

Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association

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From The District Director *Sue Stanley-Green, ATC*

Dear SEATA Family,

It was great seeing many of you at the SEATA 25th Anniversary Celebration! SEATA President Chuck Kimmel coordinated the very successful meeting that included many special events. Mary Beth Horodyski did her usual great job with registration, David Green ran the exhibits with his typical efficiency, and J.C. Anderson, Tom Kaminski, and the Research and Education Committee put on a great educational program. Many thanks to them and to the others that assisted in making this a memorable 25th Anniversary.



The highlights of the meeting included looking back over the past 25 years. The panel that discussed "How we used to..." certainly brought back memories for many of us and a different perspective for others. Doug May and Leroy Mullins were generous enough to share very difficult personal experiences in coping with personal illness and catastrophic injury. The Bobby Barton and Jerry Rhea show played to an enthusiastic audience during the Presidential Lecture at the Tim Kerin Awards Luncheon. They reminisced about the first 25 years of SEATA and the memorable meetings at Suwannee. We had very interesting and informative educational sessions, but the priceless, memorable moments came while remembering the past 25 years.

Our congratulations go to each of the award and scholarship winners. We are grateful to each award recipient for his or her valuable contribution to our district and to our profession. We wish each scholarship winner good luck in their future athletic training careers.

In June, at the NATA Convention in Nashville, it will be time for me to step down as your District 9 Director. It has been a wonderful experience for me, and I hope I have represented you well. I certainly have learned a lot our profession and the different practice settings. My fellow Board Members think that changing jobs three times during my tenure on the Board was research. Going from Division I to a Clinic to Division III to Division II Academics has given me a different perspective than I had during my 15 years at Kentucky. I do not necessarily recommend to Chuck Kimmel that he follow in my professional footsteps to gain additional insight. It was beneficial to me, but not exactly the easy route.

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From The District President *Chuck Kimmel, ATC*

Dear SEATA Member,

Since this will be my last opportunity to write as your President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members who have made my time in this position so enjoyable and rewarding.



The many members who have assisted with the SEATA Annual Meeting give countless hours to help better serve our membership: From J.C. Andersen, Gary Harrelson, Tom Kaminski and the entire Research and Education Committee to David Green and his hard work with exhibits to R.T. Floyd and every member of the Site Selection Committee, to Jack Redgren, Jim Gallaspy, and Bob Goodwin of the Student Athletic Trainer Symposia. This would only scratch the surface of the many members who contribute in many, many ways. All the SEATA Committees who were organized to better serve and inform the membership are vital to our continued growth. Because of my badgering, there are more people than I would care to count that will be glad that I will not be calling them and bothering them in the future. I am, however, grateful that they did take my calls and always help when called upon!

As has been the case with every SEATA Officer I have had the pleasure to serve with, Sue and MaryBeth do an outstanding job for each and every one of us. Sue has provided the type of leadership as our Director that I can only hope to come

close to measuring up to. MaryBeth has carried our Association further than any of us could have ever hoped for. I am forever indebted to these two ladies for their help and guiding hand.

A final thank you must go to Austin Peay and all the people who make it possible for me to serve SEATA. From our Director of Athletics, Dave Loos, to Joni Johnson, all the graduate assistant athletic trainers, and student athletic trainers, I owe an immense thank you to them. They constantly keep our athletic training room afloat while I address SEATA issues.

The 2000 Annual Meeting is what makes this job so much fun. It was a great meeting and was a fitting tribute to our 25th Anniversary of the first annual meeting in 1976! I wish everyone could have been there to experience the friendship and camaraderie that makes our District so special. Special thanks goes to Jay Shoop for organizing the Anniversary parts of the program, to Bobby Barton and Jerry Rhea

for making the Presidential Lecture one for the ages, and for Eve Becker-Doyle and Kent Falb for gracing us with their presence to further demonstrate the importance of this landmark celebration.

