN START

SCRAMBLE FORMAT

BEAVER MEADOW GOLF COURSE (CONCORD, NH)

COST

\$95/INDIVIDUAL

\$360/FOURSOME (\$5 off/individual)

Cost includes continental breakfast & lunch!

REGISTER BY JUNE 30, 2016!!!

All proceeds will benefit the New Hampshire Athletic Trainers' Association.

Questions? Email golf@nhata.org





President

Timothy Tourville, Ph.D., ATC

Since the EATA meeting in Boston the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers has been hard at work planning the 2016 Northern New England Athletic Training Conference, which was held on June 10-11th, at the Lake Morey Resort and Conference Center in Fairlee, VT. Our Conference Planning Committee put together a great program, with a very diverse array of speakers and presentation topics that are applicable across a large range of AT practice settings. As always, this conference serves as a great venue for not only educational sessions, but also for some excellent networking and socializing with sports medicine peers throughout Northern New England. Although there were many people involved, we would like to specifically thank (in no particular order) Jennie-Beth Kruger, MS, ATC (Chair), Michelle Stemper, MS, ATC, Jim Nichols, MS, ATC, Aimee Pascale, PhD, ATC, CSCS, Heidi McClellan, ATC, CSCS, Greg Jancaitis, MEd, ATC, CSCS, Devin Wendel, ATC, Caitlin Roberts, ATC, Vin Faraci, MS, ATC, Alan Maynard, MEd, ATC, and Denise Alosa, MS, ATC for their efforts.



Denise Alosa, MS, ATC presenting at the Northern New England Athletic Training Conference.

Denise Alosa, MS, ATC became the first AT to be inducted into the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Denise on this exceptional accomplishment. In addition to her state-level honors in 2016, Denise and Krista Campbell, ATC have received an NATA Safe Sports School award at South Burlington High School, as has Chelsea Bohannon, ATC at North Country Union High School.



Vin Faraci, MS, ATC, Denise Alosa, MS, ATC, and Alan Maynard, MEd, ATC

Athletic Training month was filled with a number of outreach programs. Of specific note, ATEP students at the University of Vermont conducted a fundraiser and outreach programs to support Relay for Life as well as Vermont Combat-Disabled Veterans while promoting the profession of Athletic Training. Additionally, 14 ATs and 9 ATEP students volunteered as medical personnel for the Vermont City Marathon under the direction of Medical Director Denise Alosa (she's everywhere!), which was cut short due to hazardous heat and humidity – the first time in the history of the race.

At the state administrative level, Devin Wendell, ATC has been elected VAAT President-Elect, and will assume the role of President at the completion of his 2-year President-Elect term in 2018; and Greg Jancaitis, MEd, ATC, CSCS has been elected as VAAT Secretary and will begin his term in June, 2016. Lisa Hardy, MS, ATC was appointed to the VAAT Executive Committee earlier this year, and has become an exceptional member of our leadership team. Finally, Michelle Stemper, MS, ATC, has been appointed as our Young Professionals Committee Chair, and Leo LaBonte, MEd, ATC, has graciously accepted re-appointed as our Governmental Affairs Committee Chair.



Michelle Stemper, MS, ATC, Jennie-Beth Kruger, MS, ATC, and Greg Jancaitis, MEd, ATC, CSCS

NATA District 1 Committee Updates



Public Relations Update

Matthew Campbell - Chair

These past six months the PR committee has had many programs running at the same time. The biggest and most notable being the National Athletic Training Month. The theme of a Safer Approach to Work, Life, and Sport received many positive responses within the NATA and the general public. A big thank you to Brandon Hammerstrom and the Athletic Training students at Springfield College for creating four amazing videos that spotlight athletic training for NATM. If you wish to view these videos they can be found on the D1 face book page as well as on the D1 website.

The NATA and athletic training continue to receive positive support and stories in the news. The PR committee is responsible for reading many articles on sports medicine published in news papers and magazines all over the country and then selecting the winner of the NATA Excellence in Sports Medicine Reporting. I am excited to say that the winning reporter is in D1. Once the award has been presented you will be able to read the article on the webpage.



Student Committee Update

Chantel Hunter - Chair

We would like to welcome Shelby Watts class of 2018 at the University of Maine as the next District 1 Representative to the Student Leadership Committee. She will join the Committee

at the June meeting in Baltimore. The District 1 Ambassador Program has had the first group of students graduate and we are seeking new students to fill their positions to continue distributing information to the students about events happening in District 1 and NATA.



