



December 2022



## Notes from the District Director

Greetings District One Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season.

"It's not what we have in life but who we have in our lives that matters." This quote reminds me that as hectic as this time is, may we all remember how truly fortunate we are; and I thank you for being a part of my life.

This edition of the District One Director's Notes is full of important information on our upcoming EATA meeting as well as some of the activities that have transpired within our six states in District One. I hope you will take notice of the dates and deadlines so as to not miss out on the events at EATA. As I prepare for my last District Business Meeting at EATA as Director, I am excited to provide an update on all the wonderful support and initiatives the district has given to its membership and look forward to honoring all of you; our most valued resource.

I am grateful for the continued help and support from our state presidents and committee chairs. The real joy for me is the opportunity to say thank you to all of them for their dedication and commitment to the district and our members and can't wait to celebrate with you at EATA.

I would like to personally thank John Ryan (ME) and Matt Whalen (MA) for their efforts on behalf of Maine and Massachusetts, respectively. Both John and Matt were valuable members of the District One Executive Council. It was a pleasure to work with you both and I look forward to working with Paul Culina (ME) and Jennifer Concannon (MA).

As the year comes to an end, I'd like to thank you for your continued support of the profession. I hope you all get to enjoy some time with family and friends this holiday season, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Westin Seaport in Boston for the Annual EATA Convention. Please be sure to attend our District Business Meeting on Sunday, January 8th at 9:50am.

Happy Holidays!

*Diane*

Diane Sartanowicz, MS, LAT, ATC





**From the District Secretary**  
Jennifer Brodeur, MS, LAT, ATC

It is difficult to believe that we have Thanksgiving behind us and are winding down 2022! As we gear up for 2023 I wanted to confirm that it is a reporting year and remind you of the opportunity to partake in 10 free CEU credits given to you when you renew your NATA membership. These free CEU credits can be used in the NATA Professional Development Center January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023. Renew before Dec. 31 to keep your membership active. Payment covers your national, district and state membership dues. We appreciate you and your membership! Wishing you all the best!

**District at a Glance**

**Member Counts Matrix**

	Member Type	CT	MA	ME	NH	RI	VT	Total
Member	Associate	15	30	6	10	2	3	<b>66</b>
	Certified Professional	413	812	207	229	124	128	<b>1913</b>
	Certified Retired	25	57	20	13	7	6	<b>128</b>
	Certified Student	36	46	6	7	10	5	<b>110</b>
	Honorary	0	4	1	1	1	0	<b>7</b>
	Licensed Professional	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
	Student	31	85	18	29	6	10	<b>179</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2406</b>

**By Gender**

	Member Type	Female	Man	Non-	Prefer not to	Woman	Total
Member	Associate	1	23	1	0	41	<b>66</b>
	Certified Professional	0	777	0	2	1134	<b>1913</b>
	Certified Retired	0	79	1	0	48	<b>128</b>
	Certified Student	0	31	0	0	79	<b>110</b>
	Honorary	0	6	0	1	0	<b>7</b>
	Licensed Professional	0	2	0	0	1	<b>3</b>
	Student	0	60	1	0	118	<b>179</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1421</b>	<b>2406</b>







## From the District Treasurer

Sandy Snow, MS, NHLAT, ATC

Season's Greetings!

I hope this update finds everyone healthy and enjoying the holiday season. NATA District One officers continue to collaborate with our financial advisor regularly. Our financial advisor evaluates our financial strategy regarding to the current market and intermittent market volatility. Our financial strategy continues to align with the mission of NATA District One.

