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News from the District Director, R. T. Floyd

I was very excited to see so many of you at the NATA Convention in St. Louis, particularly at the District IX meeting. I am once again so proud to offer congratulations to the significantly large number of NATA Award winners in District IX. It is always great to see our members recognized for their hard work and dedication to the profession. All of these award winners are listed on the SEATA website and later in this *Newsletter* as well as in the recent *SEATA eBlast*. Please express your appreciation and congratulations to these members when you have a chance.

Regarding awards, I hope you will join me in nominating our District IX members for NATA Awards as well as SEATA Awards. NATA awards nominations are open from August 1 until Nov. 15. SEATA nominations begin later this fall. SEATA Hall of Fame nominations will also be accepted online this fall.

Regarding NATA Board issues, we have established that the Medicare Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act remains as Tier I Priority in our Federal Advocacy Agenda.

We appreciate the work you have done on this and strongly encourage your continued efforts in contacting your U.S. Senators and Representatives regarding the importance of this legislation. We are forming a work-group to develop compensation guidelines for postings on the NATA Career Center. We approved working toward defining an Athletic Trainer Scope of Practice. An alliance has been formed with the North American Booster Club Association to assist in opening doors and placing athletic trainers in secondary schools. As I mentioned in the July 16 *SEATA eBlast* I greatly appreciate so many of you expressing your concerns regarding the change of the NATA logo. I am honored to represent your concerns and always appreciate your input. The NATA logo has been placed on our August conference call agenda. I sincerely encourage your strong engagement on all of the other issues that face our profession. Your involvement and full participation in all issues are needed as we strive to improve our association and profession.

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News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski

May this newsletter find you enjoying the last few weeks of the summer season. It was great to see so many SEATA members at the NATA Annual Meeting and Symposium in St. Louis. Congratulations to our SEATA members who were honored during special sessions at the meeting.

The SEATA Executive Board met in St. Louis and then again on a conference call in early July. The main actions that occurred during the meeting were approval for the Finance Committee to meet in early fall; approval of the revisions of the SEATA By-Laws to be sent to the membership for a vote; approval of the updated Policies and Procedures Manual; approval for a conference call for the strategic planning implementation committee to meet during the

fall. Further discussions were held about the NATA logo. The SEATA Executive Board is in the process of reviewing the committee structure of our organization. Several committees have already been developed. Please refer to the website for a listing of all SEATA committees. In reaction to many of our members contacting SEATA Executive Board members, a motion was passed by the SEATA Executive Board to ask District Director Floyd to immediately contact the NATA BOD requesting that the NATA delay any implementation of a new logo until the NATA membership can be given adequate opportunity to be involved in the determination of the need to change the logo and that the

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Congratulations to NATA Hall of Famer David Pursley!

David Pursley has been involved in athletic training from student trainer in high school to reaching head trainer status with major league baseball. His minor league years allowed time to be athletic trainer at Evansville and Clemson colleges, during the off-season. The 42 years spent in the major league with the Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves were high-lighted by 5 World Series appearances, 1 World Series Championship, 4 All

Star games and 1 All Star Tour in Japan. Dave played a pivotal role in getting athletic trainer licensing requirements enacted into law in Georgia. He is a charter member of PBATS.

**Congratulations to NATA Award Winners in SEATA!****NATA Hall of Fame**

- David Pursley, AT Ret.

**NATA Most Distinguished
Athletic Trainer**

- Turner A. "Tab" Blackburn, Jr.,
MED, ATC, PT

**NATA Athletic Trainer
Service Award**

- Joe Beckett, EdD, ATC
- Jeff Konin, PhD, ATC, PT
- Carl Mattacola, PhD, ATC
- Brad Montgomery, MAT, ATC
- Mike Wilkinson, MS, ATC

Tim Kerin Award

- Ron Culp, ATC

NATA Fellows

- Mike Ferrara, PhD, ATC
- Jenny Hootman, PhD, ATC,
FACSM
- Doug Kleiner, PhD, ATC, CSCS
- Carl Mattacola, PhD, ATC
- Tim Uhl, PhD, ATC, PT
- Gary Wilkerson, EdD, ATC

NATA 50-Year Award

- Jerry Rhea, AT Ret.

