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

Notes from
the Director

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Dear District One Membership,

This is usually the time of year when I would report on another successful "Hit the Hill" but instead for 2016 we are going to have this event during the NATA convention in Baltimore. I encourage you to sign up for this event if you are able to attend the convention this year, it is part of your on line registration form, sign up is first come, first serve, so act fast if you want to "hop on the bus" to DC.

Please note the recent e blast of several upcoming state meetings and various upcoming CE opportunities within District One this spring. There was so much information that we decided to send it out separately.

March also brings our annual promotion of National Athletic Trainer Month and you will find more details under the NATA section. As has occurred previously this past Friday morning many of our AT students, YP's and NATA leadership could be seen outside the TODAY show promoting our profession. Special "shout out" to our YP Chair Beth Wolfe for attending. You may have seen this event on many of our social media outlets. I would respectfully request for each of you during NATM to reach out to members of your community, parents and 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.

Finally, I was attending our MATA state association meeting this past Friday and was totally surprised by being inducted into the MATA Hall of Fame. To say I was in shock would be an understatement. I would like to personally thank the members of the MATA for this prestigious award.

Thanks again and happy spring,

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National News

Registration is open for the 2016 convention in Baltimore!



You can now register for the 67th NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo. If you sign up before May 1, you can take advantage of the early-bird discount and get the best pricing available. While you are at the convention site, you can also sign up for housing and read over the Preliminary Program to get an early look at what will be offered this year in Baltimore. <http://convention.nata.org/registration/>



National Athletic Training Month

National Athletic Training Month has kicked off with this year's theme: "A safer approach to work, life and sport." A number of PR tools are available on the NATA website (see the NATM section) to help you promote your job and the athletic training profession. Check out the NATM toolkit filled with ideas, along with the downloadable logo and sample documents such as a press release, media alert and PSA. You will also find information on how to participate in the NATM social media contest, which will offer another way to promote the profession as well as some great prizes. And once the month gets started, check the site for information on entering the annual NATM public relations contest for a chance to win free NATA logo merchandise and bragging rights!

<http://www.nata.org/national-athletic-training-month>



Joint Committee Meeting

For the third consecutive year, NATA hosted the Joint Committee Meeting, which brought together the board of directors and volunteers from the majority of the association's committees. More than 200 members traveled to Dallas for the 3-day event, which included updates from each group on their current committee activities, initiative overviews from staff, individual committee meetings and networking opportunities. Your association is busier than ever working on initiatives to improve the profession, and hearing about the many projects volunteers and staff are working on was both exciting and energizing for all involved!

Your 2016 JCM Attendees from District One

Tim Weston - NATA BOD	Denise Alosa - SSATC
Sue Guyer - DST	Chantal Hunter - SLC
Diane Sartanowicz - DST	Jon Reidy - SLC, Chair
Vicky Graham - DST	Mark Laursen - CAATE
Jamie Musler - GAC	Doug Casa - KSI
Beth Wolfe - YP	Barb Blackstone - ECE
Matt Campbell - PR	Chad Krawiec - PDC
Bob Howard - CUATC	Erik Swartz - CPC Chair
Brian Vesce - PEC & Transition to Practice Workgroup	Mary Barnum - PEC Chair
	Molly McNeil - COPA

Joint Commission on Sports Medicine and Science (JCSMS)

NATA President Scott Sailor, EdD, ATC and Executive Director Dave Saddler attended the annual JCSMS meeting in February to share NATA's current priorities and learn about initiatives being undertaken by other associations in the sports medicine and sports science arenas. The purpose of the JCSMS is to serve as a catalyst for cooperative programs between the 37 organizations that comprise the group.

New Year New Look and a NATA Foundation Milestone Celebration!

The NATA Foundation is proud to present an updated logo and a new website to kick off our 25th Anniversary Celebration! The current NATA Foundation was incorporated in 1991 and established with grants from the NATA and Johnson & Johnson. During these past 25 years, the NATA Foundation has awarded more than 260 research grants totaling more than \$4 million dollars and awarded almost \$3 million to 1,490 students through our scholarship program. Additionally almost 5,000 presentations (oral and poster) have been provided through the Free Communications program.



NATA Knowledge Initiatives update

The quiz center closed with its strongest year ever. There were 143,007 free CEUs used. This is by far the largest number ever used. The normal cost to a member per CEU in the center is \$15. At that cost the value of CEUs that were free in 2015 is over \$2,000,000. The increased usage is due in great part to the EBP category of CEUs available in the center.

Degree Transition – What’s Next?

In response to the degree transition, the Professional Development Committee and Executive Committee for Education have begun rolling out on-demand sessions targeted to educators to assist with degree transition plans. Each session provides information that is based on best practices and provides tools to help frame critical thinking. The content is not prescriptive and is accompanied by a disclaimer that states this fact.