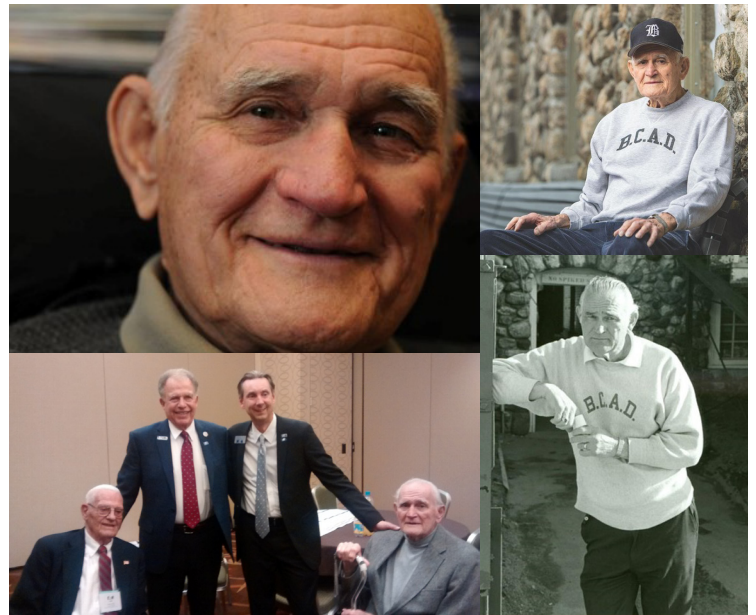
District One also funded some exciting initiatives this cycle. We ran a membership renewal campaign through December 1<sup>st</sup> led by the NATA District One Social Media Committee that included gift card giveaways. NATA District One is also sponsoring an EATA workshop, Utilizing Effective Leadership Styles in Addressing Organizational Needs and Quality Improvement, January 9, 2023, 8a-10a, presented by NATA District One members, Dr. Sue Guyer and Dr. Mary Barnum.

District One still has Safe Sports School Award Grants available for first-time applicants, and, new this cycle, the NATA District One Executive Council approved opening half of any remaining Grants to renewing applicants beginning February 2023 for the second half of the cycle. Please reach out to the NATA District One Secondary School Chair, [Amy Wiggins](#), with questions.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to providing a detailed financial report at our business meeting during the 75<sup>th</sup> EATA Convention in January 2023. We hope to see you there!

## In Memoriam

We are all deeply saddened to hear that Past District One Director, Mike Linkovich, passed away Sunday December 4, 2022 at the age of 100. "Link" touched innumerable athletic trainers' and students' lives during his lifetime and we are all thankful for the time we got to spend in his presence. Link enrolled in Springfield College, earning a master's degree in physical education in 1954. He moved to Brunswick and served as the head athletic trainer at Bowdoin College, retiring in 1994 after more than 40 years with the school. Despite the numerous achievements and accolades he received throughout his life, Mike remained a man of great humility. He was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Hall of Fame (1982), Beaver County (Pennsylvania) Sports Hall of Fame (1983), Davis & Elkins College Athletic Hall of Fame (1993), the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame (2000), and the Bowdoin College Athletic Hall of Honor (2004) and the EATA '49 Club's inaugural class in 2017. He was the recipient of the Bowdoin College Alumni Council Award for Faculty and Staff in 1980, given for outstanding service and devotion to Bowdoin College. He was appointed a director of NATA in 1961, representing the New England states. He was elected Vice President (1969) and President (1970) of the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association. A pinnacle of his career was serving as an athletic trainer for the "Miracle on Ice" U.S. Hockey Team at the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. He was also appointed as a trainer for the 1980 Moscow Summer Olympics.



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Please keep Link's family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Please read more about Link's incredible life and career [HERE](#) and [funeral arrangements](#). If you would like to honor Mike his family has graciously suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the Maine Athletic Trainers' Association as an option. If you choose to participate please reference Linkovich Scholarship Fund in the memo line and send to [Dan Waterman](#), Treasurer of MATA.



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

*with or without Pre-Conference Workshops*

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

- NATA Member Certified Professional/Associate  
\$180.00
- Changes to **\$195.00** after Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022  
BOC Certified/Non Member  
\$455.00
- Changes to **\$460.00** after Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022  
Student NATA Member  
\$105.00
- Changes to **\$115.00** after Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022  
  
Student Non-NATA Member  
\$220.00
- Changes to **\$230.00** after Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022  
NATA Certified Student:  
\$120.00
- Changes to **\$130.00** after Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022  
EATA Leadership/Award Winners  
Complimentary  
AT Retired/49 Club/NATA HOF  
Complimentary  
NATA Invited Guest  
Complimentary

## STATE MEETINGS

Saturday, January 7, 2023 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Connecticut	Commonwealth C
Maine	Commonwealth B
Massachusetts	Burrows
New Hampshire	Revere
Rhode Island	Quincy
Vermont	Commonwealth A

## DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday January 8, 2023 | 9:50 AM – 10:50 AM  
Grand Ballroom

## EATA 75TH MEETING

Commemorative Fire Pit Raffle

Are you getting fired up to attend the EATA 75th Celebration Meeting? Would you like to walk away with this custom-made EATA Commemorative Fire Pit? (donated by Bob O'Malley) All proceeds will help support EATA's Research and Scholarships. A limited number of tickets will be sold, so don't delay. Purchase yours now!