NATA 25-Year Award

- Jessica Avery, ATC
- Timothy Barron, ATC
- Margaret Barton, MS, ATC,
CSCS
- Joel W Beam, EdD, ATC, LAT
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- Jeffrey M. Quinn, ATC, CSCS,
LAT
- Kevin Rand, ATC, CSCS
- Lauren M. Sanders, ATC
- Arthur Nelson Ware, ATC, PT,
OCS

**NATA President's
Challenge Award**

- Champ L. Baker, M.D.

NATA Honorary**Membership**

- J.W. Thomas Byrd, M.D.
- Mary Lloyd Ireland, M.D.
- James "Mick" Lynch, M.D.
- James A. Whiteside, M.D.

NATA Public Relations**Contest Winner Honorable
Mention**

(Grassroots category)

- University of the Cumberlands
Department of Athletic
Training

College & University**Athletic Trainers' Commit-
tee Junior College - Over &
Above Achievement**

- Danny Anderson, MS, ATC of
Mississippi Gulf Coast
College

**Continuing Education
Committee Continuing
Education Excellence
Award**

- Jeff Konin, PhD, ATC, PT

**Journal of Athletic Training
Kenneth L. Knight Award
for Outstanding Research
Manuscript**

- "Epidemiology of Collegiate
Injuries for 15 Sports: Sum-
mary and Recommendations
for Injury Prevention Initiatives"
by Jennifer Hootman, PhD,
ATC, FACSM, Randall Dick,
MS, FACSM, and Julie Agel,
MS, ATC

**NATA Research & Educa-
tion Foundation Awards
Foundation Scholarship
Recipients****Master's**

- Shellie Spiers, Louisiana
College

Entry Level

- Alyse King, Eastern Kentucky
University
- Katrina Kramer, College of
Mount Saint Joseph
- Carrie Rahn, Valdosta State
University

NATA Bobby Gunn**Student Leadership Award**

- Candy Anderson, The Univer-
sity of Tennessee at
Chattanooga

News from the Secretary, Lori Groover

Thank you to all who participated in our recent SEATA By-Laws election. The final result was 88 approved the changes and I did not approve. During this election, we had many postcards returned to us due to bad addresses. If you did not receive a postcard regarding the SEATA By-Laws election, please check with the NATA and make sure your

address is current.

Nominations are being accepted for the positions of SEATA District Director, President and Treasurer. Information regarding these positions can be found on the SEATA webpage. All nominations must be received in writing via the SEATA Officer Candidate Nomination Form at www.seata.org/

[SEATA Officer Candidate Nomination Form.doc](#) (either email or regular mail) to the Elections Committee Chair, Donna Wesley, 414 Oak Road, Fulton, MS 38843 or to the SEATA Secretary: Lori Groover, NSU Allied Health Sciences, P.O. Box 2090 Thibodaux, LA 70301. Nominations are being accepted through August 15, 2008.

News from the Treasurer, Jim Mackie

Treasurer's Report July 25, 2008

Current Bank Balance:	Date: 7/25/08	\$95,611.07
Current Investment Balance:	Date: 6/30/08	\$229,628.60

News from the District Director, R.T. Floyd (continued from Page 1)

Watch your NATA News as well as the NATA eBlasts and website for increasing opportunities for involvement. A Call for Involvement will begin on Sept. 1 and is mentioned later in this Newsletter.

I have continued to enjoy

visiting with many of you during your recent state meetings and look forward to seeing you all at next year's SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting in Panama City Beach, FL.

I hope the fall sports sea-

son is successful for all of you, both on the scoreboard as well as in injury prevention.

