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From the District Director R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

Dear SEATA Members,

I sincerely hope that your new year is off to a great start. We have a very exciting year ahead of in SEATA with a record number of athletic training related events scheduled for our district. As you all know by now, the **NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia** will be Wed., June 14 - Sun., June 18, 2006 in Atlanta, GA. District IX has a reputation for southern hospitality and hosting great conventions. We are grateful to **Jay Shoop** for offering his services as Convention Host Committee Chair. Jay needs around 250 volunteers to assist in making this the best convention yet, so please consider volunteering via the volunteer form on our website if your schedule allows.

There are numerous other professional meetings which are referred to later in this newsletter and on the SEATA website. Hopefully among these, the **31st Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting**, March 30 - April 2, 2006 is at the top of your meetings list. The Research and Education Committee has put together an outstanding program with a focus on general medicine. The Meeting Agenda and Registration Forms are on the SEATA website and we encourage you to pre-register to secure your preferred mini-courses and to assist us in minimizing unnecessary expenses. Please bring some members who have not attended in a while.

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**From the District President
Chris Gillespie, ATC**

Dear SEATA Members:

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta at our annual symposium. Your officers and committee members have been hard at work putting together a top tier program. Please take advantage of this opportunity to attend your district meeting.

The Executive Board and Officers have worked hard on your behalf. With that in mind, we have election in the works. Please VOTE! In each election a small percentage of our membership returns ballots. I ask you to do your part in being a member of SEATA and carry out your right to vote.

This meeting will be my last as your president. I have enjoyed my time serving you and look forward to serving in other capacities in the future. I appreciate you as peers, colleagues, and most of all, as friends. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

God Bless each of you!

Chris A. Gillespie, MED, ATC, LAT

**From the District Secretary
Jim Mackie, MS, ATC**

Members should sign up for a National Provider Identifier or NPI @ <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. Please read the information regarding this elsewhere in the newsletter.

NATA needs your help with NORA national Outcomes Research Analysis Project. Contact Christi Gates @ 1-800-879-6282 ext. 154 or christig@nata.org for more information. We are looking for ATC's who treat patients from beginning to end of rehabilitation to develop outcome based results.

**From the District Treasurer
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD, ATC**

SEATA Members - If you have not paid your NATA dues by 15 February 2006 you will be placed in a suspended membership category. This will result in loss of many benefits from the NATA and District. If your membership status is not fully active you will have to pay nonmember status to attend the SEATA Annual Meeting and the NATA Meeting.

Thanks

MaryBeth

**Registration for 31st Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium &
Members Meeting now open**

The agenda and registration for our District IX Meeting March 30-April 2, 2006 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel, Atlanta, GA is now available via the SEATA website. For the agenda go to www.seata.org/06csmm.htm. Pre-registration is encouraged so we can have an accurate count of those attending in order to plan ahead and keep costs down. Online registration is preferred via www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT17E. For mail-in registration, go to www.seata.org/06csmmreg.doc.

SEATA Elections Update

SEATA ELECTIONS

After multiple delays due to hurricanes, the ballots for SEATA elections are expected to go out very soon. The ballots will include candidates for District Director, President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also included will be proposed changes for the SEATA By-Laws as detailed at www.seata.org/SEATABy_LawProposal05.pdf. You will also have an opportunity to renew your support for the \$5.00 annual member contribution to the NATA Research and Education Foundation (REF) from SEATA dues that you approved in 2003.

Ballots will be mailed to the address you have on file with the NATA and will also be available via the SEATA website. Completed ballots will only be accepted via U.S. mail as detailed on in the ballot instructions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to impact the future of SEATA and our profession.

Volunteers needed to assist with NATA Convention in Atlanta, GA June 14-18, 2006

Approximately 250 volunteers are needed to assist with the NATA Convention in Atlanta. Jay Shoop of Georgia Tech is the Host Committee Chair and will be assisted by co-host Jerry Rhea. Both certified and student members are needed. To volunteer, please download the form at www.seata.org/2006VolunteerApplication.xls. Let's do our best to make this the most enjoyable and rewarding convention to date.