For more information or to purchase tickets, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Highlights of the Meeting

- Conference Registration will be open Friday, January 6th from 2pm – 8pm
- Workshops – 3 Pre-Conference on Friday, 4 on Saturday, 2 on Sunday and 1 on Monday
- EATA 75th Celebration Presentation: "Honoring the Past, Embracing the Present, Creating the Future", Saturday at 3pm
- Exhibits open on Saturday from 9am – 3pm; Come thank our wonderful Supporters!
- State Meetings will be held on Saturday from 4pm – 5pm
- NATAPAC Event will be held on Saturday from 6pm – 7pm
- Collins Party featuring the band Ripcord 9pm – 12am
- District Meetings (9:50am – 10:50am) and the EATA Business Meeting (11:00-11:30am) will be held on Sunday
- The Marjorie King Research to Reality Lecture takes place on Sunday at 2:35 PM
- Sunday Tailgate Party: Kings Dining and Entertainment Boston Seaport 5pm-7pm

## D1 Quiz Bowl

Friday January 6, 2023

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM EATA District 1 Quiz Bowl Harbor Ballroom

CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF THE EATA CONFERENCE

EATA 2023

# COMMEMORATIVE FIRE PIT RAFFLE



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## DISTRICT ONE AWARD WINNERS



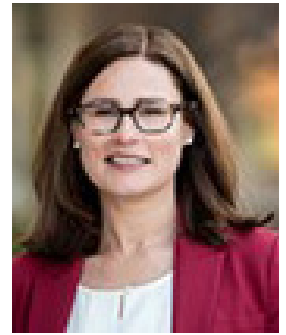
**M. Susan Guyer**  
EATA Excellence in  
Leadership Award



**Amy Wiggins**  
EATA Excellence in  
Secondary School  
Athletic Training Award



**Don Bagnall**  
'49 Club



**Dr. Kelly McInnis**  
Moyer Award

## DISTRICT ONE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Joseph Abraham Scholarship  
**Emily Davison**  
U. of Maine



Paul Grace Scholarship  
**Donghyeon Kim**  
U. of Connecticut



Marcia Anderson Scholarship  
**Rachel St. Pierre**  
Merrimack College



Carl Krein Scholarship  
**Kaylie Langer**  
Springfield College



Koko Kassabian Scholarship  
**Paige Butler**  
Springfield College



Frank George Scholarship  
**Cristine Kossak**  
Moravian University



## President

Matt Whalen, MS, LAT, ATC



ATOM has spent the last few months focused on the continued sustained growth of our organization. We have emphasized strengthening the financial wellbeing, legislative initiatives, and scholarship funding. Legislatively the bills related to the practice of athletic training failed to make it to the Governor's desk.

The bills we had in play this legislative cycle (HD.2666, HD.1811, HD.2320) were sent to committee. An attempt was made by our lobbyist and GAC to add an amendment to H.5007. Unfortunately, this attempt to get passage that would update our practice act was eliminated from that bill. Bob Colandreo, Government Affairs Committee Chair, will be analyzing the shortcomings and the recent election results with our lobbyist group, Tremont Strategies in the new year to set forth a new plan. We will continue to fight for the rights of athletic trainers' fair practice in Massachusetts.

Financially, Jenn Concannon, President-Elect and Jordan Knight, Treasurer, spent time with our financial advisors to evaluate ways to improve the strength of our organization. We want to ensure the continued financial strength of the organization with the reduction of grants, inflation, and down markets. During the evaluation we are looking into consolidating accounts that were generate minimal growth into an account that will provide more interest. The financial decisions are always done with the best interests of the membership at the forefront.

A continued effort of the organization is to promote and support the future leaders of the profession. In 2020, the organization made the executive decision to increase the ATOM scholarship amount to \$2,500, however, we would like to continue to raise this amount and provide additional means to support students pursuing a career in athletic training. The committee has worked to plan a capital campaign to endow an educational scholarship with a goal of \$25,000. The executive council announced its first step in this capital campaign which will be a fundraiser during the annual EATA in January 2023. The "Fuel the Future" fundraiser will be hosted at Harpoon Brewery in Boston, MA on Friday, January 6th. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets. We look forward to sharing this exciting event with the membership! If members would like to support the fundraising efforts but are not able to attend, please [CLICK HERE](#) where you can donate through crowdfunding or purchase raffle tickets through Sunday, January 8th, 2023.





