

DISTRICT ONE



Notes from the Director

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

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Welcome from Westy

Dear District One Members,

I hope everyone is doing well as one of the busiest months in our profession, September, seems to be rolling along. I hope everyone is dealing with the inevitable increase in workload that this time of year brings to our profession.

The NATA Presidential election is underway. We have two outstanding candidates in Tory Lindley and Kathy Dieringer. I ask that you read their respective platforms, make a choice, and please VOTE! The election ends September 30. Additional information is on page 4 of these Notes.

Congratulations to Diane Sartanowicz who, because she is running unopposed, is now the District One Director-Elect, and to Vicky Graham, who also is running unopposed and will serve two more years as District One Secretary. Both Diane and Vicky are outstanding leaders in our profession. I could not be more pleased that they will be part of the leadership team for District One moving forward. The election for District One Treasurer will be held electronically from October 1-15. We have two great candidates in Julie Alexander and John Ryan. Both have served their respective state associations, District One and the NATA with distinction. You will be getting an email ballot to vote. I urge everyone to take the time to review each candidate's information and then again, please VOTE! Your participation is critical to the process of electing District Officers.

In addition, the election for EATA Secretary is underway right now, through Oct. 7. Information on that election can be found on page 10 of these Notes.

Thank you to everyone who submitted Honors and Awards nominations. You should be receiving a message from the NATA because you nominated one or more of your colleagues for an NATA award. Please make sure you assist your nominee(s) with this process because all award materials are due by October 1.

It does not seem possible, but it's time to prepare for the annual EATA Convention in Boston coming up in January. Registration is open!

Finally, my sincere condolences go out to the University of Vermont AT program, faculty, AT students, and the family and friends of third-year AT student Rebecca Ryan, who passed away as a result of a rock climbing accident over this past weekend. The AT Cares program has been activated and will assist all involved. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks,

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[Timothy S. Weston M.Ed., ATC](#)
District One Director

National News

NATA Presidential Election

Please take the time to vote for NATA President. Voting is open to elect the 14th NATA President. Candidates are Kathy Dieringer, EdD, ATC, LAT, and Tory Lindley, MA, ATC. [Click here for more information about the candidates.](#)

How do you vote?

NATA certified members should have received an email about the election from Intelliscan (NATA2017@intelliscaninc.com) with a unique voting link that provides access to the election website. If you didn't receive it, please check your junk mail folder and make sure your email is accurate in the NATA system.

It's your profession. Your future. **Please vote!**



Kathy Dieringer



Tory Lindley

District One News



District One Election News

Nominations for District One Director, Secretary, and Treasurer closed on Sept. 1. The election for District Officers will be held October 1-15, 2018, via e-ballot. Outgoing Director Tim Weston is coordinating all aspects of the election.

Candidate for District One Director

Diane Sartanowicz is running unopposed for District One Director. Pursuant to District One bylaws, she is considered elected to the position and will assume the role of Director-Elect immediately. A voice vote of affirmation will be taken during the District One Business meeting at the EATA Convention in January 2018. Sartanowicz will take over for Director Tim Weston when he completes his term in June during the 2018 NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo. See Director-Elect Sartanowicz' statement in this edition of the Notes.

Candidate for District One Secretary

Vicky Graham is running unopposed for re-election to a second two-year term as District One Secretary, and is considered re-elected, pursuant to District One bylaws. A voice vote of affirmation will be taken during the District One Business meeting at the EATA Convention in January 2018.

Candidates for District One Treasurer

Julie Alexander and John Ryan are running for the position of District One Treasurer. The Treasurer serves a single four-year term. The election for District One Treasurer will take place from October 1-15, via e-ballot.



Julie Alexander



John Ryan

Statement from Director-Elect Diane Sartanowicz

Dear District One Members,

It is a great day to be an Athletic Trainer! Our profession continues to be at the forefront of health care and safety of our student-athletes as we are recognized as a valuable part of the medical team. I am equally excited to have the opportunity to continue the tremendous work that has been done by Director Weston. I have worked in the collegiate, secondary school, junior high school and clinic settings for over 26 years, but my true passion is in teaching where I have been both a Health/Physical Education Instructor and Athletic Trainer for various secondary schools in New England. I left a school setting after 15 years to take on a new role as the Director of the Massachusetts Concussion Management Coalition; as I continue to educate and inform about our program which provides all schools with access to the tools and resources needed for them to be successful with concussions and their management.