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

We will have the 2nd Annual Governmental Affairs Social/Fund Raiser again on Friday evening and **Crandall Woodson** has graciously offered to provide us with a SEATA Barbecue Social on Saturday evening. In addition to some great mini-courses we have two Thursday sessions offered: The NATA One Day Workshop "Understanding the Sacroiliac Joint" and the National Academy of Sports Medicine, One Day Workshop "Result-focused Corrective Exercise Solutions for Movement Dysfunctions" on Thursday, March 30.

Regarding news from the NATA Board of Directors, oral arguments are now scheduled to be heard on our CMS appeal March 6, 2006 in Houston. We approved the **Athletic Training Educational Competencies**, 4th Edition as submitted by the Entry-Level Education Committee and subsequently approved by the JRC-AT. These should be available for purchase very soon. The final report from the **Educational Degree Task Force** was approved at our December Board meeting and is now posted on the NATA website. The **Journal of Athletic Training** was funded for one additional 8-page signature to assist with manuscript backlog and a new promotional video was funded in the public relations budget. The NATAPAC website is now up with information for your review. Member support of the NATAPAC is essential for success in our national legislative efforts.

We need your participation on two important issues. First is the SEATA election. Ballots should be available via US Mail and the SEATA website very soon. Our professional future depends on you, so it is vital that you do your part by voting. Next, if you do not yet have your National Provider Identifier (NPI) number, do so now. Additional information regarding NPI appears later in this edition.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming meetings, if not at all of them. Please contact me if I can be of service.

Sincerely,

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

COMMITTEE REPORTS

College & University Athletic Trainers' Committee

2006 CUATC Recognition Awards nominations

The 2006 NATA College & University Athletic Trainers Committee (CUATC) Recognition Awards nominations deadline is March 1, 2006. Please send nominations to Bill McDonald, University of Alabama, Box 870323, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487 bmcdonald@ia.ua.edu. NATA College & University Athletic Trainers Committee (CUATC) Awards Program CUATC Award Nomination Form www.seata.org/CUATCAwardNominationForm_06.pdf

Committee on Revenue

NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI)

Tom Bair M.Ed., A.T., C. L.A.T.

District IX Committee on Revenue Representative

The NPI is part of the requirements imposed on the health care system by HIPAA. It can affect every athletic trainer regardless of setting unless you plan on retiring in the next 18 months or so. EVERY athletic trainer should get their NPI today.

What is the NPI?

Today, health plans assign identification numbers to health care providers -- individuals, groups, or organizations that provide medical or other health services or supplies. The result is that providers who do business with multiple health plans have multiple identification numbers. The NPI is a unique identification number for health care providers that will be used by all health plans. Health care providers and all health plans and health care clearinghouses will use the NPIs in the administrative and financial transactions specified by HIPAA. Even if you currently do not work in a setting that bills health care plans today, what is to say you won't in the future? The NPI contains no embedded intelligence; that is, it contains no information about the health care provider such as the type of health care provider or State where the health care provider is located.

Who needs an NPI?

NPIs are given to health care providers that need them to submit claims or conduct other transactions specified by HIPAA. A health care provider is an individual, group, or organization that provides medical or other health services or supplies. This includes physicians and other practitioners, physician/practitioner groups, institutions such as hospitals, laboratories, and nursing homes, organizations such as health

maintenance organizations, and suppliers such as pharmacies and medical supply companies. This does not include health industry workers, such as admissions and billing personnel, housekeeping staff, and orderlies, who support the provision of health care but do not provide health care services.

How are the NPIs going to be used?

The NPI must be used in connection with the electronic transactions identified in HIPAA. In addition, the NPI may be used in several other ways: (1) by health care providers to identify themselves in health care transactions identified in HIPAA or on related correspondence; (2) by health care providers to identify other health care providers in health care transactions or on related correspondence; (3) by health care providers on prescriptions (however, the NPI could not replace requirements for the Drug Enforcement Administration number or State license number); (4) by health plans in their internal provider files to process transactions and communicate with health care providers; (5) by health plans to coordinate benefits with other health plans; (6) by health care clearinghouses in their internal files to create and process standard transactions and to communicate with health care providers and health plans; (7) by electronic patient record systems to identify treating health care providers in patient medical records; (8) by the Department of Health and Human Services to cross reference health care providers in fraud and abuse files and other program integrity files; (9) for any other lawful activity requiring individual identification of health care providers, including activities related to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

How do I get an NPI?