## President

Stephen Straub, PhD, MBA, ATC

Hello all, I hope the conclusion of your fall season and transition to the winter season has been largely uneventful. There has been much discussion about the number of athletic training job openings in CT including articles in the Waterbury Republican and the Danbury New-Times. The CATA in conjunction with the CIAC is trying to determine the extent of the issue in secondary schools. We ask all secondary school athletic trainers to be sure to update their information within the ATLAS project. Check your school status [HERE](#) and update your information [HERE](#) and to remind their ADs to complete the short survey distributed by the CIAC.

Jessica Testani Creem, Heather Feiner, and Mark Aceto of the Secondary School Committee presented at the Connecticut Associate of Athletic Director annual conference. The presentation was focused on using the NATA Value Model to support hiring athletic trainers in the secondary school. We are exploring the best ways to share this with school superintendents. This information will be available at secondary schools' regional meetings which will start shortly.

At our state meeting in January at the EATA conference, the Executive Committee will be presenting a proposed change to the association by-laws that will update the committee structure of our organization. We think these changes will streamline activities and provide more opportunity for members to “try out” volunteer opportunities in CATA in positions that may have time commitments that better match your availability. A draft of the proposal will be distributed via e-blast to allow you to review ahead the meeting. There are multiple opportunities to get involved in the CATA. The diversity of skills and experiences in our membership has driven our success as an organization. What role will you play?







## President

John Ryan, EdD, LAT, ATC, RAA



The MATA Executive Board has met on and off since the Northern New England Athletic Trainers Conference to further revise the MATA Bylaws for the purpose of tightening up language, extend the onboarding time for all Executive Board positions to 6 months and eliminate the vote of affirmation when there is only one eligible candidate running for an Executive Board position. The revised bylaws were submitted to the membership in October for review and comment and voted on in early November. The membership overwhelmingly approved the revisions.

A call for nominations for MATA President and Vice President was issued in late August/early September. MATA President, John Ryan has termed out and Paul Culina was eligible to run for another term as Vice President. At the end of the nominations period, Paul Culina and Sherrie Weeks were the only eligible candidates to run for President and Vice President. A vote of affirmation was completed at the MATA Fall Meeting, with Paul Culina affirmed as President and Sherrie Weeks as Vice President.

The MATA held its annual fall meeting virtually on November 18th. A moment of silence was observed for Aaron Marston who passed away suddenly on October 19th. Aaron was the women's soccer coach and Associate Professor of Exercise Science at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Aaron leaves behind his wife, Keli and two beautiful daughters, Taylor and Kaci. D1 Director-Elect Vicky Graham was present and provided opening remarks. Following those remarks, the business portion of the meeting was held. The results of the vote on the revised MATA Bylaws were announced by MATA Secretary, Chris Rizzo, with the vote in favor of the revised bylaws. This was followed by the Secretary, Treasurer and various Committee Reports. Katie Stephenson of MCMC gave a brief report about the HIT app, and that was followed by a report from outgoing MATA President, John Ryan on the NATAPAC and its fundraiser at the 2023 EATA Convention and the NATA State Association Advisory Committee. After a short break, Dr. Alicia Lacy of the University of Maine and Dr. Christianne Eason of UCONN/KSI presented on Stakeholders' Perceptions and Knowledge of Athletic Training.

This wraps up a whirlwind four years as your MATA President. It has been an honor and a privilege representing the athletic trainers not only from the state of Maine but of District 1. I will not be going too far however. I will continue to represent and work for the membership of the MATA and D1 as the District 1 Rep on the NATAPAC and as one of the two Division 1 Reps on the NATA SAAC. I will also continue to do whatever is asked by the MATA. Additionally, I will be assuming the position of EATA President-Elect in January and look forward to another tremendous opportunity to not only represent Maine, but District 1 as well.

Thank you to those that I have been fortunate to have worked with these past four years on the MATA Executive Board. Thank you to Diane, Vicky, Julie Alexander, Jenn Brodeur, Sandy Snow, the other New England State Association Presidents. You are not only colleagues but have become some of my closest friends.



**President**  
Len Angelli

I hope his email finds everyone well and staying warm.

The NHATA continues to move forward as I complete my second year. As we move into the new year, the onboarding process is going well, we will soon have a complete Executive Committee ready and willing to help the association move forward. We continue to hold monthly Officer meetings on the third Monday of every month. These meetings are open to NHATA members.

