

## Quick September Notes from the District One Director

September 14, 2016



Hello everyone,

[NATA Honors & Awards Nominations CLOSE on September 15](http://www.nata.org/membership/honors-and-awards) - this Thursday! Please nominate a deserving colleague to recognize him or her for their service to the profession. It only takes a moment to nominate someone, and the nominee has until October 1 to submit award materials. For more information, please visit <http://www.nata.org/membership/honors-and-awards>.

You have probably heard by now that the **Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act** (H.R. 921) was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives this past Monday, September 12. I'm sure you share my excitement about our success at getting the bill passed in the House. This is a historic event for our profession, but only the first half of the battle! The U.S. Senate version of the bill (S. 689) must be passed before the end of the legislative session, in order for the bill to end up on the President's desk for his signature.

The Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act clarifies medical liability rules for sports medicine professionals (including ATs) to ensure they are covered by their professional liability insurance when traveling with teams to other states. "Health care services provided by a covered athletic trainer or other sports medicine professional to an athlete, athletic team or a staff member in another state will be deemed to have satisfied any licensure requirements of the secondary state."

Please take a moment and **CALL your U.S. Senators TODAY** to encourage them to co-sponsor S. 689, the Sports Medicine License Clarity Act. Click [here](#) for Senate contact information.

Thanks very much,

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### Quick News

- ✚ District One is proud of The Taft School (CT), our newest Safe Sports School. Congratulations to the entire AT staff at Taft on your 1<sup>st</sup> Team award! Fantastic Job!
- ✚ We are pleased to announce that Laura Darby McNally is the District One **ATs Care** representative. We look forward to hearing from her about this exciting new AT peer-to-peer support program.
- ✚ **Reminder:** The **deadline** for nominations for the [Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award](#) (for District One) is **September 30, 2016**.
- ✚ **Reminder:** The **deadline** for [EATA Research Committee Abstract](#) submissions is **October 1, 2016**. Abstracts are for the 2017 EATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium, January 6-9, 2017 at the Loews in Philadelphia, PA.