I leave this position knowing that it, too, will advance far beyond my wildest dreams under the capable leadership of Frank Grimaldi. He is very dynamic and loves our profession and Association and we are in more than capable hands. Please support him like you have me and his time as President will be as rewarding as mine has been for me!

Again, my sincerest thanks to every member of SEATA. Complaint (which there have not been many of) or compliment (which there have been more than I deserve), I have been fortunate to serve each of you and look forward to the new challenges of District Director!

I hope to see you in Nashville!

Chuck

The members of SEATA would like to thank our corporate partners.

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From The District Secretary/Treasurer

MaryBeth Horodyski, ATC

The SEATA Executive Committee meeting held on 30 March 2000 began with roll call with the following states being represented: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. President Chuck Kimmel welcomed all members to the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was given.

District Director Sue Stanley-Green gave the Director's Report. Sue thanked everyone for their support during her tenure as Director. Sue reported that she serves as the liaison for the NATABOC. She mentioned that the NATABOC has undergone a restructuring, Sarah Brown for Boston University will be the liaison to District IX. She mentioned that the NATABOC would continue to make changes as continued changes in education reform occur. Sue also serves as the liaison for Public Relations. Sue reported the new organization that was hired by the NATA (Host Co.) is doing a very good job providing public information about the work of athletic trainers. Sue stated that the NATA is able to make contact with more people (i.e., general public) through Host via phone, TV, and websites. Sue gave a brief report on the Council on Employment. She stated that the original committee (job development task force) struggled with getting activities in place. This resulted in the NATABOD to develop the Council on Employment. This Council has developed very sound goals. Sue also mentioned that Sandy Shultz, PhD, ATC has headed up the Appropriate Medical Coverage Committee. Sue complimented Sandy and her committee on their work. The committee has developed a formula for schools to try to establish general guidelines to provide appropriate medical care to athletes regardless of skill level. Kelli Sabiston (GA) asked if quality of life for the ATC was considered when the formula was prepared. Sue stated that while the intent was to provide information about care for the athlete, she thought the new formula would be very helpful in supporting ATCs in their jobs. The work of the Appropriate Medical Committee was discussed within the Secondary School Committee whom may look at following similar guidelines for the secondary school level. Sue gave a brief report on the financial status of the NATA stating that currently we are in very good standing. Sue commended the finance committee and Eve Becker-Doyle for their efforts. However, Sue also mentioned that if the NATA does not plan for the future the financial status may not be good in the future. Thus, the NATA Financial Committee recommended a \$10.00 increase in member dues for the year 2001. Sue commented that the last dues increase for the NATA was in 1998 and was a \$5.00 increase.

A discussion was held as to whether SEATA should include the associate member status into the state dues amount. A motion was made (TN) to accept the associate member category into the state dues reimbursement. The motion was second (MS). The vote was unanimous (7-0). President Kimmel thanked the state presidents for understanding the communication error regarding the district/state dues. A short discussion was also held regarding the dues checks for each state being sent to the state president rather than the state treasurer. The general consensus was that SEATA Treasurer MaryBeth Horodyski should continue to mail the checks to the state presidents for the first year under the new system.

A suggestion was made to use a video to teach potential student athletic trainers as to the role of an ATC. This video could be used as a recruiting and educational tool. Sue Stanley-Green mentioned that she would take this idea back to the national office.

A discussion was held regarding the increase in NATA membership dues by \$10.00. Sue mentioned she needed a quick response from each state. Thus, the state presidents need to discuss this issue with their members during their state meeting.

President Chuck Kimmel complimented Sue on her efforts for our district as she served on the NATABOD. He encouraged members of the SEATA Executive Board to keep them informed.

NATA President Kent Falb came into the meeting to speak with the SEATA Executive Committee. He encouraged the members of the committee to attend the Appropriate Medical Coverage presentation during the SEATA meeting. He asked the state presidents to support the national dues increase. He reminded members to keep abreast of the information coming out about third party reimbursement because rapid changes could be occurring. He also mentioned that there has been some discussion to have a governmental/reimbursement person working at the national office to coordinate efforts. Finally, he thanked the committee members for their efforts to make the profession better.