The quickest way is to go to the following web site and fill out the application on line <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> and follow the prompts. We are listed under the **Respiratory, Rehabilitative and Restorative Service Providers** section, just in a sub-section of that area. The placement of our position has nothing to do with an ATCs education, abilities or qualifications. In fact the placement of ATCs in the specialist technician sub-category requires more education than placement in the more general area. No one should imply that because we are not listed in the general area that we are perceived as being less qualified. (Remember the government is involved)

Why is it important I get an NPI when I don't bill for services?

These numbers are for medical professional, you are one. 2) Just because you might be working in an environment or state where you don't bill for your services today doesn't mean you won't tomorrow. 3) If you are billing for your services you won't be able to unless you have an NPI.

Public Relations Committee

March is National Athletic Training Month with the theme "Be Safe, Stay Healthy". Please plan to do something in your area and send a summary of activities in your state or local to Jim Mackie, Public Relations Representative at jdmackie@comcast.net. Thank You

Congratulations again go to Public Relations & AAOS on winning the Award of Excellence for this year's campaign.

Our NATA/AAOS public service campaign ("what will they have longer...their trophies or their injuries") won an Award of Excellence from ASAE's Associations Advance America. The submission will be considered later in the year for a summit award

Research and Education Foundation

ATTENTION: ALL ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS The deadline for the REF scholarships is very close. All applications are to be postmarked by February 10th. The Research and Education Foundation anticipates awarding around seventy scholarships valued at two thousand dollars each. If you still want to apply, you must have a 3.2 GPA, be sponsored by an athletic trainer, and be a member of the NATA. Applications are available at the Foundation website. www.natafoundation.org

UPDATE The Breakfast of Champions' competition will be decided very shortly. Again, SEATA is in the running for the title. I wish to thank all members and businesses that supported the Foundation last year and look forward to additional members supporting the REF in the future. If you wish to donate, you can go to the NATA foundation website. www.natafoundation.org

IMPORTANT VOTE AHEAD Please take the time to vote in the District IX elections for your officers. Also, back in 2003, the SEATA membership overwhelmingly voted to support an annual member contribution of \$5.00 through SEATA dues to the Foundation. Again this year, the REF is looking for your renewed support. A ballot to continue supporting the dues contribution to the

Foundation will be included with the district officers elections. Voting yes will simply continue what you approved in 2003 and will not mean an increase in your SEATA dues. We certainly appreciate your continued support in this way.

Mike Wilkinson, Chair, District 9 NATA Research and Education Foundation

SEATA Executive Board

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 30, 2006 at 1:00 pm Atlanta, GA Crown Ravinia Plaza Hotel

SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference Committee

The 2006 SEATA 1st Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference will be at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA beginning at Noon Friday, Feb. 10 and ending at 6:00 P.M. Saturday, Feb. 11. This 2-day session providing 16.5 CEUs will feature updates on the new JRC-AT Standards, Athletic Training Educational Competencies, and BOC Testing Format. Numerous presentations and facilitated discussions will be provided on a variety of educational topics including breakout sessions that will utilize examples and other materials from accredited institutions. Advance registration is closed. On-site registration is \$200.00. Space is limited.

- JRC-AT: [*The New Standards*](#) by Greg Gardner, EdD, ATC
- NATA Education Council: [*The New Athletic Training Educational Competencies*](#) by Kenneth Knight PhD, ATC
- [*Navigating Assessment*](#) by Malissa Martin, EdD, ATC/L, CSCS
- [*A Primer on Measurement for Outcomes Assessment Instruments*](#) by Trenton Gould, PhD, ATC, Scott Piland, PhD, ATC, Earl "Bud" Cooper, EdD, ATC
- [*New BOC Testing Format*](#) by Denise Fandel, ATC
- [*SEATA Athletic Training Student Clinical Case Study Presentations*](#)
- [*Peer Learning*](#) by Jolene M. Henning, EdD, ATC
- [*Paradigm Shift: Taking away the worker mentality of clinical education*](#) by Mark Laursen, MS, ATC
- [*The Clinical Rotation Plan*](#) by Stacy Walker, PhD, ATC
- [*Using MERLOT Web Application in Athletic Training Education*](#) by Jeanne Sewell, MSN, RN