SSATC Report

Denise Alosa - Chair

The ATLAS Project continues to collect surveys from states across the country. Maine and Vermont are completed. They are two of the only states in the country that are complete! The Gatorade/NFL Grant program selected 10 schools across the country this winter to receive grant money to assist in the hiring of an athletic trainer. One of those schools was in Massachusetts. We are working to make improvements for next year's program. Along with this program, the state mentor program is being re-energized. We are looking for interested mentors from each state to assist with this program.

The SSATC has recently finished and gotten approval by the board for a Secondary School Sports Medicine course outline.

Gatorade District Award winners have all been notified and awarded their Secondary School Awards. Please watch for the nominations for this award, and nominate a colleague.

Other projects the SSATC has completed is the re-indexing of the Case Studies document to make it more user friendly and continue to contribute articles to the NATA News Secondary School Newsletter. Also completed recently is the Appropriate Use of Student Aides document.





NATA GAC *Update*

Jamie L. Musler - Chair

The NATA GAC recently completed its review of legislative grant applications for 2016. A total of 24 states requested funding totaling \$700,000. The NATA has awarded approximately \$475,000 to date in support of state legislative efforts. State associations in District 1 continue to move forward with their legislative and governmental affair agendas received \$53,600 in legislative grants.

State Legislation and Regulation

Members of the Colorado ATA and their lobbying team successfully advanced a bill to restore regulation of the profession through the State Legislature. The bill was signed by the Governor on June 8th.

In Tennessee, the legislature completed its sunset review of the Board of Athletic Trainers and voted to extend the current regulatory structure for the next six years.

Our colleagues in **New Hampshire** successfully defeated efforts to repeal the licensure requirements of athletic trainer.

Efforts to update the language on the scope of practice for athletic trainers, which would better reflect the evolving standards and practices in the profession are ongoing in **Connecticut**, Illinois, **Massachusetts**, Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Legislatures in Iowa, New Jersey, **Rhode Island** and South Carolina have considered, or are still considering bills, that to varying degrees would mandate the presence of athletic trainers at games and practices for the safety of athletes.

Federal Legislation and Regulation

Support continues to grow NATA supported legislation. Contact your member of Congress to ask for support on these bills!

- **H.R. 921: The Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act** has 145 co-sponsors, and the Senate version, S. 689, has nine co-sponsors.
- **H.R. 829: The SAFE PLAY Act** has 46 co-sponsors, and the Senate version, S. 436, has one co-sponsor.
- **H.Res. 112: The Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights** has 42 co-sponsors, and S. Res. 83 has one co-sponsor.

U.S. Department of Labor announced its "Final Rule" on Overtime.

On May 18, 2016, the U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL") announced its "Final Rule" revising the "white-collar" exemptions from the Fair Labor Standards Act's (FLSA) minimum wage and overtime requirements. The Final Rule's key revision is a significant increase to the minimum salary level generally required for exemption.

Athletic trainers in general meet the requirements of the learned professional exemption of the Professional Employees category. If your salary and job duties do not meet all of the tests under the Professional Employees category, you may be eligible for overtime pay under the new rule. The NATA office has additional information available regarding the DOL ruling.

NATA GAC Awards

The NATA Government Affairs Committee will present the Dan Campbell Legislative Award (Class 1) to the Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida and (Class 2) to the **Rhode Island Athletic Trainers' Association**. The William Griffin Award for Outstanding Leadership in Legislative Advocacy will be presented to Nicholas Pappas.

The awards will be presented at a reception following the State Leadership Forum at the NATA meeting.



CUATA *Update*

Robert L. Howard - Chair

The College University Athletic Training Committee (CUATC) has stayed very active since January's Joint Committee Meeting preparing for NATA in Baltimore and is continuing its effort to move projects forward. After the approval from the Board of Directors for the Summit on Appropriate Medical Care for Intercollegiate Athletics, January 2017 has been established as the target date and preparations are now under way in conjunction with the NCAA. Additionally, after Board of Directory approval, The College Supervision of Student Aides document was released and is now available in the NATA Official Statements section of the NATA web page. As the CUATC continues to be involved with a variety of cross committee projects such as The Transition to Practice Work-group and AT Documentation Best Practice Work-group, your comments, concerns and ideas are encouraged. Please don't hesitate to **email** me regarding anything you feel is important for the College University Athletic Training Committee.