Sincerely,
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC
District Director

News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski (continued from Page 1)

membership be provided an opportunity to be involved in the design and selection process. For more details regarding SEATA Executive Board actions, I encourage you to review SEATA Executive Board minutes on our website.

I thank those that took the time to vote on the SEATA By-Laws changes. The By-Laws changes were accepted and are now posted on the website. I once again want to encourage you to promote our profession. Contact your State Presidents to get involved. Please contact members of the

SEATA Executive Board with your ideas and suggestions.

Please plan ahead for the 24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium at the Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA. The meeting will be held February 6-7 2009.

In closing, we are heading to a new location for our **34th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting**. Come to sunny Florida to the Marriott Bay Point Golf and Spa Resort in Panama City Beach, FL. The **34th Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting** will be

held March 18-22, 2009.

Sincerely,
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD,
ATC, LAT
SEATA President

SEATA Executive Board Minutes

All Minutes of the SEATA Executive Board Meetings and Conference Calls are posted to the SEATA website as soon as possible after being approved. Go to <http://www.seata.org/OrgInfo.htm>.

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NATA and the North American Booster Club Association announce partnership and release Sports Safety Checklist

Go to www.nata.org/youthsports/NATAchecklist9.pdf for details.

NATA StarTRACK Leadership Development Program

Congratulations to Mary McLendon and Kristan Yates for being selected as the two StarTRACK scholars sponsored by SEATA. The StarTRACK Leadership Development Program is open to any member who desires to enroll. For more information contact Judy Pulice at the NATA Office via judy@nata.org or 214-637-6282 Extension 103.



E-mentor page is now online

This new feature gives all NATA members access to a diverse group of certified athletic trainers who've volunteered to be e-mentors. MEMBERS: Take advantage of this great opportunity to seek advice or pose your questions – go to www.nata.org/members/ementors/index.cfm.

NATA 2009 Annual Meeting Call for Proposals

Share your knowledge!

2009 Annual Meeting: Call for proposals opening soon

Starting in mid-August, NATA will accept proposals online for the 2009 Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia, slated for June 17-20, 2009 in

San Antonio, TX.

Next year's program will be bigger and better than ever with new programs and more hands-on experiences. Go to www.nata.org/annualmeeting/2009callforproposals.htm to

learn how you can submit a proposal and be part of the excitement. **This year's submission window is shorter (30-days!) so start developing your proposal today!**

NATA 2009 Educators' Conference

Dates & location set for NATA 2009 Educators' Conference

Meeting is in conjunction with Capitol Hill Day

NATA's 2009 Educators'

Conference is set for **Feb. 21 and 22 in Washington, DC**. The conference is slated in conjunction with NATA's annual Capitol Hill Day, which takes place Feb. 23. *New for*

2009: A Student Leadership event, which runs during the conference.

Registration opens Oct. 1. Go to <http://www.nata.org/atec/09conf.htm> for more info.

NATA Fellows Program

Do you have what it takes to be an NATA Fellow?

The NATA Fellows program recognizes professional achievement in research and/or education, combined with service to the profession. Only the most accomplished scholarly athletic trainers may earn this distinction and be allowed

to use the prestigious designation of "FNATA." By applying for and gaining Fellows status, NATA members pledge their continued commitment to the athletic training profession and the NATA.

Fellows applications will be available online August 1, 2008. All completed materials

must be received by the national office on or before December 1. For more information, go to www.nata.org/members/members.cfm?link=/members/documents/fellows.cfm or e-mail Rachael Oats, C A E at rachaelo@nata.org.

Committee Reports

SEATA Committee Changes

As a result of the NATA: *Involve and Evolve!* as well as some changing needs within SEATA as determined by the SEATA Executive Board several changes have been made in the District IX and SEATA committee structure. Most of these changes became effective with the June NATA Annual Meeting. Below is a summary of these. Adjustments will soon be made on the SEATA website.