Chuck Kimmel gave the SEATA President Report. He stated that after being at the GA and TN meetings he is realizing how much money is required for governmental affairs. He mentioned that SEATA will begin to sell apparel with the

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proceeds to be divided by 7 to go back to the states being earmarked for governmental affairs. President Kimmel asked MaryBeth to find out the procedures to get the SEATA logo registered as a trademark. President Kimmel also thanked the Research and Education Committee for their work for the 25th SEATA meeting.

MaryBeth Horodyski discussed how the EATA has archived their materials. She suggested that SEATA needs to look into this. Chuck Kimmel suggested that we investigate several possible directions to had with archiving SEATA materials. He asked MaryBeth to look into cost and to talk with Theresa Foster at the NATA office.

A questions was raised as to whether the NATA/SEATA has a statement regarding follow-up care of an athlete in the code of ethics. This issue was raised related to ATCs working high schools or other sites to gather business for a specific orthopaedic clinic. Tim McLane suggested in this case that the state statue might resolve some of this issue. Chuck Kimmel suggested that maybe a position statement should be drafted. Chuck asked Dave Asbach to contact the NATA and report to SEATA Executive Board at the June meeting.

A question was raised about student dues. Chuck Kimmel explained that the states were polled and the amounts for student state dues ranged from \$0 to \$15. A motion was made (Frank Grimaldi) to have SEATA post student dues fees at \$10.00 with \$5.00 going to the state and \$5.00 going to SEATA. The motion was second by Dave Asbach. The motion passed (7-0). This fee structure will go into effect next year.

Several committee reports were presented to the SEATA Executive Board. Governmental Affairs: A motion has been forwarded to the national office requesting more direction at the national office of governmental affairs related issues. Frank Grimaldi made a motion to recommend to the NATABOD that a new directors level position be created at the National office to coordinate activities and affairs related to reimbursement and legislative issues. The motion was second by David Green. The motion passed (7-0). Ethnic Minority Committee: The committee is working to develop a graduate internship in athletic training as a SEATA award. Chuck Kimmel addressed two issues: (1) SEATA is in favor of the internship and (2) what is the SEATA financial obligation compared to the university's obligation. This discussion was tabled to be discussed on 2 April 2000 to allow the members of the SEATA Executive Board review the written proposal. Public Relations: The committee has suggested that SEATA develop a public relations award. More information will follow regarding this issue. It was mentioned that the Host company (hired by the NATA for public relations) has been doing a great job with public service announcements about athletic trainers. The NATA and the National Sportscasters and Sports Writers Association has created an award to be presented to the sportscaster who does a positive promotion on athletic trainers. The Award will be named after Joe Garagiola. Other projects that will be conducted in the future by the PR

Committee include: Internet exposure, posters through Host, National Athletic Trainer Month, and additional athletic training advertisements. Research and Education Foundation: It was reported that one or more special guests may make appearances at the NATA Town Hall Meeting. Sue Stanley thanked Katy Curran for her efforts to keep the NATA up-to-date with respect to CDC activities. Site Selection: The site selection committee has taken into account the requests of the SEATA membership to change hotels for the SEATA meeting. The committee feels that this change will be noted favorably with the evaluations following this years meeting. We do have a contract with the current hotel for 2001. Student Meeting: The next meeting will be held at same facility for next year. A consensus has not been obtained about adding a third day to the program. Next years topic will be on Evaluation. Research and Education Committee: The committee received 35 abstracts for this meeting and accepted 28. The research grant program started this year with 3 applicants. The grant proposals were reviewed and a final selection was made. The committee needs a member from LA. The committee has already begun planning for next year.

A discussion was held regarding the development of a public relations award. The motion was second and passed with a 7-0 vote. More information will be presented regarding the specific information for the award.