COPA Update

Molly McNeil - D1 Rep

The mission of COPA is to advance the athletic training profession in business and employment opportunities, compensation, and brand recognition of athletic trainers as health care professionals. This district-based committee is comprised of members from all

settings, including clinical and emerging practices, with experience in billing, revenue generation, reimbursement, job creation and practice advancement. We congratulate our incoming chair **Marty Matney** on receiving a NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award! **Events at NATA:** Once again COPA has a strong slate of events to check out in Baltimore! See the following page for a complete list. Of note are the Performing Arts and Physician Practice Pre-Conference Workshops, as well as the Healthcare Administrators Forum. We would also love to see all those interested or currently working in the areas of practice advancement at the COPA Networking Reception on Weds June 22nd!

Communications Workgroup: Has been busy building a presence on social media and communicating the efforts and achievements of COPA to the members which we serve. Find links to the following ways to keep in touch with COPA and get involved **HERE**. We are excited over the roll out of the new **NATA website**, and hope you will find it much easier to navigate and access the resources you need to be successful in your setting. We will continue to add resources to the Emerging Settings page as they are finalized. Connect with us in any of the following ways:

- **Facebook:**
- LinkedIn: **Emerging Settings**
- Twitter: @NATA_COPA
- NATA Quarterly E-Newsletter

AT's in Physician Practice Workgroup: has been focused on composing valuable documents to support employment opportunities in the physician practice. Be on the lookout for Physician Practice Value Model, Concussion Clinic FAQ Document, and ATs in the OR FAQ Document – all to be finalized soon! COPA also has the support of the Physician Practice Workgroup and the Interassociation Terminology Workgroup on the elimination of the term “physician extender” as it relates to ATs working in the physician practice setting. For more information on the discussion around this decision, I encourage you to **Link HERE**.

Healthcare Administrators: is partnering with the Secondary School AT Committee on measuring patient satisfaction.

Military: had a busy year clarifying AT scope of care across various branches of the military, starting with the Navy and US Marine Corps which they expect to have influence over the Army and Air Force. They expect to continue the conversation of a formal “credentialing” process across all branches of the military formally recognizing ATs as healthcare providers.

Occupational Health: has focused on clarifying the extent of “medical supervision” required by a physician when clinics are functioning inside of a manufacturing or occupational facility, according to those states’ practice acts. They look forward to continuing this mission.

Performing Arts: has completed a Business Case for ATs in the setting. They also have had a busy social media presence (the big spread on treating superheroes in the February NATA News might ring a bell). They have also continued to build NATA affiliations with professional organizations.

From all of us on COPA, we look forward to seeing you at NATA and hearing from you throughout the year! NATA web site for COPA Events!

NATA PAC Report

Ursula Vollkommer-Haley - D1 Rep

Capitol Hill day June 21, 2016 the day before the NATA convention begins in Baltimore, MD

NATA PAC Breakfast \$50 to attend Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 7:00-9:00 AM in the Hilton, Key 9. Our featured speaker will be Rick Burkholder, MS, ATC, Head Athletic Trainer for the Kansas City Chiefs and President of the Professional Football Athletic Trainers’ Society (PFATS).

NATA PAC will have a booth in the Exhibition Hall in Baltimore. Stop by and make a donation to help continue all the good work NATA PAC does. Or make a donation anytime at **NATA.org**.

During the January 2016 at the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association (EATA) conference in Boston Districts 1 and 2 Raised \$3400 selling NATA PAC glasses. There are plans to do another fund raiser at EATAs in Philadelphia Jan 2017.



NATA Foundation District 1 News

Jeff Smith - District I Chair

25th Anniversary Celebration

The NATA Research & Education Foundation 25th Anniversary Celebration dinner is SOLD OUT! Don't worry, we don't

want you to miss the opportunity to celebrate the silver anniversary of the NATA Foundation. We have a limited time offer of a \$75 Back Stage Pass so you can come dance with all your friends and Heart by Heart, which features Heart's co-founding member and bassist Steve Fossen and original Heart drummer Mike Derosier who will entertain us and play some of Heart's greatest hits. This ticket is good for enjoying the band performance beginning at 9 p.m., and includes an open bar and some late night snacks. Purchase your ticket today! Ticket sales end June 14. [READ MORE](#)

NATA Foundation Board Meet and Greet at Convention

Come and meet your NATA Foundation Board members and Ambassadors at the NATA Foundation Meet and Greet on Thursday, June 23 from 10 a.m.-noon at the NATA Foundation Booth inside the AT Expo. While visiting the NATA Foundation Booth, donate \$25 to the NATA Foundation and receive a 25th Anniversary commemorative pin. The NATA Foundation Booth is open during the following hours at the NATA Convention inside the AT Expo:

- June 23: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- June 24: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- June 25: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