With the elimination of the undergraduate AT programs (UNH and Colby Sawyer), we are hoping to still offer a student symposium this year. We are hoping to celebrate the fine work our student programs have accomplished. Plymouth State will continue with its master's program and, hopefully, they will be able to offer their excellent programming moving forward.

When it comes to fundraising, we are continuing the great relationship with SNHU (Southern New Hampshire University) arena. We are able to work the concession stands at the different events for a percentage of the profits. This year we are hoping to do several events to help us achieve our goal. At this point, we have two events scheduled for December 17 and January 22. We are also looking to cover more events in the Spring. Unfortunately, this year we had a difficult time putting on our annual golf outing. Due to low registration numbers, we postponed the July date and attempted to move it to October. Again, we were not able to get the participants and we ended up cancelling the event all together. We are looking forward to the golf committee starting the plans for next year. As with most organizations, we continue to have difficulty recruiting members to participate in these events.

**Committees:** Our EC continues to work hard encouraging our members to participate however, as with most associations, it is a struggle. We have several open committee chairs positions (EDAC, Nominations and Ballots, Young Professionals and the Student Committee). We continue to work hard to encourage members to fill our vacant chair positions as well as members to serve on these committees. The rest of our committees continue do a great job furthering the advancement of the association.

**Continuing Education:** We had two excellent continuing education opportunities this year. The first was a successful in person Northern New England Athletic Training Conference (NNEATC) in Portland, ME.

The programming was excellent and truly engaging. Our second event was our member meeting/CEU offering at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. The attendance was a bit lower than we hoped but the programming was also excellent. We are looking forward to hearing the details of the next upcoming NNEATC in June being hosted by the VAAT.



## President

Kristina Keddie LAT, ATC, CPT

Happy Holidays everyone! The RIATA has been working hard behind the scenes to get our projects and initiatives underway. 2023 will be a positive year for Rhode Island, and the athletic training community.

The RIATA has been working with KSI, to plan a TUFSS (Team Up for Sports Safety) meeting, and our legislative team has been preparing for the new year and a new legislative session. We are planning an event with the Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island in March, so please look out for more information coming soon! We would love to have other district one members participate, so be on the lookout for more details. We are also looking forward to hosting the RIATA annual state conference and meeting at the end of May, which is also open to all District 1 members!



I would like to take a moment again to congratulate our RIATA 2022 award winners:

**Dr. Keith Monchik**, Service Award 2022 (pictured left)

**Salvatore Palermo, DAT, LAT, ATC, CES**, RIATA Athletic Trainer of the Year 2022. (pictured right)

**Valerie Webber, MS, LAT, ATC, RAA** RIATA Hall of Fame 2022 (pictured left)

Finally, congratulations to the following athletic trainers and their schools who have been recently awarded The Safe Sports School Award: Joyce Freeman - Moses Brown School, Amanda Moran - East Providence High School, and Salvatore Palermo - Ponaganset High School. Thank you for all your hard work. The RIATA wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and looking forward to seeing you at the EATAs!







## President

Gregory Jancaitis, DAT, ATC, CSCS

The Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers continues to fulfill its mission of providing education for its membership. This spring we held our membership business meeting and welcomed a return to in-person events with a suturing and advanced wound closure workshop led by Dr Jim Russell. Our educational planning committee did an incredible job pulling the event together, and we look forward to more engaging sessions at our fall meeting.

The VAAT once again awarded scholarships to students in the state. This year's D-1 Eduardo "Chico" Hernandez Scholarship award winner was Sara Morales (Norwich University '22) and the VAAT John Feenick Scholarship was awarded to Rylee Nichols (Castleton University '22) This summer the VAAT will also be conducting a needs assessment with the association regarding any specific Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives that should be taken. Sarah Cook, PhD and Assistant Professor at Castleton University is revising a survey to send out to the membership to identify the most important issues facing the members. The VAAT will use information from these responses to develop an action plan moving forward.

In the coming months, we will be opening the nominations period for new state officers. This year we will have 3 officer positions opening. We will be looking for a President-Elect to step in and both our Secretary and Treasurer will be up for re-election. Nominations will open early fall and officers will officially transition into their terms at our spring 2023 meeting.