- [Off-Campus Clinical Experiences](#) by Sue Shapiro, EdD, ATC/L
- [Common Pitfalls with Accreditation Evaluations](#) by Carl Cramer, EdD, RKT, ATC/L
- [Mock Program Review](#) by Brian Bogdanowicz, MS, ATC

Participants are asked to bring electronic/hard copies of their institution's measurement and assessment tools of their ATEPs for purposes of sharing. The electronic copies will be compiled on a network and registrants will be able to access the materials for a determined period of time. Please note that this is voluntary, but could serve to be very useful.

Go to www.seata.org/06atec.htm on the SEATA website for further details and registration.

SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Committee

The 21st SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium will be held Feb. 10-11, 2006 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA. **Registration is closed. All sessions are completely full and on-site or walk-up registration will not be available.** All non-certified students who have registered for the 21st SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium will be provided a discount rate of \$50.00 to attend the 31st Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting at the at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA March 30- April 2, 2006. Go to www.seata.org/06csmm.htm for further details.

SEATA Exhibits Committee

Our 2006 SEATA Partner Plans were mailed out the first week of December. We are looking for another record year with our exhibitors as we had 55 booths available during last years SEATA Meeting and we sold 55. I would like to get 60 booths this year. We still have several weeks before our meeting so please contact your local vendors to see if they will attend this years meeting.

Please submit any new companies in your area who could become a new exhibitor or have them contact me at the address given. Please support our exhibitors, especially our Corporate Partners, as they help in making our SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium the great success that it has become.

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SEATA History and Archives Committee

We will have our history and archives the booth again this year. We are planning on having a CD with pictures from past meetings and a DVD with interviews. I want to encourage members to send digital pictures to me at my school address. We will start to put these together in decades for use at meetings. Make sure they are labeled clearly with date and subject matter. This can include awards at state meetings, action pictures and social gatherings. Scanned copies of articles and such are also welcome. Any interviews that members want to do concerning the past history of individual schools or athletic trainers are welcome in VHS format and we can get them transferred. We look forward to your help collecting the history of SEATA and developing a way for all to share in it. My address at school is alan.lollar@murraystate.edu. Thanks.

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SEATA Newsletter & Website Committee

The SEATA Newsletter & Website Committee will be conducting a survey to determine the membership's preference regarding distribution of SEATA News via the Newsletter, eBlasts, and the website. We strongly urge your participation so that we can better meet your needs.

Please submit all information for posting on the website to R.T. Floyd at this time. E-mail to rtf@uwa.edu. You may also submit info via www.seata.org/newsform.htm.

SEATA Research and Education Committee

The SEATA Research and Education Committee has placed the following documents on the SEATA website:

- [SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts 31st Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#)
- [SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals](#)
- [Research Grant Application Guidelines and General Information](#)

Please check each for submission criteria and deadlines.

Women in Athletic Training Committee

The **Women in Athletic Training Committee** is planning a mentoring/ life-balancing workshop in conjunction with the SEATA annual meeting. Look for more information at the SEATA meeting and on the SEATA list serve.

The WATC is still in the process of putting together a timeline and history of women in athletic training, and we could use the help of all SEATA members in identifying profound female athletic trainers who have made an impact on the profession. If you have any information about the history of women in the NATA or SEATA, feel free to contact your state representative or Jenay Dunlap Myers and Lauren Carter (see the committee page on www.seata.org for contact information). If you have information on women from other districts, let us know, and we can pass that information along to their committee.

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), Lauren Carter (GA), Jenay Dunlap Myers (GA), Debbie Klinger (KY), Lori McGaha (LA), Ruth Haugan (MS), and Karen Griffin (TN).

NATA launches "member-get-member" campaign

Current members who get at least 3 new members to join by March 31, 2006 will receive a thank-you gift and be entered into a drawing to win free registration to NATA's 57th Annual Meeting in 2006.

The new member can join in any category for which he/she qualifies: Certified, Associate, Student, Student-Certified, or International.

Help SEATA & NATA build our membership!