- SEATA Annual Meeting Review Committee - disbanded
- NATA District IX History and Archives Committee

changed to SEATA History and Archives Committee

- SEATA Site Selection Committee - disbanded
- NATA District IX EC Educational Multimedia Committee - disbanded
- District IX Clinical Industrial Corporate Committee combined with District IX members of the NATA Council on Employment to form the District IX CEPAT (Clinical and Emerging Practices Athletic Trainers' Committee)
- NATA District IX Memorial Resolutions Committee changed to SEATA Memorial

Resolutions Committee

- Career Assistance Committee changed to District IX Career Assistance Project Team
 - District IX Women in Athletic Training Committee changed to District IX Life Balance Project Team
 - SEATA Exhibits Committee changed to SEATA Corporate Partnership Committee
- Recent committee appointments include:
- Joshua Porter (KY) - District IX Young Professionals Committee
 - Gerald Jordan (MS) - District

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- IX Young Professionals Committee
- Mary Bennett (GA) - District IX Young Professionals Committee
- Cory Tremble (FL) - District IX Young Professionals Committee
- Cathy Brown - SEATA Research and Education Committee (Co-Chair)
- Ray Burr (MS) - SEATA Honors & Awards Committee
- Kim Wynn (GA) - District IX Public Relations Committee
- Tim Colbert (MS) - SEATA Research and Education Committee
- Brent Ryan (TN) - District IX Secondary School Committee
- Kenna Hogue (MS) - SEATA Student Senate Committee
- Dan Volpe (KY) - District IX Public Relations Committee
- Brandon Evans (AL) - District IX Young Professionals Committee
- Bart Folse (LA) - District IX Young Professionals Committee
- Mary Vander Heiden (FL) - District IX College & University Athletic Trainers' Committee
- Denny Krahe (TN) - District IX Young Professionals Committee
- Dustin West (TN) - SEATA Student Senate Committee
- Ricky Hayes (AL) - District IX Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee
- Scott Hebert (LA) - SEATA Student Senate Committee

Women in Athletic Training Committee

Programming - At the NATA Annual Meeting in St. Louis, the WATC sponsored the session "The 2007 ACSM Position Stand on the Female Athlete Triad." The presenters were Dr. Anne Loucks who discussed the "science" behind the position stand, and Dr. Margo Mountjoy who discussed the "medicine" behind the position stand. Both talks were very informative and well received. Mike Brunet was instrumental in putting this program together, so a big thank you goes out to him for all his hard work.

History - Also in St. Louis, all

ten of the district committees of the WATC exhibited their timelines charting the progress of women in each district along with biographies of distinguished women. This exhibit began at the Welcome Reception and was then moved to the Washington Avenue lobby for the remainder of the week. If you would like to view the District IX timeline, look for it soon on the WATC committee page on the SEATA website along with the bios of distinguished women.

The WATC strives to provide resources to help all members of the association

regardless of gender. The SEATA and NATA websites are great places to find out what the committee has to offer and to find contact information for all representatives.

The WATC district committee is comprised of a chair and members from each of the states in the district- Mary McLendon (Chair), Sherry Kimbro (AL), Kristen Couper Schellhase (FL), Cheryl Ellis (GA), Cary Berthelot (LA), Sheri McNew (KY), Ruth Haugan (MS), and Peggy Bratt (TN).

SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Committee

The 24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium will again be held at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta GA. The dates will be Feb. 6-7, 2009. As always we are working on some further refinements to what has already proved to be a very successful symposium.

Eric Fuchs of Eastern Kentucky is working on plans for the first annual SEATA Quiz Bowl to be conducted in conjunction with the symposium. We hope this will serve to prepare our members for the first National Quiz Bowl which is slated for the NATA convention in San Antonio. Eric will

be coordinating this with the new SEATA Student Senate Committee and Amanda Andrews.

We are also looking forward to the first meeting of the SEATA Student Senate Committee at next year's symposium.