Education Advancement  
Committee  
Meghan Lewis  
District One Chair

The EAC has created some great content in the [Educator's Toolkit](#). We have released a two-part series on "Implementing Social Determinants of Health into ATEPs". We encourage all to check it out and engage on the Den discussion. Additional topics will be released as part of the Educator's Toolkit in the next couple of weeks, so keep your eyes open! If you have any topics you'd like to see covered in our Educator's Toolkit, please contact me. We are actively working on contributing to the "Reshaping Education" initiative that was published by the NATA ECE. Also, it's never too early to be thinking about applying for the EAC Continuing Professional Development in Educational Scholarship Grant. Applications are due in June! Hoping your holiday season is filled with special moments of magic, health and prosperity!



Ethnic Diversity Advisory  
Committee  
Nicolas Benitez  
District One Chair

EDAC has been working hard since the NATA symposium in Atlanta this past June which was a great success!

We hosted a Town Hall, Service Project, and again participated in Be The Match for the National Bone Marrow Registry. We are also hard at work developing Bystander Training for the NATA as well as updating our Diversity in Leadership report to be presented at NATA Symposium 2023. The last time we published this information was in 2017, so we are excited to see how the profession has evolved in that time. In addition to presenting the data we have collected, we are assembling an excellent panel of diverse athletic trainers to discuss actionable items to improve diversity in the profession and to take questions from attendees. Our EDAC 365 campaign is coming to an end, where we have posted daily on social media regarding topics relevant to diversity in athletic training for the entirety of 2022. We are currently seeking applicants for the Bill Chisolm Professional Service Award, presented annually to an individual who has contributed to the development and enhancement of ethnically diverse athletic trainers. Applications are due February 1st, application information can be found on the EDAC page on the NATA website.



NATA GAC Update  
Jim Murdock, MEEd, ATC  
District One Chair

The Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) has updated the grant application process. The intent of the new application process is to better educate the states in the process and requirements for the grant monies and to further enhance the documentation of the need and tracking of the funding.

Our hope is to make the ability for states applying for funding more invested in their responsibility for their fundraising and shared fiscal accountability. The new process involves each state creating its own Legislative Action Plan with a subsequent After-Action document. The states have just submitted their action plans and the GAC will be reviewing them. The release of this new application and process however does not come with any funding. The GAC is still awaiting the NATA BOD for its approval to release funding. We as well as the states had hoped funding would have been available for the 2023 cycle. The purpose for this approach is to have all parties involved prepared to start the allocation of funds as soon as they are available.

The GAC has continued to assist states in the following areas:

1. Legislative educational process and procedures
2. Enhanced efforts for obtaining financial resources (fundraising, donor support)
3. Educational outreach to existing NATA Governmental Affairs resources (data information, software programs and other outreach collaboration)
4. Educational resources to enhance advocacy and informational outreach.
5. A concerted effort and plan to re-evaluate the function and goals of the NATA GAC.

The GAC is committed to support states in their legislative efforts and ways to advance and protect the Athletic Training professional.



## ICSM Update

Dan Davies, ATC  
District One Chair NCAA D-I At-large

As an advocate for collegiate athletes and athletic trainers, the Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine works to create resources

for those practicing in this setting. The ICSM would like to thank all the athletic trainers who have worked extremely hard over the past year continuing to support athletes in an ever-changing collegiate landscape. We also extend our congratulations to Erin Variano, Brown University who has been selected as the new Ivy League representative to the ICSM.

We would also like to remind you of the numerous resources available from the ICSM. [View Resources Here.](#)

As we head toward the end of our fall semesters, I want to give everyone an update on some of the ICSM projects.

1. The ICSM has been collaborating with the Collegiate Group of the Compensation Task Force over the past year. Our past survey and collaborative work is leading to an upcoming resource addressing the current Collegiate Athletic Trainer Landscape. On that note, if you have not viewed any of the [Compensation Podcasts](#), I recommend you do. They've been very good so far.
2. The Best Practices for Development of a Bias Action Plan materials are now on the ICSM Resource page. We are currently organizing a Town Hall on this topic for some time in December or January.
3. Another project that crossed over from last spring and includes current and past ICSM is the Professional Management and Advancement Best Practices for the Collegiate Athletic Trainer which can be found on the ICSM resource page. This has been introduced to both Chair of the NATA's Career Advancement Committee and Chair of

the Young Professionals. Their committees are very supportive of the resource, and we are in the process of scheduling a meeting for December to see how we can collaborate with this further.