Visit www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm and/or the **SEATA Calendar of Events web page to stay current**



NATA Research & Education Foundation

Supporting and Advancing the Athletic Training Profession through Research and Education.

Mississippi Summit on Sudden Death in Athletes

"Hearts Too Good to Die" – Bernard Lown, M.D.

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., (NEW DATE) FEBRUARY 20, 2006

Norman C. Nelson Student Union Building, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS
601-984-1300

OTHER NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Update

Dear Leaders of NATA:

NATA is pleased to announce that the below definition was added to the National Provider Identifier (NPI) taxonomy effective Jan. 1, 2006. NATA continues to encourage ALL members to get their NPI number. Any health care provider—including athletic trainers-- who works under HIPAA rules is required to have an NPI number by May 2007. Secondary school, collegiate and professional athletic trainers are particularly encouraged to get their NPI number during the grace period in order to ensure future job opportunities. Demonstrating their understanding of its importance, the athletic trainers at the Chicago White Sox organization reportedly have lead the way for PBATS members. The entire athletic training staff has received their individual NPI numbers.

"NATA views having an NPI number like having a state license—it's a professional requirement and adds credibility to both the individual and the profession," says Cate Brennan Lisak, director of external

affairs. "Once ATs get their NPI number, it will be theirs forever—no matter where they work. There's no downside to having an NPI number." Applying for an NPI number is quick, easy and free. To get an NPI number, go to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>. State licensure is not/not required nor does the athletic trainer have to be employed in a reimbursable setting, like a clinic or physician office. Athletic trainers who have their NPI number can freely change jobs within the vast health care system. For NATA as a whole, it is important to have maximum enrollment so it can demonstrate the significance of the health care workforce in legislative and regulatory issues.

NATA recently attended a conference call on the rollout of the NPI system, and found that the system is "a work in progress." There continue to be many unanswered questions, especially for especially for hospitals and large physician groups. Currently many health plans are moving slowly to converting to the NPI system, which requires a significant financial investment in computer and database conversion. However, none of these questions affect the ability of members to enroll and experts recommend that all providers get their number as soon as possible.

Please send NATA your success story and a note that you've enrolled so we can keep a tally. For more information, contact Cate Brennan Lisak at watchdog@nata.org.

Specialist/Technologist - **22550000X**

Status: Modified definition 01/01/2006. Modified source 01/01/2006.

Code: 2255A2300X

Level type: Level III Area of Specialization

<http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/taxonomy>

Athletic Trainer

Athletic trainers are allied health care professionals who work in consultation with or under the direction of physicians, and specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses. Currently, the entry-level employment requirements are a bachelor's degree with a major in athletic training from an accredited university or college. A majority of athletic trainers hold advanced degrees. National board certification is generally required as a condition of state licensure and employment. Most states regulate athletic trainers, and they practice within the scope of that license or regulation. Clinical practice includes emergency care, rehabilitation, reconditioning, therapeutic exercise, wellness programs, exercise physiology, kinesiology, biomechanics, nutrition, psychology and health care administration.

The NORA Project:

National **O**utcomes **R**esearch **A**nalysis project

The ATC outcomes study will take approximately six months; it could be a shorter time period as the study is based on number of patients and number of pieces of data submitted.

For each patient, two study forms will need to be completed, one at the beginning and end of their rehabilitation. NATA intends for the ATC to be the sole provider of services for this study. NATA prefers that the ATC is single credentialed (i.e., only an ATC). No dual credentialed clinicians will be accepted for participation in this pilot study.

The study started on July 1st 2005 and completion of the first phase will be the sooner of six months or 1,800 pieces of data.

Musculoskeletal rehabilitations are the area of treatment to be evaluated.

All participants will have access to their own data. Participants will gain a comparison of their outcomes against other participants and against the universe as a whole. No identifying patient or clinic information will be provided. Comparative information will be available at the conclusion of the study. (this will be a blind comparison)

All participants will be trained upon acceptance of their application, via Web based training to be conducted by Uniform Data Systems (UDS). All participants must attend one of the training sessions which will be approximately two hours long.

The information gathered from this project will be used to advance the profession of athletic training in a number of varied ways. If you are currently participating in the GLATA outcomes data project your

participation in the NORA project would be duplicative and not allowed. GLATA started the outcomes project and NATA is participating in it in order to expand the number of outcomes reviewed.