The meeting was adjourned until 2 April 2000. The meeting resumed on 2 April with the following states represented: AL, FL, KY, LA, MS, and TN. President Kimmel mentioned that SEATA received some additional pledge money from some of our donors which was given for special events for the 25th Anniversary. Chuck Kimmel mentioned that it appeared that SEATA did not meet the contractual agreement of 90% of our room rental number, thus we will have to pay an additional fee to the hotel. We will review this with Beau Bailey of Connections.

A discussion was held regarding a vote for the increase in NATA dues. Mississippi reported that they had only 3 members present at their state meeting, thus could not render a valid vote on the issue. A motion was made to conduct the vote by FAX ballot. The motion was second and passed by a 6-0 vote (GA not present). The ballots would be faxed to each state president from MaryBeth Horodyski. All ballots would need to be received in her office by noon 17 April 2000. The discussion of the Minority internship program was continued. Some concern was expressed as to how much money would SEATA be committed to provide. A motion was made (MS) stating that SEATA is in support of the program, but needs additional information before a formal agreement can be made. President Kimmel also expressed concern regarding the fund raising methods for this project. We must be careful to not ask for funding from corporate sponsors. President Kimmel asked Richard Fletcher (KY) to spearhead and investigate more details of this project. Richard will be charged with co-signing all information that will be disseminated. It was also discussed that the colleges express their

interest up front before SEATA continues to pursue this initiative. A key issue is where will the money come from at the college level? What committee makes the decision of the recipient of the award (Scholarship Committee or Ethnic Committee)? Frank Grimaldi made a motion for SEATA to commit annually up to \$1,500.00 maximum (not to exceed) to match funding of outside sources recruited by the Ethnic Committee under guidelines (as it relates to the financial recruitment) set by the SEATA Executive Board. The motion was second by David Green. The

vote was 6-0 (GA not present).

President Kimmel gave a report on apparel sales during the SEATA meeting, stating that we did not sell much. We will continue to pursue this avenue of raising money for the state's governmental activities.

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting to be held 29 June 2000 in Nashville, TN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEATA PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A lot of positive things are happening in the area of public relations. If you listened to the men's NCAA basketball tournament on radio then you heard the NATA public service announcement (PSA) on athletic training. The PSA was played twice during each game and was heard by three million people each time it aired. If you would like a copy of the PSA for your local radio station contact the NATA and they will send a copy to the station.

The NATA video PSA was just finished and will air during various athletic events starting this spring. Again if you have a local TV or cable station that would like to use the PSA contact the NATA and they will send a copy to the station. The new NATA PR video is finished and available. You can borrow the video from your state PR person or purchase a copy from the NATA at a cost of \$10.00. The video does an excellent job in portraying our profession and shows the various settings in which we provide services. Robin Roberts from ESPN hosts the video.

Also available from your state public relations person is the NATA slide presentation and a radio drop in script to be used by your radio broadcasters.

I am pleased to announce the NATA and the National Sportscasters and Sports Writers Association has created an award to be presented to the sportscaster or sports writer who does a positive story on athletic training. The award will be named after Joe Garagiola, the famed baseball player and sportscaster. Mr. Garagiola will also help promote the athletic training profession.

Other public relations projects the NATA PR committee and Host Communications are working on include:

National Athletic Trainer Month-

We are working to establish an Athletic Trainer month starting in 2001. More information will be presented at the NATA in June.

Internet exposure -

Host, Inc. is working on a plan to increase awareness of athletic training by linking information about athletic training to various sports sites.

Inspirational Poster -

Host, Inc. is developing a high quality poster to be placed in locations where the public will see it.

Athletic Training Ad's -

Host, Inc. produced an ad that appeared in the journal of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. This ad will also be run in other publications.

Host has hired a person full time to handle our account only. This will help us accomplish more in our efforts to spread the word about who we are and what we do. The SEATA public relations committee met in Atlanta. We are working on several District projects that you will hear more about in future newsletters. If you have any ideas, thoughts or comments please pass them on to your state PR person or me.