New on NATA Career Center Free notification about new job listings

NATA members can now subscribe -- for free -- to receive daily e-mail notifications of new job listings on the NATA Career Center!

www.nata.org/members/members.cfm?url=%2Fmembers%2Fcareercenter%2Fmailistings%2Ecfm

New! Video Blog

Members: NATA is pleased to bring you our first video blog at www.nata.org/members/blogs/?p=122, featuring NATA President Marje Albohm, MS, ATC.

College athletic trainers: resources for you about billing

NATA has many resources available for members in the college/university setting who are exploring billing insurance for athletic training services -- including a new **Power Point presentation on college billing** and a **university model** both available for download. Before you dive in, review these documents with your staff.

www.nata.org/members/canworc/cu/Collegebilling0308.ppt

www.nata.org/members/CANWORC/reimbursement/Universitymodel.pdf

**24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium,
Feb. 6-7, 2009, Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA**

NATA: Involve & Evolve!

Call for Involve-

ment: Sneak Peek

NATA will issue its first-ever Call for Involvement on Sept. 1. This is your chance to sign up to participate in the newly-created Think Tanks -- online groups that will offer peer-to-peer learning and collaboration AND provide avenues for additional volunteer involvement in the association.

We plan to roll out 15 Think Tanks in September on topics such as ethics, meeting planning and life balance. But before we do ... we'd like to offer you an exclusive opportunity to "test drive" one of the new Think Tanks to see what it's all about!

That's right: Our **Communications Think Tank** is now online! To join it, go to www.nata.org/members/members.cfm?url=%2Fmembers%2Fthinktanks%2Findex%2Ecfm. Then, look for the Call for Involvement on Sept. 1. Think Tanks open the door to leadership opportunities and development within the association. Don't miss out on this exciting new member benefit!



SEATA Communications Committee

You may have noticed some page errors and files not found on the SEATA website recently. Additionally, some committee pages and related content have not been updated as promptly as we prefer. These errors and delays have resulted from several technical

issues with the SEATA web server and related software. We believe we have identified all of the problems and solutions, but still have a lot of work to do. We hope to get everything corrected and updated very soon and then began adding additional content.

The SEATA website contains several thousand files and we do appreciate your patience, but also welcome your suggestions and comments. Please report any problems you may experience to webmaster@seata.org.

SEATA Honors & Awards Committee

Now is the time to be thinking of worthy SEATA members to nominate for SEATA Honors and Awards. SEATA will soon be accepting nominations for the Jack C. Hughston, M.D. Sportsmedicine Person of the Year, the Chuck

Kimmel Award of Merit, District Award, Backbone Award, High School Athletic Trainer Award, Clinical/Industrial/Corporate Athletic Trainer Award, College/University Athletic Trainer Award, Professional Athletic Trainer Award,

Education/Administration Award, and Sponsor's Award. The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2009 SEATA Honors and Awards Program is Jan. 1, 2009 and should be done online at www.seata.org/Awards.htm.

SEATA Memorial Resolutions Committee

Richard Morsch

Morsch, Richard, 92, of Boynton Beach, FL died Tuesday.

May 20, 2008. Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral Home & Crematory, Boynton Beach. Fu-

neral and graveside service Friday.

SEATA Student Senate Committee

Jessica Daniels, Northern Kentucky University, is the District IX Representative to the NATA National Athletic Training Student Committee. In this role she will work closely with College and Uni-

versity Athletic Training Student Committee District IX Representative Amanda Andrews, PhD, ATC to continue the organization and development of the SEATA Student Senate Committee.

Scott Hebert (LA), Kenna Hogue (MS), and Dustin West (TN) are the only committee members so far. Interested students should contact their state president, Amanda Andrews and Jessica Daniels.

State Reports

Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

The Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association held their Annual Meeting in Sandestin, FL May 14-17. Chuck Ash, Troy University, and Marshall Smith, Southern Bone and Joint, were inducted into the ALATA Hall of Fame. Also recognized for their outstanding service were the following ALATA Award

Recipients: Clinical Athletic Trainer - Todd Hooks, High School/Secondary Schools - James Jones, College/University - Rodney Brown, Award of Merit - Mike Jones, Sports Medicine Person of the Year - Dr. Jeffery Dugas, Service Award - Leah Taylor, Vendor - Spencer Sappington.