4. Monkey Pox infographic was quickly created in response to the NCAA's Health Care Administrator communication to provide education to student-athletes, coaches and administrators.
5. 2023 NATA symposia presentation has been approved. Beyond the Athletic Training Room: Administration 101" Theme: Recruit, Retain, Integrate and Develop Emerging Athletic Trainers Administrative Responsibilities
6. NATA liaison to the NCAA's Mental Health Task Force has been approved. The overall goal of the Task Force is to update/revise the current NCAA Mental Health Best Practice Document.
7. Currently finishing up interviews and selection process for new members. Will be finalizing the open seats currently available after the Thanksgiving holiday. Ivy League, NJCAA, the new NCAA DIII Chair and NAIA Chair. The new Chairs will begin in June. Communication of those selected will be done once everything is finalized.
8. There is a new project within the team physician community regarding Name, Image and Likeness and collegiate medical care. A Town Hall on this topic with team MD's, AD's and legal representation with experience in NIL is currently being developed. More information is to come but we think we have our panelists identified. More to come once its finalized
9. Another new project is a collaboration with the Certified Specialists in Sports Dietetics. If you haven't seen the recent Inter-association document. They reached out to the ICSM, and we are discussing an upcoming Town Hall for late January or early February.

If there are any issues or concerns you feel strongly about, please reach out to Dan Davies (Bowdoin College).





### ATs Care

Laura Darby McNally, LAT, ATC  
District One Chair

ATs Care continues to reach out and support ATs through out the district. As the possible stress of the holidays, the new year and work approach, ATs in need of support can reach out for themselves or other ATs [HERE](#).

If you are looking to become trained in Assisting Individuals Critical incident stress management, stay tuned as we are working on an early March training in the district.



### Council on Practice Advancement

Amanda Donahue, ATC  
District One Chair

The NATA COPA Con 2023 Virtual Conference on Practice Advancement Request for Proposals!

Location and Date: Virtual March 31-April 1, 2023  
Submission Deadline: Dec. 12, 2022. To submit, [CLICK HERE](#).

A call for programming is being issued for NATA COPA Con 2023 to be held virtually March 31- April 1, 2023, and on-demand through the end of April 2023. The conference theme is "Results and Resiliency."

Proposal topics should be related to one or more of the following settings or COPA subgroup: • Armed Forces • Community Outreach • Public Safety • Performing Arts • Physician Practice • Occupational • Health Care Administration • Private and Emerging Practice • Rehabilitation Clinic • Analytics and Outcomes

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

If you are an AT working in the performing arts or a student interested in finding a mentor, performing arts has now been added to the NATA Gather Mentorship listing! We are looking for both performing arts mentors and mentees to take advantage of this new offering!



### LGBTQ+ AC

Robert Kearney, MEd, LAT, ATC  
(He/Him)  
District One Representative

The NATA LGBTQ+ Advisory committee created and distributed a feedback survey for all members who participated in our Safe Space Ally Training course, either in person, virtual or through the PDC. The responses we received will be instrumental in guiding us in our development of a level two Safe Space Ally Training. Stay tuned over the next few months for updates.

**Students:** Be on the lookout for a student survey in collaboration with the Student Leadership Committee and our student representative to help identify gaps in knowledge of LGBTQIA+ health and what we can do as a committee to fill in those gaps.

In the meantime, connect with the NATA LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee to get more engaged in promoting inclusion relevant to diverse sexualities, gender identities and gender expressions, within the profession including patients and colleagues. If you'd like to be more involved at the state or district level, please email me: [kearney.robert65@gmail.com](mailto:kearney.robert65@gmail.com)

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy holiday season and look forward to seeing all of you in person at EATA!





## NATAPAC

John Ryan, EdD, LAT, ATC  
District One Chair

Please consider making a recurring contribution to the NATAPAC. The National Athletic Trainers Association

Political Action Committee (NATAPAC) provides campaign contributions to approved governmental candidates on behalf of NATA. The NATAPAC works on behalf of all athletic trainers to enhance health care for both the athletic training profession and those who receive care from athletic trainers. NATAPAC works to effect change by supporting candidates for public office and special interest topics whose views and intentions mesh with our own professional and philosophical goals.

When registering for EATA, and if you have already done so, you can still make a contribution to the NATAPAC by going back into the EATA registration site and clicking on the NATAPAC tab. A recurring \$5 contribution gets you a NATAPAC mug or mason jar. A \$75 contribution to the NATAPAC gets you a beautiful Challenge Coin which you can keep or pass along to a colleague to encourage them to contribute.