You the athletic trainer are vital to our public awareness campaign. We cannot succeed without your help on the local level. If you want to help contact your state public relations person or me to learn what you can do to promote the profession.

History and Archives Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jay Shoop for

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all the time and hard work he has put into this committee. It is our goal to carry on with the good work Jay has started.

The History and Archives Committee met Friday afternoon at SEATA. An ongoing project of the committee is the search for a permanent home for our Hall of Fame and SEATA Historical Exhibit. This has not been an easy task. We are looking for a site that will give us as much public exposure as possible, along with a professional presence. We will keep you updated on this search.

Our next project is the gathering of information. This is a large and at times, seemingly impossible task. I would like to ask all of our members to be thinking of your own personal history in athletic training. The history of our district is made up of people, but not just the head athletic trainers. It is the assistants, graduate assistants, students and team physicians. In some places the clinical setting is the most prominent. The industrial setting is now also a part of our history and should not be forgotten.

In the future we will be asking many of you for input to help continue the process Jay started with the first book. If you have pictures, articles or other documents involving your history as an athletic trainer they are important. Technology now allows us to scan pictures and documents onto disc without the problems previously associated with copying this material. Utilize the assets of your school or business to begin to save these important pieces of history for us. Doing this as we go along is easier than trying to find it later.

Everyone has a story, all the stories make up SEATA. I look forward to working with everyone in SEATA to make sure we "Remember where we came from, and who carried us."

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The SEATA Research and Education Committee is looking for abstract reviewers for the 2001 Research Seminar. Those interested in reviewing abstracts may contact Tom Kaminski at :

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NATA Research & Education Foundation Update

District 9 donated \$8,565, which was 66 percent of our ambitious goal of \$12,950 for the 1999 Every Member Annual Fund contest. District Six, chaired by Tom Woods, won the contest for the third straight year by reaching 84 percent of their goal.

There will be lots of fun opportunities available during this year's NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia in Nashville that will benefit the Foundation. Please keep these dates and times open --- and make sure to register beforehand:

(1) Gatorade Golf Classic at Hermitage Golf Course on Wednesday, June 28 —
Tee times at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for \$90 per player;

(2) Breathe Right 5K Fun Run/1 Mile Walk at Opryland on Saturday, July 1 at 6:30 a.m. for \$15 per participant; and;

(3) NATA Night at the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday, July 1 at 9:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$25 each and seating is limited.

The Foundation continues in its effort to become the leading source of research dollars for athletic trainers. Since 1991, the Foundation has awarded more than \$533,000 to scientific investigators. Funding for grants has increased each year from a low of approximately \$11,000 in 1991 to a total of \$370,000 in 2000. Call 800-TRY-NATA, ext 121 or check www.natafoundation.org for an RFP or application.

Thank you for your support!

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Chair, District 9, NATA Research and Education Foundation



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Thank you for your support!

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2000 SEATA Scholarship Winners

Congratulations are in order for the winners of the 2000 SEATA scholarships. This year five awards were presented at the district meeting in Atlanta. We would like to express our thanks to the Hughston Sports Medicine Clinic and Swede-O Universal for their sponsorship of two of the awards. Listed below is a brief biographical sketch of each of the award winners.

Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

Ryan Davis
University of Florida
Major: Exercise and Sports Sciences
GPA: 3.8
Hometown: Longwood, Florida
Supervising Athletic Trainer: Sonny Walser

Swede-O Universal Scholarship

Seth Weathersby
University of Tennessee-Martin
Major: Health and Human Performance
GPA: 3.4
Hometown: Murfreesboro, TN
Supervising Athletic Trainer: Linda Barker

Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Anita Bowman
University of Kentucky
Major: Doctorate in Kinesiology
GPA: 4.0
Hometown: Walton, Indiana
Supervising Athletic Trainer: Steve Zimmerman

Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation Scholarship

Justin Terrill
Vanderbilt University
Major: Health Management
GPA: 3.7
Hometown: Tampa, Florida
Supervising Athletic Trainer: Tom Bossung

Family Scholarship Program

David Giardina
Metro Physical Therapy
Hometown: Arabi, Louisiana

Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association Student Athletic Trainer Workshop

Thank you to all the faculty from our district that participated in the meeting. This year's meeting had 410 students enrolled.