Congratulations to our Scholarship Award Winners. Alyssa Hart from Auburn University received the ALATA Graduate Athletic Training Scholarship. Lindsey Smith from Troy University was the recipient of the Undergraduate Athletic Training Scholarship from ALATA.

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

Governor Crist Appoints Five to the Board of Athletic Training

Tallahassee – Governor Charlie Crist today announced the following reappointments and appointments:

Board of Athletic Training (Senate confirmation required)

- Marisa Brunett, 44, of Winter Springs, director of sports medicine with Cora Rehabilitation Clinics, reappointed for a term beginning June 24, 2008, and ending October 31, 2011.
- Gerado Gomez, 44, of Miami, tax collector manager with

Miami-Dade County Tax Collector's Office, reappointed for a term beginning June 24, 2008, and ending October 31, 2010.

- Angela Sehgal, 41, of Havana, program director of athletic training with Florida State University, reappointed for a term beginning June 24, 2008, and ending October 31, 2010.
- George L. Caldwell, 46, of Fort Lauderdale, orthopedic surgeon with Broward General Medical Center and team physician for the Miami Dolphins football team and the

Florida Marlins baseball team, succeeding George Canizarres, appointed for a term beginning June 24, 2008, and ending October 31, 2011.

- Heather VanOpdorp, 29, of Odessa, assistant athletic trainer and instructor with University of Tampa, succeeding Joseph Underwood, appointed for a term beginning June 24, 2008, and ending October 31, 2010.

Jim Mackie & Tim McLane also serve on the Board of Athletic Training for Florida.

NATA Honors & Awards nominations opening soon

Do you know someone who gives his or her all to athletic training? Someone who deserves to be recognized for his or her contributions to the profession? Nominations for NATA's 2009 Honors & Awards program are open Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2008. Watch the NATA Web site for info.



Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

One of Our Own Honored: Bair, Appointed to the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainer's

ATLANTA – On Thursday, May 30, 2008, Governor Sonny Perdue announced Bair to the following executive appointment: the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainer's.

Thomas L. "Tom" Bair, 45, Griffin, GA —Bair is the director of Progressive Health Aviation Services, a partner of The Morris Center and chief executive officer of Southside Rehabilitation Services. He is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, the Southeastern Athletic Trainers Association, Inc. and the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association, Inc. He was named Athletic trainer of the year by the GATA for

2007. He served as a staff athletic trainer during the 1996 Olympic Games. Bair earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and a master's degree from Valdosta State University. He is married to Jeannie Bair and has a daughter Hailey Bair.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers is a four-member board consisting of two athletic trainers, a practicing physician and one consumer member. The members are appointed by the Governor to provide consumer protection and public health and welfare through the regulation of the profession. The Board processes licensure applications and receives, investigates and adjudicates complaints issued against licensed athletic trainers. (<http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/trainer/>)

Created in 1986, the

GATA is an organization committed to education of its members and enhancement of the profession of athletic training, leading to better healthcare for the population which it serves. The GATA is proudly composed of licensed athletic trainers in many different settings. Over 700 licensed athletic trainers from professional, collegiate, and high school teams to industries, physician offices, and rehabilitation clinics all work together to promote and practice the profession of athletic training within the state of Georgia. Enjoy the GATA website and please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, or idea. (www.athletictraining.org)

Update: Legislation

We're thrilled to report the addition of Congressman Stephen Cohen (TN-9) as a co-sponsor of HR 1846. Many thanks to NATA member Christopher Smith, MEd, ATC for his effort in this. Chris took the opportunity to discuss our legislation when Rep. Cohen was visiting his place of employment (The Hutchison School in Memphis). If you would like to thank Rep. Cohen for supporting our legislation, please call his office at (202) 225-3265.