I have been fortunate enough to serve in many leadership capacities over my time in this profession. These years of leadership service started at the state level where I was President of the Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts (ATOM) from 2006-2007. After serving in that role, I went on to be elected as President of the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA). From there, I was elected as District One Treasurer and have been in this role from 2014 to the present. Some of my other leadership roles include currently serving as the District Secretaries'/Treasurers' (DST) Committee Vice-Chair for Treasurers as well as representing our district on the NATAPAC Board of Directors. Because giving back to the profession is so important to me, I have volunteered my time each year to events such as the Boston Marathon and the Bay State Summer Games where I was the medical coordinator for 10 years. I feel fortunate to have the time and energy to devote to an elected position such as the District Director and I look forward to this next step and carrying out the many responsibilities of this role.

Our membership is strong and continues to grow. If elected, an initiative I would like to implement is for us to look to endow our state scholarships as well as increased financial support for our state presidents, Quiz Bowl winners and Student Leadership representative. As the focus tends to be on our students and young professionals, I would like to find a way to support our certified members as well. This might begin with the initiation of a grant for continuing education/professional development for these members. This grant funding may be used for schooling, other certifications within the sports medicine field, or used for equipment needs at their institutions.

You will find in me the qualities of a team player, hard-working and diligent in my responsibilities. I want to be your voice to represent District One on the NATA Board of Directors. I will work cooperatively with the partners of the Strategic Alliance so that we can continue to grow and develop our competencies as our profession moves forward into the many varied job settings. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent District One as Director and look forward to working with all of you."

Thank you.

Diane Sartanowicz, MS, LAT, ATC

Opening for District One Social Media Coordinator

District One is seeking candidates interested in coordinating the District's social media efforts. The position will work under the oversight of the District One Public Relations Chair. If interested, please send PRC Chair Matt Campbell your C.V. and a brief statement of interest, including your thoughts on how District One can better utilize social media. Send materials to: mcampbell7@springfieldcollege.edu by **October 15**.

Thanks to Beth Wolfe

We'd like to extend our thanks to District One YPC Chair Beth Wolfe, who has accepted a new job outside of District One. Beth brought tremendous energy and insight to her role on the YPC, and has also been responsible for our social media efforts over the past few years. We're extremely sad to see her leave, but wish her the very best in her new position!



District One YP Committee Opening

District One is seeking candidates interested in serving as the District's representative to the NATA Young Professionals' Committee. "The mission of the Young Professionals' Committee (YPC) is to identify and address the interests, needs and concerns of young athletic training professionals and to facilitate communication to and from members of that group." ATs in their first 12 years of practice are considered YPs, regardless of age. Interested YPs should send a letter of interest and current C.V. to directordistrictone@gmail.com by **October 15**.

Latest Safe Sports Schools in District One

Congratulations to Grady Congleton, ATC at **Kents Hill School** (ME), and the AT staff at **Brunswick School** (Greenwich, CT) on receiving Safe Sports School Awards (1st Team)! Congleton was the recipient of a District One grant for the Safe Sports School Award, which supported the cost of the application. Kudos to Brunswick Head Athletic Trainer Marc Strileckis, ATC, and staff: David Aylward, ATC, Ryan McGrath, ATC and Will Perkins, ATC.



District One Safe Sports School Award Grants Available

Secondary School ATs may apply for grants for first-time Safe Sports School Award applications. Grant funding is available to members from any state in District One. The grant covers the full amount of the application fee for the SSSA. [Click here for more information.](#)

District One ATs: Demonstrate Your Value



ATs are being sought to participate in the NATA-funded Athletic Trainer Outcome Monitoring (ATOM) study. The study uses a secure, HIPAA-compliant, web-based program to collect outcomes data directly from patients. It's easy to participate, and requires very little time or effort on the part of the AT – your patient completes the outcomes measure. ATs in all settings are being asked to participate. Click [here](#) for more information.