James B. Gallaspy, ATC, LAT

STATE REPORTS

Athletic Trainers Association of Florida

ATAF just held its 12th Annual Clinical Symposium and Business Meeting in Maitland Florida. The meeting was attended by 260 people - one of the largest symposiums in recent history.

Outstanding presenters such as Samantha "Sam" Booth, District 4 Director, covering courage, determination and dedication in the athletic training profession kept the attendees on the edge of their seats. The annual awards luncheon featured George "Sully" Sullivan, PT, ATC and NATA Hall of

Fame recipient as the keynote speaker, addressing his personal experiences as the head athletic trainer for the University of Nebraska for 45 years.

Annual award winners were:

Don Teahan, PT, AT/L - Athletic Trainer of the Year

Stephanie Lennon, ATC/L - High School Athletic Trainer of the Year

Susan Guyer, ATC/L - College/University/Professional Athletic Trainer of the Year

Dan Teahan, PT, ATC/L - Clinical Corporate Athletic Trainer of the Year

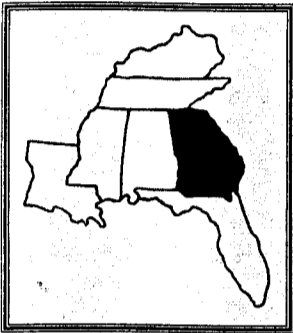
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Steven Cramer, MS, EMT-P - Honorary Lifetime Member
Chris Chappel, MD - Sports Medicine Person of the Year
Dave Wike, ATC - Hall of Fame

ATAF is looking for those interested individuals that wish to get involved. Currently, we are asking for ATAF members to run for president or vice president. All inquiries can be forwarded to Frank Grimaldi Jr, MEd, ATC/L, President, ATAF. You can contact Frank via e-mail at fgrimaldijr@worldnet.att.net or contact Frank via phone at (305) 279-7908.

Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

GATA Holds Annual Meeting



I would like to thank all those GATA members who made the 2000 GATA Annual Meeting & Symposium a huge success. Once again, we have set an attendance record for the meeting. Special recognition goes to Bud Cooper and the education committee for the outstanding program, JC Andersen for the wonderful hotel set-up and the smooth registration process, and to all the speakers and corporate partners for their incredible support.

I would especially like to thank David Pursley for securing John Smoltz as our keynote speaker. I think that everyone agrees that John's extraordinary speech was not only a highlight for the GATA's meeting, but was also one of the best keynote addresses ever given at any athletic training meeting.

If you attended this year's annual business meeting, you probably noticed all the activities and projects in which GATA is involved. The GATA has many goals to accomplish, so our committees are extremely active. There are many opportunities to become involved, so please contact your Region Representative or a Committee Chairperson if you would like to help with the future of athletic training in Georgia.

One of GATA's most pressing issues is raising funds to help pay for our legislative efforts and to continue contracting with our lobbyist (Georgia Link Public Affairs Group). Russ Hoff (Valdosta State University) and Mike Dillon (University of Georgia) have graciously offered to help with these efforts. Please contact any one of these people if you have ideas and would like to be involved in this extremely important task.

Thanks again to everyone who helped to make the Annual Meeting a great event.

