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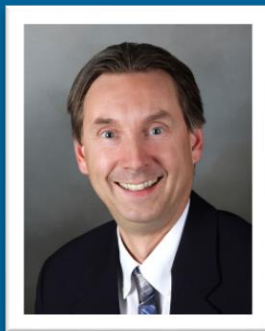
Notes from the Director

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

March 2018

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Welcome from Westy

March 2018

Dear District One Members,

We've weathered a few Nor'easters lately, but hopefully longer days and warmer weather are in the forecast for the near future. Last week, we visited Washington, D.C. for another successful NATA Capitol Hill Day. ATOM President Bob Colandreo and I had the honor of meeting with Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts (tight), and we strongly encouraged her to support and co-sponsor the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act. I know several state associations are holding their respective "Hit the Hill" meetings this month at their respective state capitals. I encourage you to attend if you're able, and to support initiatives impacting the profession in your state.

March, of course, is National Athletic Training Month; this year's theme is "Compassionate Care for All." I truly believe this is an excellent slogan for what we do on every day in our profession. On Friday, March 23, many AT students, YP's and NATA leadership will be in New York City outside the TODAY show and Good Morning America promoting NATM and the profession. You may even catch a glimpse of me in the background. I'd ask you each to find the time this month to reach out to members of your community, parents and the local media to tell your story. We have to be our own advocates. Even though for many of us this is difficult, it does promote the profession of athletic training. [Here are some great resources to help you.](#)



I continue to encourage ALL secondary school AT's, especially those in the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont, to work toward applying for a District One Safe School Sports Award Grant. District One will pay the entire application fee for first-time applicants, and it is a terrific way to demonstrate the value of AT's in the secondary school setting.

Please note that NATA convention registration is open. Diane and I are in the process of selecting the LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee representative, and the Mentor for the District One Student Ambassadors.

Thanks for all you do... and happy spring!

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Timothy S. Weston M.Ed., ATC
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District One News

RIATA Battles to Keep AT Licensure in the Department of Health

On February 27, RIATA President Valerie Webber, President-Elect Jeff Nadeau, and Matt Culp testified in opposition to Article 6, a bill that would remove athletic training licensure from the Department of Health (DOH) to the Department of Business Regulation (DBR). Webber has met with the Chief of Health Professionals Licensing, Boards and Commissions, and the Board. At this point, RIATA is cautiously optimistic that AT licensure will stay within the Department of Health. The RIATA Executive Board and lobbyists continue to monitor the status of Article 6.

March 31 Deadline for NATA Legislative Advocacy Award Nominations

The NATA Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) has issued a call for nominations for four awards given annually by the committee to state associations and individuals. Nominations for the [Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Awards](#) (two awards for state association activity), the [William T. Griffin Award for Outstanding Leadership in Legislative Advocacy](#), and the [Impact Advocacy Award](#) are being accepted until **March 31, 2018**. Click on the link for each award for complete information and the online nomination form. Contact District One GAC Chair [Jamie Musler](#) if you have any questions.

Is Your School a Safe Sports School? Grants are Available!

District One grants are available to secondary school ATs in District One. Grants cover the full cost of the application for first-time Safe Sports School Award applications. The grant covers the full amount of the application fee for the SSSA. [Click here for more information.](#)

Safe School Sports Awards in District One

Congratulations our latest Safe Sports School Award recipients, all 1st Team awards!

- ❖ Old Orchard Beach High School (ME) - Stephanie Facchini, ATC
- ❖ Trumbull High School (CT) – Michael Dias, ATC & Dan Searles, ATC
- ❖ Carrabassett Valley High School (ME) - Tristy Wolfe, ATC
- ^ Goffstown High School (NH) - Bethany Roun, ATC
- ^ Essex Technical High School (MA) – Matthew Brucker, ATC

❖ = AT received a District One grant for the Safe Sports School Award

^ = Renewal of Safe Sports School Award (for an additional 3-year term)



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NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

EATA News



Call for Nominations for EATA President-Elect

The position of **EATA President-Elect** is now open for nominations. Nominations will be open until September 1, 2018. The election will take place from September 15th to September 30th, 2018. All nominees **MUST** be NATA members from **District One** and be in good standing. If you would like to nominate someone for this office, please complete the on-line form by September 1st. You can access the link [here](#) or by going to www.goata.org and clicking on Pages/Governance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nominations Chair, Barbara Hemphill at bhemphill@govsacademy.org or by phone at (978) 270-6958.

National News

NATA Registration is Open!



Are you ready for New Orleans? [Register now](#) for the NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo. If you haven't reserved your hotel yet, here's the [housing link](#). We're looking forward to seeing lots of District One members in NOLA!



Strategic Alliance News

BOC Awards Nominations Open



The BOC has issued a call for nominations for two prestigious BOC awards. The **Dan Libera Award** recognizes BOC volunteers who have shown dedication to the mission of the BOC. Long-standing contributions to the BOC's programs are the primary criteria for the award. Nominations for the Libera award are due April 16, 2018.

The **Paul Grace Leadership Award** was established to recognize individuals who have excelled in developing, designing and/or implementing programs or practices that have contributed to the mission of the BOC. Nominations for the Grace award are due May 7, 2018. Letters of nomination should be sent to ShannonF@bocatc.org. [Click here](#) for more information about the awards.

Important Dates & Deadlines



Upcoming Events

March 26, 2018: [RIATA 6th Annual Sports Medicine Conference](#), Rhode Island College

May 17, 2018: [CATA Symposium](#), Cromwell Radisson, Cromwell, CT

May 18, 2018: [15th Annual Polar Bear Sports Medicine Conference](#), Brunswick, ME

May 18, 2018: [NHMI Hot Topics in Sports Medicine](#), Manchester NH

June 1-3, 2018: **Northern New England Athletic Training Conference**, S. Portland, ME

Open now

[NATA GAC Legislative Advocacy Awards](#)

[BOC Dan Libera and Paul Grace Leadership Awards nominations](#)

[Nominations for EATA President-Elect](#)

Deadlines

March 31, 2018: Deadline for NATA-GAC Legislative Advocacy Awards

April 16, 2018: Deadline for nominations for BOC Dan Libera Award

May 7, 2018: Deadline for nominations for BOC Paul Grace Leadership Award

Sept. 1, 2018: Deadline for nominations for EATA President-Elect

Save the Date

June 26-29, 2018: NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, New Orleans, LA

July 21, 2018: 4th Annual NHATA Golf Tournament, Concord, NH

January 10-14, 2019: EATA Annual Meeting, Valley Forge, PA

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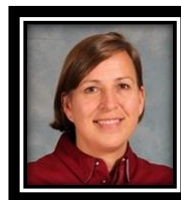
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