ALSO: NATA maintains a special page with all information on the fair practice lawsuit – go to <http://www.nata.org/members/members.cfm?url=%2Fmembers%2Ffairpracticehotline%2Findex%2Ecfm>

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Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society

Elections for President and Secretary of KATS were recently conducted. **Eric J. Fuchs**, DA, ATC, EMT of Eastern Kentucky University was

elected President and will serve as President-Elect until the KATS Annual Meeting in the first quarter of 2009. **Aaron D. Sciascia**, MS, ATC, NS

of the Lexington Clinic Sports Medicine Center was elected KATS Secretary and will also assume office at next year's meeting.

Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association

The Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association held their 2008 Summer Symposium June 5-7 in New Orleans. Inducted

into the LATA Hall of Fame were **Kevin Mangum**, **Dr. David Gaudin**, and **Dr. Mark Hontas**.

Next year's symposium will be held again in New Orleans.

Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

The Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association recently held its annual symposium and members' meeting. The annual awards luncheon was highlighted with the induction of Dr. Gene Barrett and Mike Wilkinson, ATC, LAT into the MATA Hall of Fame. Dr. Barrett, a McComb native has been a partner with Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Clinic in Jackson since 1984. Since serving as Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Clinic's Director of Athletic Training and Outreach Services since 1989, Mike Wilkinson has received numerous state, district and national honors.

Also recognized during the awards ceremony were Scott Belham (Gulfport School

Nelson Ware (University Sports Medicine) for the NATA 25 Year Award. Gulf Coast Community College head athletic trainer Danny Anderson was recognized as the recipient of the 2008 CUATC *Above & Beyond* Award for community and junior colleges. The two MATA scholarship winners were announced; Kenna Hogue, a Delta State University senior from Clinton, MS received the Andy Bryan Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship and Emily Steen was awarded the Kim McMichael Memorial Graduate Scholarship. Emily is a native of Corinth and will begin graduate school at Delta State University this fall.

Topics covered during educational symposium included a knee dissection, hip injuries, sports hernia, concussions, performance enhancing drugs, electronic portfolios, therapeutic use of foam rollers, various case studies, an "Involve & Evolve!" update, and a financial planning presentation. Judy Pulice from the NATA's Governmental Affairs Committee presented a session on grassroots lobbying; she also met

Stephen Clay regarding the upcoming legislative session. Lori Groover, SEATA secretary met with the Executive Committee and presented material on how the association can better appeal to younger members and ways to improve the annual meeting.

The business meeting included an election update with the new officers announced: President – Donna Wesley, Secretary – Heather Landry, and Physician Representative - Dr. Jay O'Mara. The membership approved a motion for a \$5.00 dues increase to go into effect in 2010, and approved a motion to establish the MATA Educational Foundation.

Following the business



Dr. Gene Barrett and Mike Wilkinson
2008 MATA Hall of Fame

District), Murray Burch (Millsaps College), and Arthur



Danny Anderson and Donna Wesley
CUATC Above & Beyond Award
Gulf Coast Community College

with the Executive Committee and association lobbyist

meeting the Athletic Training Advisory Council met with MS

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Department of Health representative David Kweller. Mr. Kweller presented current

statistics on licensed athletic trainers and updated the Council on statute changes that have

been submitted to the Department of Health for approval.

Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

Update Regarding Proposed Sports Physical Rule Change for 7th and 9th Graders

From: Gary Nixon, Executive Director, State Board of Education, Dr. Timothy K. Webb, Acting Commissioner, Department of Education, Veronica Gunn, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, Michael Warren, MD, Medical Director, Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination, Ronnie Carter, Executive Director, TSSAA

There has been a delay in the process of moving forward with the proposed rule change regarding sports physicals for 7th and 9th graders.