NATA Foundation 5K at Convention

The NATA Foundation 5K Fueled by Gatorade is returning to our convention in 2016, and it boasts new elements to make it more fun than ever before! It's not too late to register, and don't forget to set up your personal fundraising page where you can advertise your participation to your network, and they can donate to the NATA Foundation in your honor. [READ MORE](#)

Donate a Photo to raise money for the NATA Foundation

Download the Donate a Photo app, and for every photo uploaded using it between June 15 and July 31, Johnson & Johnson will donate \$1 to the NATA

Research & Education Foundation. You can share one photo per day and our goal is 15,000 photos! Be sure to stop by Johnson & Johnson booth #3000 at convention to see how they are supporting the NATA Foundation through this program! [READ MORE](#)

District 1 Donation Update

Through the first quarter, District 1 is off to a great start! We have raised \$10,538. We raised \$19,100 last year and it would be great at convention this year to push toward eclipsing that mark. Contact me if you have any questions or I can assist you.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our District 1 Scholarship Winners:

Jessica Barrett, University of Connecticut
Doctoral \$2,300
Frank George Scholarship

Leah Dell, University of Southern Maine
Undergraduate \$2,300.00
Larry "Stosh" Neumann Memorial Scholarship

Alex Wafer, University of Connecticut
Graduating UG \$2,300
Rebecca Payne Memorial Scholarship

Yuri Hosokawa, University of Connecticut
Doctoral \$2,300
NATA Foundation Scholarship

Jacob Teixeira, University of Connecticut
Undergraduate \$2,300
Norm Mackie Memorial Scholarship

Stephanie Clines, Old Dominion University
(Resident of D1)
Doctoral \$1,000
Penny Dunker-Polek Scholarship Endowment (CATA)

Bianca Grimshaw, Quinnipiac University
Doctoral \$1,000
Penny Dunker-Polek Scholarship Endowment (CATA)



D1 History & Archives Update

Jeff Stone - Chair

Review of Activities since last report:

- Bridgewater State University will hold Archives for EATA, NATA District One and ATOM
- Ongoing liaison with Matt Webber- www.athletictraininghistory.com
- Continuing compiling list of addresses/e-mail addresses to former Pinky Newell presenters- to request copy of their speeches for archives. (Secured 15 to date)
- EATA Scholarship winners- District One (List competed- breakdown by Schools)
- Coordinating with Diane Sartanowicz to video remaining District One Hall of Famers (Carl Krein, Charlie Redmond, Kathy Laquale, Margie King, Fred Kelley, Marcia Anderson, Tom Healion, Mike Ferrara, Jeff Stone)
- Plan to set up session to record at EATA Boston-2016 (Work in progress)
- Updated District One Hall of Fame members address list- to Tim Weston (Completed)
- Finalized collection of State Officer lists- District One State Presidents (completed April, 2015)
- Met with NATA Historical Commission- Spring, 2015
- Honors and Awards List (EATA and NATA) - Completed

Plans, Goals and Activities for the future:

- Plan to separate boxed info into categories (EATA Conferences, EATA Minutes, District Minutes, EATA banquets, pictures)- (Work in progress)
- Re-establish stored computer and printer- need to purchase scanner
- Research history of Keene Fitzpatrick (Yale) for potential nomination into NATA HOF (posthumous) - when NATA establishes Honors & Awards- Special Considerations Committee (2016 NATA Meeting in Baltimore)
- Expand on EATA Historical Timeline- Goal of completion- Fall, 2016
- Call to the Membership- donation of memorabilia and collectibles

- Coordinate History & Archives to date with EATA Executive Board- solicit additional projects
- Compile list of District One Scholarship winners (States, EATA, NATA) (EATA Completed)
- Initial requests to EATA/New England College & University ATCs- compile list of ATs employed at their institution since start of intercollegiate athletic programs.
- Compile list of EATA Student Delegation- year by year- state by state (Completed 2012-2016)



EDAC Update

Ami Matsumoto - D1 Rep

Hello from the Ethnic Diversity I hope everyone is ready for NATA 2016. We have amazing events going on at NATA this year. We hope to see everyone at Baltimore!

Here are some important dates to remember:

Wednesday June 22nd:

Committee Meeting (**after Capitol Hill Day**)

Friday June 24th: We will be hosting career day for any undergrads, recent grads or those who may need a little advice. If anyone has any specific questions, please feel free to email **Natalie Trotter** or **Megan Hammonds**.

Friday June 24th (6-8:30): Town Hall Meeting- Brief updates with food and social at the end. We will also have the Bill Chisolm award and poster presentations as well.

Saturday June 25th (10:45-12:45): EDAC Educational Session. Speakers: Chris Coons and Justin Tatmin.

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