Legislator of the Year

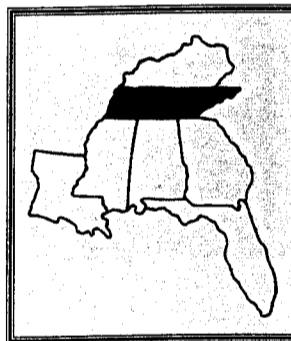
Senator Eddie Madden, Representative Keith Heard and Representative Robin Williams were recently honored at the state capitol as the 1999 Legislator of the Year by the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association. A ceremony was held at the capitol on March 14, 2000 in which Rep. Heard was given a plaque and baseball autographed by Atlanta Braves pitchers Kevin Millwood, Greg Maddux, John Smoltz and Tom Glavine.

The legislators provided outstanding leadership and direction for House Bill 93. This bill was introduced in response to difficulties experienced by athletic trainers, patients, employers and insurance carriers regarding reimbursement, by law, since 1977. HB 93 officially recognizes the Athletic Trainer as a Health Care Provider in the state of Georgia. This recognition creates a level playing field for the Athletic Trainer in the health care arena. HB 93 also provides all patients with the ability to seek the services of an Athletic Trainer for injury care and rehabilitation.

For more information on HB 93 and Athletic Training services, please contact the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association c/o Dana Carvey 1-800-331-2910 ext. 3411.

Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society

David T. Green, President



I would like to congratulate the following SEATA Award Winners for this year. All of these individuals are members of TATS and the recipients are:

- Mr. Rick Baker, High School Athletic Trainer
- Mr. Nick Pappas, SEATA District Award
- Mr. Steve Moore, SEATA Award of Merit
- Brad Brown, Twenty Five Year Award Recipient

In regards of our legislative efforts with HB 2355/SB 2559, we are waiting on these bills to go to the Governor's Desk. Both have passed the Senate (30-0 vote) and the House (97-0 vote) respectively. I feel certain that our new legislation will benefit all ATCS within Tennessee. There should be more information with Nick Pappas' and the Governmental Affairs Committee newsletter "Up on the Hill". All TATS members should be receiving this along with a membership card and a questionnaire to update

our membership directory, in the near future.

With all of our legislative efforts, we have expended most of the monies that were allotted for these efforts and we will need to replenish these funds for future lobbying efforts. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions please contact either Nick or Chris Blount. We are still seeking volunteers for the NATA meeting in Nashville. If you would like to volunteer, please contact either Chuck Kimmel at KimmelCW@apsu.edu or me at DTGreen@tntech.edu

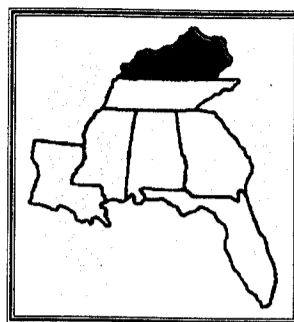
I would like to thank all of those members and exhibitors who attended our Ninth Annual Meeting at David Lipscomb University in Nashville. This was our largest meeting to date. During our annual awards banquet and members meeting, we gave the following awards:

1. Joe Whitson of East Tennessee State University - Undergraduate Student Scholarship of \$500.00
2. Justin Terrill of Vanderbilt University - Graduate Student Scholarship of \$500.00
3. Kent Chapman, ATC, Backbone Award
4. Cheryl Woodward, ATC, High School Athletic Trainer
5. Michael Smitherman, ATC, Clinic/Professional Athletic Trainer
6. Linda Barker, ATC, College Athletic Trainer
7. Mark Miller of Sawyer Brown Country Music Group, Corporate Award
8. Burton Elrod, MD, Sports Medicine Person of the Year
9. Steve Moore, ATC, T.A.T.S. Hall of Fame

The membership present elected to do the following:

1. Increase TATS donation to the Research and Education Foundation to \$1000.00 and challenged all other SEATA states to match or surpass our donations.
2. Proceed with some housecleaning efforts concerning our current law. We need to make it clear whether we are certified or licensed and we have opted to try to make consistent throughout the bill that we want to become licensed athletic trainers. We will also clean up some of the other misconceptions concerning education and student athletic trainers supervision. We are also looking to change our definition of athletic injuries and athletic trainers to coincide with the NATA's definitions. We will seek out the services of a professional lobbyist to assist us these efforts.
3. We are actively trying to promote hiring of more ATC's on the high school level. Mr. Jerry Robertson, ATC is chairing this committee and we hope to come up with some proposals to take to the school boards across the state.
4. Mr. Gene Lane, Public Relations Chair will be updating our directory during this current year.
5. The TATS membership re-elected the current Society's officer with Mark Parsons as our Vice President, Therese Sparns as our Secretary/Treasurer and myself as the President.