If you wish to participate please complete the attached form and return it to Christi Gates at NATA as soon as possible, either via e-mail (christig@nata.org) or fax 214-637-2206 attention Christi Gates. If you need additional information or if you have any further questions regarding this vital project, please contact Cate Brennan-Lisak 1-800-879-6282 ext. 148 or Christi Gates at 1-800-879-6282 ext. 154.



CONTINUING EDUCATION STAGGERING

Beginning 2006, the Board of Certification (BOC) implemented staggered continuing education (CE) reporting. The first three years of implementation will require prorated CE submission. Once the initial implementation is complete you will report your CE's every three years. Please refer to the alphabetical listing for your CE reporting schedule:

<u>Number of CEU's Due: 25</u>	Last Name Begins With: A-G <u>Date CEU's Due: 12/31/06</u>	<u>Next CEU Due Date: 12/31/09</u>
<u>Number of CEU's Due: 50</u>	Last Name Begins With: H-O <u>Date CEU's Due: 12/31/07</u>	<u>Next CEU Due Date: 12/31/10</u>
<u>Number of CEU's Due: 75</u>	Last Name Begins With: P-Z <u>Date CEU's Due: 12/31/08</u>	<u>Next CEU Due Date: 12/31/11</u>

Please contact the BOC Continuing Education department if you have any questions. 877-262-3926.

Collegiate Sports Medicine Foundation hosts Athletic Training Student Leadership Workshop

The Collegiate Sports Medicine Foundation will be hosting the [1st Annual Athletic Training Student Leadership Workshop](#). This workshop is by invitation of which two (2) students (Seniors to be) from each NATA district will be selected and provided a scholarship to attend. Scholarship includes air fare, hotels and meals. The meeting will focus on leadership qualities, past, present and future of the athletic training professionals, job opportunities, research and organizational skills for a leader in the health care field. Faculty will consist of present and past NATA leaders in an open format to provide students with an opportunity to connect with those individuals that have shaped the profession of athletic training.

District IX students should apply online via www.csmfoundation.org/Student_Leadership_Application.html.

Location: Boca Raton, FL Dates: May 19-21, 2006

NATA Committees to meet in Atlanta Feb. 9-10

The NATA Post Professional Education Committee and NATA Post Professional Education Review Committee are scheduled to meet in Atlanta, GA at the Crown Plaza Ravinia from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Thursday, Feb. 9 and 8:00 A.M. to noon on Friday, Feb. 10 in advance of the SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference. Both certified and student members are encouraged to attend and observe these committees at work. Certain portions of the meeting related to program accreditation may be closed.

The 2006 GLATA Annual Meeting and Symposium Presents the:

Wisconsin Reimbursement and Legislative Workshops

March 15, 2006

Corporate sponsor: Mueller sports medicine

Who Should Attend?

- We are hopeful to have leadership from each state organization present, including representatives from Reimbursement and Legislative Committees.
- Athletic trainers working in all settings that desire to understand the process of achieving reimbursement.
- Personnel that are directly involved with the billing, coding, and documentation of athletic training services.

Date/Time

Wednesday	March 15	8:00am-5:00pm (lunch included)
Wednesday	March 15	5:30pm-9:30pm Documentation Workshop
Thursday	March 16	9:00am-11:00am Billing/Coding Workshop

Purposes

- Define the meaning of a state license and the role licensure plays in achieving reimbursement.
- Outline the role of a state athletic training association that effectively supports legislative and reimbursement initiatives.
- Provide real world examples of effective models for athletic training third party reimbursement and how they were achieved.
- Outline how to make your license work for athletic trainers in your state.
- Establish networking (intra-state and inter-state) relationships.

Goals

- To demonstrate the importance of an athletic training state organization, in the achievement of reimbursement and legislative goals.
- To create a symposium that effectively serves as a “train the trainer” workshop. Attendees could then return to their clinics and state organizations with a blueprint for proceeding.
- To enable the creation of new, quality employment opportunities for ATCs, which demonstrate financial value.