EATA News



EATA Registration Is Open!

[Registration is open for the 70th Annual EATA Conference](#), which will take place from January 5-8, 2018. We're excited to be in District One, at the Sheraton Boston for what promises to be another great meeting. New this year, the EATA has added an Educator's Conference, which will be held on Friday, January 5. There are many excellent workshops, a superb Student program, and numerous opportunities for EBP credit throughout the weekend



EATA Scholarship Applications Available

EATA Scholarship applications are being accepted until November 1, 2017. The scholarship award is \$3000. Eleven EATA Scholarships are awarded annually to students from District One and District Two who have participated with distinction in a professional-level college or university athletic training program. These awards are meant to encourage the recipients to continue their education toward a professional athletic training degree and pursue a career in athletic training. [Click here for the scholarship application.](#)

EATA Award Nominations due October 1

Time is running out...the deadline for EATA Award nominations is **October 1, 2017**:
[Cramer Award](#) nominations
[Henry Schein Award](#) nominations
[Dr. David G. Moyer Award](#) nominations

EATA Research Committee Call for Abstracts

The EATA Research Committee is accepting abstracts for the 2018 EATA Convention. Reports on experimental research, injury surveys, case studies/series, evidence based practice, critically appraised topics (CATs), systematic reviews/meta analyses, or other original research projects that are pertinent to the practice of Athletic Training or educational processes are welcomed from ATs, MDs, exercise physiologists, biomechanists, healthcare educators, and other relevant health care professionals. Details can be found here: [EATA Research Committee 2018 Call for Abstracts](#). Submissions are **due October 1, 2017**.

Doctoral Students: Apply for the Francis J. George Scholarship

The EATA is accepting applications from doctoral students for the prestigious Francis J. George Scholarship Award. Applicants for the scholarship “must display a commitment to the profession through the PRACTICE of athletic training as much if not more than contributing to the science BEHIND the PRACTICE...Applicants should also be able to demonstrate SERVICE to the PROFESSION.”

[Francis J. George Scholarship](#) applications are **due October 25, 2017**

Follow EATA on Social Media

Get the latest updates on the EATA Convention, events, scholarships and awards!
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EATA49/>

Twitter: twitter.com/EATA49

Instagram: www.instagram.com/eata_1949/



EATA Secretary Election

Make sure to check your e-mail for your e-ballot for the EATA Secretary election. Candidates are current EATA Secretary Michele Monaco and Kayla Shinew. If you did not receive a message from the EATA Voting Center, please check your bulk/junk folder, or contact webmaster@goeata.org. The EATA election closes on October 7, 2017.

Important Dates & Deadlines

Upcoming Events

District One Officers' election (October 1-15, 2017)

Open now

NATA Presidential election (September 1-30, 2017)

EATA Secretary election (September 15-Oct. 7, 2017)

[EATA Research Committee 2018 Call for Abstracts](#)

EATA [Cramer Award](#) nominations

EATA [Henry Schein Award](#) nominations

EATA [Dr. David G. Moyer Award](#) nominations

EATA [Francis J. George Scholarship](#) applications

[Registration for 70th Annual EATA Conference](#)

[Registration for EATA Educator's Conference](#)

[EATA Scholarships](#)

Deadlines

Oct. 1: EATA Research Abstracts due

Oct. 1: EATA Cramer Award nominations due

Oct. 1: Henry Schein Award nominations due

Oct. 1: Dr. David G. Moyer Award nominations due

Oct. 25: Francis J. George Scholarship applications due

Nov. 1: EATA Scholarship applications due

Dec. 29: BOC 2017 Reporting Period deadline for CE

Save the Date

October 13-15, 2017: [CAATE Accreditation Conference](#), Tampa, FL

January 5-8, 2018: EATA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

January 5, 2018: EATA Educator's Conference, Boston, MA

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