Kentucky Athletic Trainers Association



The KATS symposium was held June 2-4, 2000 at Lake Cumberland State Park. This year's symposium offered a wide variety of topics and expert lecturers. Some of the topics included were: Posterior Cruciate Ligament Injuries; Dental Injuries in Athletics; Changing of the Laws, What's Involved; Legal Concerns in Athletic Training; and The Difficult Back. KATS is fortunate to have some of the best, sports medicine trained, Orthopaedic Surgeons, Physicians, Certified Athletic Trainers, and Educators in the field today.

From The District Director

Sue Stanley-Green, ATC

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Becoming a Mom in the midst of my term, taught me a lot about quality of life issues, rearranging priorities, and juggling schedules. I want to thank my husband and best friend, Al Green, for making it possible for me to be on the Board of Directors. Without his love and support, I could have never pulled it off. He never complained about the weekends and time that I had to devote to Board business, when he had to step into the full time "Mr. Mom" role. I am so grateful to my 4-year-old daughter Logan, for making me see there are more important things in the world than my job.

I recently attended the funeral of a dear friend and my mentor, Linda Daniel. She lost a long battle with cancer. Her contribution to our profession was indescribable. She was one of the first women certified in the NATA, and she paved the way for women in our profession. She touched so many people during her years at Ohio State University. The attendance at her Memorial Service reminded me of what athletic trainers mean to their students, student athletes, coaches, parents, and patients. Don't lose site of what has made our profession unique and special. Let's not get so hung up on competencies and proficiencies that we forget how to teach people to care about each other. Linda taught me many things about Athletic Training and about life. She would want me to pass along to you the message that life is short, unpredictable, and precious. Take care of yourself and your family, and live each day as if it is your last.

Thank you for all of your support during my time as your President and SEATA District Director. I will cherish these memories always. Best of luck to Chuck Kimmel as he steps into the Director position and to Frank Grimaldi as he becomes President. SEATA will be in good hands.

Sue



Anniversary
25th
Celebration





Notes from Members

Dear SEATA Members,

The purpose of this note is to sincerely thank the membership and leadership of the district for suggesting that I attend "An Evening with Otho Davis" held recently in Philadelphia. The celebratory event was orchestrated by the Otho Davis Scholarship Fund, NFL Alumni, and many of his colleagues involved with our profession. District IX was a proud sponsor of the event. The Philadelphia Eagles Alumni presented Mr. Davis with the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his dedicated service, leadership, and innovative advancements in Athletic Training and Sports medicine. It was both an exciting and somber evening, considering his failing health, yet everything was handled in a positive and first class manner.

President Jerry Rhea and I were delighted to be joined by several S.E.A.T.A. members, as well as President Bobby Gunn, and President Frank George. Undoubtedly, our attendance was very much appreciated by the entire Davis family. Mr. Davis' last request of me was to be certain to thank our district for the donation, encouragement, letter of appreciation, sponsorship, and many years of support. It is indeed an honor to do so.

Most sincerely,

Bobby Barton

The family of Joe Worden acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. I am most appreciative of the gift to the NATA Research and Education Foundation in the name of my husband from the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association. He had a love of his work and high respect for your group.

He enjoyed the Annual Convention and the opportunity of knowing you.

Gratefully,
Flo Worden

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NOMINATIONS FOR SEATA SECRETARY

Nominations should be forwarded by 20 August, 2000 to:

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