## NATA Research and Education Foundation

Jennifer Sturtevant, MBA, LAT, ATC  
District One Chair

The NATA Foundation is seeking applicants for its inaugural Nominating Committee. This committee will be responsible for developing, maintaining, and facilitating a strategic inclusive and equitable recruitment system. If you're interested in shaping the leadership landscape for the future of the Foundation, [please consider applying or encouraging others to apply!](#)

The Foundation has also launched our annual "Health for the Holidays" campaign again. Please consider making a gift that demonstrates your gratitude for the health care that ATs provide as every dollar goes to helping advance the profession through research, education professional development. Here's how to donate:

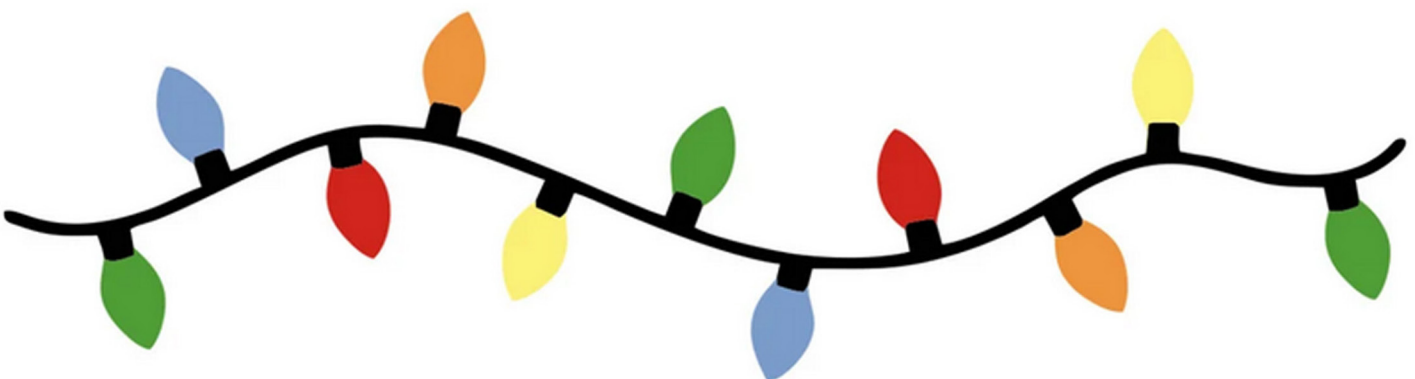
Send a personalized e-card to friends & family when you make a gift in their name. Learn more & order e-cards: Special Events and Campaigns – NATA Research & Education Foundation ([natafoundation.org](http://natafoundation.org))

Select the Foundation as your "charity of choice" with AmazonSmile! An easy way to support the AT profession every time you shop with Amazon.

Here is where you can find more ways to connect and support the Foundation:  
[natafoundation.org/support/ways-to-give/](http://natafoundation.org/support/ways-to-give/)

Hope to see you all in Boston for EATA in January. Stop by the Foundation booth to say hello!!

Have a safe and peaceful holiday season!





## Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee (SSATC)

Amy Wiggins, ATC  
District One Chair

SSAT continues to meet to work on various projects. We announced early this year that we have two new SSATC awards. These will be given annually, so if you missed this year's, submit for next year.

### Servant Heart ATOTY

Stay tuned for the winners, and if you have been asked to submit a letter of recommendation that is still open!

**Safe School Sports Awards** We have been busy with the SAFE SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS Thank you and congratulations to all the schools who received this award!

Proctor Academy	Kents Hill
Catholic Memorial	East Providence
Skowhegan Area High School	Wells High School
Burr and Burton Academy	Moses High School
New Hampton High School	St. Marks

**SSATC Initiatives** We have an opportunity for a SSAT to follow our committee for 3 months to share thoughts. Please see the attached flyer with more information and contact me if interested .

**HS engagement/ recruitment for students** SSATC Committee is developing strategies to support increased enrollment in athletic training programs . If you would like to discuss any ideas, please contact me I will be working on a new project proposal 'Position

Support and Supervision Guide'. We will work with NFHS, AD's superintendents and coaches to create resource supporting medical autonomy and support healthy working conditions! Stay tuned for updates.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR...**

**WHO:** Members of an underserved population within the secondary school athletic training community.

**WHY:** To shadow and provide input to the NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- NATA Member
- Have an NPI number
- Working as a Secondary School Athletic Trainer

**SEND YOUR LETTER OF INTEREST & RESUME TO:**  
Your District Director and/or President and your District SSATC Chair

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## Keep In Touch!



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