In the meantime, the State Board of Education still recommends that 7th and 9th grade athletes get the well-child checkup/EPSTD screen. Until the rule-making process is complete, however, either exam (the traditional sports physical or the comprehensive well-child checkup/EPSTD screen) will be accepted by the State Board of Education and

by TSSAA.

Sports physicals are good exams for clearing students to participate in sports, but this represents only a part of a student's total health. It is important to also address the physical, social and emotional well-being of children. This can only be accomplished through the full well-child checkup.

Given that the intent of the proposed rule is to improve children's health, the State Board of Education still recommends that athletes in these two grades get the comprehensive well-child checkup/EPSTD screen. This checkup should be done by the athlete's primary care provider—this is the doctor or nurse practitioner who takes care of them when they are sick and when they need a checkup.

The Interscholastic Sports Examination Form is the only form needed for these students. TSSAA is accepting this form for these students (and TSSAA will accept this form for students in any other grade as well). Although the compre-

hensive EPSTD/well-child checkup is recommended, it is not required that athletes have this box checked on their clearance form.

You can download the form from the TSSAA website (<http://www.tssaa.org/Forms/forms.htm#Physical>) or the TN Department of Health (<http://health.state.tn.us/Downloads/sportsphysicalform.pdf>).

For more information:

- About service providers, EPSTD program: Pam Baggett, Dept of Health: 615-532-3101
- About medical questions related to physicals: Dr. Michael Warren, GOCCC: 615-741-5192
- About the proposed rule change or processes related to local schools or the State Board of Education (SBE): David Sevier, SBE: 615-741-2966
- About athlete eligibility, which sports require clearance, or other sports questions: TSSAA, 615-889-6740

Check the SEATA Calendar for all Deadlines and Dates related to all of the NATA, NATA Foundation, NATAPAC, SEATA and SEATA State Organizations at <http://my.calendars.net/seata/>

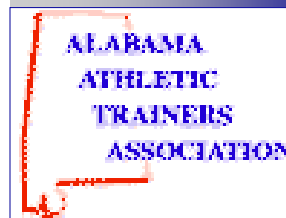
Iota Tau Alpha

Iota Tau Alpha Honor Society is now headquartered with the NATA in Dallas, Texas. The contact person is Karen Peterson at 214-637-6282 ext 108 or email:

karenp@nata.org

At present, there are 29 chapters with over 625 members. Order your pins through Karen.

Thanks,
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NATA, NATA Foundation and SEATA Deadlines & Dates

August 1, 2008 Nomination process begins for 2009 NATA Awards and ends Nov. 15. Go to www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm.

August 1, 2008 NATA Fellows application available at www.nata.org/members/members.cfm?link=/members/documents/fellows.cfm. All completed materials must be received by the national office on or before December 1.

August 15, 2008 Submission deadline for NATA Foundation General Grant Proposals, www.natafoundation.org/forms/2006GGP.doc. Pre-Proposal Submission Form at www.nata.org/forms/2005PrePropSubInfo.htm required.

August 15, 2008 Nomination deadline for SEATA District Director, President & Treasurer. Go to www.seata.org/SEATAOfficerCandidateNominationFm.doc.

Mid-August, 2008 NATA will begin accepting proposals online for the 2009 Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia at www.nata.org/annualmeeting/2009callforproposals.htm during a 30-day window.

Sept. 1, 2008 Research Award Nominations at www.natafoundation.org/research-awards.html due.

Sept. 1, 2008 NATA Call for Involvement Begins. Join **Communications Think Tank** now at www.nata.org/members/members.cfm?url=%2Fmembers%2Fthinktanks%2Findex%2Ecfm

Oct. 1, 2008 Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship application due at www.natafoundation.org/grants/Post-Doctoral%20Research%20Fellowship.pdf

Oct. 1, 2008 Master's Research Grant applications at www.natafoundation.org/grants/MasterGrantIPPO4.pdf due.

Oct. 1, 2008 Registration opens for NATA Educators' Conference. Go to www.nata.org/atec/09conf.htm.

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