In response to a survey conducted by the Professional Education Committee several categories of interest were addressed by educators as to where they would like assistance. The most important thing was determining if they wanted to transition. Based on the feedback, an on-demand session was rolled out in December that introduces the use of a SWOT analysis and input from two programs that have made the transition. The session has been well-received. The next session is now under development and will focus on organizational structure.

NATA Leadership Development

In January, the BOD gave the go-ahead to a proposal for a revamp of the StarTracks program. Those currently enrolled in StarTracks will still be able to complete their program. During 2016, the new initiative will begin to roll out. While StarTracks has been well-rated and utilized by the scholars who have completed it, the purpose of the change is primarily to keep evolving our approaches to leadership development and to make the content fit the various learning styles of the participants.



Why an NPI?

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a unique 10-digit number that individually identifies all health care providers. Prior to 2004, the primary identifier for health care providers was either a state license number or a unique physician identification number (UPIN). Because different health care providers used various types of identifiers, Medicare required NPIs for all health care providers. All HIPPA compliant health care providers, including athletic trainers, are required to use the NPI as their identifier in all EMR systems when transmitting health information.

The athletic training profession is positioned to be a leader in health care reform, since our team based approach to health care is the model on which the future is based. As the health care industry moves to adopt prevention as a key component of patient care, athletic trainers must be at the forefront. Missing this opportunity would be extremely detrimental to the future of our profession. As health care providers, athletic trainers should have an NPI, regardless of setting.

For further information or for step-by-step instructions on how to apply for your NPI, see <http://www.nata.org/NPI>

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Positions Filled

The Professional Development Committee and Professional Education Committee District One Representatives openings have been filled. I would like to congratulate both of these individuals and thank Chad and Brian for their service.

Regina Kostyun has replaced Chad Krawiec as the District One PDC representative.

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Position Vacancy

District One is looking for a qualified candidate to serve on the EATA Technology Committee. Please send Director Weston your resume/vitae and letter of interest by April 1st.

Grant Opportunities for Safe Sport School Application

The Executive Council has approved \$2,500 for a District One grant application program! Stay tuned for more exciting information about this program.



safe sports school
NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION
1st Team

Governmental Affairs Committee Award Nomination

Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Awards

We are pleased to announce the Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Award Contest. All entries must be received at the NATA Government Affairs Office by March 31, 2016. Winners will be chosen by members of the Government Affairs Council and honored at the National Convention (during the State Leadership Forum meeting). <http://www.nata.org/dan-campbell-legislative-award>

William T. Griffin Award for Outstanding Leadership in Legislative Advocacy

We are pleased to announce the William T. Griffin Award. All entries must be completed using the on line nomination form link above by March 31, 2015. You may contact Lathan Watts, Manager of State Government Affairs at lathanw@nata.org with any questions. Winners will be chosen by the Government Affairs Committee and honored at the NATA convention during the State Leadership Forum. http://www.nata.org/Griffin_award_legislative_advocacy_leadership

Maine Hall of Fame Induction

Director Tim "Westy" Weston was inducted into the Maine Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame on Friday March 4, 2016 during the state meeting. The award is given in recognition of professional excellence and years of dedicated service to the physically active and for Athletic Trainers in the State of Maine.



Director Weston (on left) poses prior to receiving the Maine HOF Award form John Ryan, Vice President MATA.



EATA Openings

The EATA Executive Board would like to officially announce that the positions of EATA President-Elect and EATA Treasurer are now open to nomination. Nominations will be open until September 1, 2016. The election will be held September 15 - October 7. Our current Treasurer, Ron Laham will be running for re-election. If you would like to nominate someone for an EATA office, please complete the on-line form by September 1st.

http://goeata.org/gov_nominations.html

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

EATA Research Grant Proposals - Submission Deadline Midnight March 15

The EATA is currently accepting Research Grant proposals. For guidelines and application, visit http://www.goeata.org/research_all.html#grant and click "research" or contact: Kenneth L. Cameron, PhD, MPH, ATC, CSCS Grants Chair, EATA Research Committee: kenneth.l.cameron.civ@mail.mil.

2017 EATA Call for Program Proposals - Deadline March 31

The EATA Convention Program Committee has begun to assemble the programming for the 2017 EATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia to be held January 6 – June 9 in Philadelphia, PA. Program proposals are now welcomed from EATA members and non-members. For more information, visit http://www.goeata.org/downloads/PDF/2017_EATA_Call%20Proposals.pdf or contact Greg Janik, EATA President-Elect, at gkjanik@kings.edu.

Continuing Education Opportunities



2016 CATA Symposium
Thursday, May 19, 2016
Quinnipiac University - Mount Carmel Campus



2016 ATOM Student and YP Symposium
Sunday, April 3, 2016
Springfield College

2016 ATOM/RI Spring Conference
May 26, 2016
Lasell College





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