Workshop Agenda

7:45-8:00	Welcome, Thank You To Mueller and Planning Committee
8:00-8:45	The Licensure Process and Making Your Licensure Work For You. Moderator: Joe Greene Brad Sherman, Ryan Berry, and Scott Stenger
8:45-9:30	National Governmental Affairs Update, Sending a Uniform Message. Moderator: Ryan Berry Judith Pulice, NATA Governmental Affairs and Keith Webster
9:30-10:15	District Four Reimbursement Initiatives. What Works and Why? Moderator: Ann Berry All GLATA COR Chairs, and NATA COR Director
10:15-10:30	Break (WI COR info booth available with WI COR program design templates) WI COR reps
10:30-11:00	Evidence Based Success with Clinical Reimbursement Models. Moderator: Jeff Barnes Joe Greene, Joe Scott, Linda Mazzoli
11:00-11:45	Employment and Professional Development. How Reimbursement Can Be Factor? Moderator: Jim Shlimovitz Mary Kirkland, Kenneth Rogers, and Jan Lauer
11:45-noon	Take Off With Initiative, Strategy, and Success! Chuck Kimmel
Noon-12:45	Lunch With Speakers, Roundtable Discussions (NATA National Committee Chairs host each individual discussion) (NATA COR-Ken Locker and NATA COR , NATA COE-Mary Kirkland, NATA CIC Ken Rogers, NATA GAC-Keith Webster and Judith Pulice, District 4 Director-Marjorie Albohm
12:45-1:15	What is The “Value” Study Proving? Moderator: Tony Kazckowski Ann Berry, Dino Laurenzi, Paul Carter
1:15-2:00	CMS? What is The Significance Behind CMS for our Future? Moderator: NATA COR

	Ken Locker, Judith Pulice, Keith Webster, and Paul Carter
2:00-2:30	Break (WI COR info booth available) Network With State COR Chairs/Reps
2:30-3:15	The Utilization of Athletic Trainers in an Orthopedic Clinic Setting and Physician Referrals for Athletic Training Rehabilitation: A Physician Perspective Moderator: Dino Laurenzi James Shapiro MD, Greg Landry MD
3:15-4:00	Reimbursement and the ATC. The Hospital Administration Point of View. Moderator: Mark Husen Jane Powers, Clarke Simpson, Marjorie Albohm, and Ralph Reiff
4:00-4:45	Evidence Based Success, Reimbursement In Traditional Settings. Moderator: Jeff Sischo Ivan Milton, Wade Peiterson, and Nate Weiler
4:45-5:00	Our Future, Where Do We Go From Here? Additional Questions? Moderator: Dan Trampf Ken Locker, NATA COR, Ann Berry

STATE REPORTS

Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

ALATA will be holding our state meeting this year at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Sandestin, FL. Dates for this years meeting will be May 19-21, 2006. Please check out www.alata.org for future meeting updates and to download your registration form. You can reserve your rooms now by calling 1-800-320-8115. Look forward to seeing all of you in May.

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

18th Annual ATAF Meeting Info Announced

The ATAF 18th Annual Clinical Symposium and Business Meeting will be held from April 21st-23rd, 2006 at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs. Special ATAF Room rates are: \$73.00/night plus tax, and deadlines for reservations are March 28, 2006. For Reservations call (800)678-4380. Once again the ATAF PAC/Social will "kick off" the meeting on Friday night April 21st.

Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

2nd Annual Human Motion Institute Symposium

May 5, 2006, 6-8pm

May 6, 2006, 7am-5:15pm

Doctors Hospital, Augusta, Georgia

10 CEUs

\$150

Contact: Elizabeth Lamb, ATC for information or to register. 706-651-2270

Topics to include:

- Impingement Syndrome
- Functional Rehabilitation of the Throwing Shoulder
- Adolescent Female: Wellness, Fitness, and Rehabilitation
- Alternative Compounds for Rehabilitation Specialists
- Avascular Necrosis of the Femoral Head
- Disorders of the Foot and Ankle
- Burn & Wound Care
- ...and more...

Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society

The Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society held its annual meeting and symposium on January 21, 2006. During that meeting KATS inducted the first 5 people into its Hall of Fame and presented its annual awards. More pictures and information about the awards is available at www.kyats.com.



Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society Hall of Fame Inductees

From left to right: Tom Simmons (Retired, Murray State University), Bobby Barton (Retired, Eastern Kentucky University), Anna Hamilton (Wife of the late Bob Hamilton, St. Xavier High School) and Jerry May (Retired, University of Louisville). Not pictured is the late Roy Don Wilson (University of Kentucky).



Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society Annual Award and Scholarship Winners

From left to right: Sherri McNew (Clinical Athletic Trainer of the Year, UK Sports Medicine), Lesley Barsotti (College/University Trainer of the Year, Centre College), Brooke Szabo (Graduate Scholarship winner, Georgetown College) and Bill Welsh (Award of Merit, Georgetown College). Not pictured are Darren Johnson, MD (Sportsmedicine Person of the Year, UK Sports Medicine), Tim Amshoff (High School Athletic Trainer of the Year, Fern Creek High School) and Maya Lynum (Undergraduate Scholarship winner, Kentucky State University).

Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association

Hurricanes Relief Fund Update

Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association's Executive Committee is asking for assistance from the membership to identify any athletic trainer who sustained a loss as a result of the two hurricanes, Katrina or Rita. As athletic trainers, we strive to always be there and to help others and often neglect ourselves and fellow athletic trainers. The committee would ask that we identify our fellow athletic

trainer who had a financial loss as a result of the hurricanes. This information should be forwarded to Gerard White, LATA Treasurer and coordinator of the AT Relief Fund, at gerard.white@nicholls.edu and their name will be put into a database. This information will help to ensure that the relief fund will be utilized and benefit ALL of our fellow athletic trainers.

To this date, we have collected just over \$10,000 in the fund. I have received donations from District Associations: SWATA; State Associations: Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, and the Greater Dayton AT Association. The fund has also received contributions from two NATA members. This fund was established to assist with athletic trainers affected by either Katrina or Rita. Checks can be made payable to:

AT Relief Fund
C/O Gerard White, LATA Treasurer
Nicholls State University
P.O. Box 2090
Thibodaux, LA 70310

Louisiana Winter Business Meeting Info

With the NATA meeting moving from New Orleans to Atlanta this summer, the LATA will hold a 2006 LATA Educational Symposium in Lafayette, LA on June 9 & 10. Anyone interested in attending can visit www.latainc.org for upcoming details. Additionally, the 2007 LATA Educational Symposium was scheduled to be held in New Orleans hosted by Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine; however, due to Katrina, TISM will not be able to host the meeting. The membership awarded the 2007 symposium to be hosted by Nicholls State University at a TBD date.

From the work done by the LATA High School Taskforce, Senate Concurrent Resolution 52 of the 2005 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature was passed. Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR 52) requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education study the issue of improving the health and safety of student athletes in Louisiana's secondary schools. Additionally, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette was awarded a grant with the purpose of developing a High School Sports Medicine Curriculum which could be taught in all schools across the state.

The Legislative Affairs Committee and Research and Development Committee are working on developing revisions to the Louisiana athletic training state law. Additionally, the Research and Development Committee has requested environmental data from any athletic trainer in the state. This data will be used in the formulations of heat illness guidelines that would apply more directly to the environment in the deep south.

Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

The MATA will soon be holding elections for the offices of Vice-President (2 year interim), Treasurer (4 year), Director of Professional Improvement (4 year), and Physician member to the Executive Committee (2 year). The nomination deadline was January 31 and ballots will soon be mailed to all current members that are eligible to vote.

Pearl River Resort in Philadelphia, MS will be the site of the 2006 MATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium and is scheduled for July 10-12. We will again be having a golf tournament with our meeting on Tuesday, July 11 at Dancing Rabbit Golf Club. The MATA has contracted for a rate of \$65/night for a single or double room; please use our group code of MATA76 in order to receive our group rate before June 25, 2006. Advanced reservations can be made by calling the Pearl River Resort Reservation Department at 1-866-44-PEARL. Please be looking for more information coming soon to our website at www.mississippiata.org.

Nominations for MATA Awards including the Hall of Fame, Athletic Trainer of the Year, and Sports Medicine Person of the Year are being accepted until April 15; applications are available on our website. The Scholarship Committee is working on the applications for the Kim McMichael and Andy Bryan Memorial Scholarships and more information will be available soon.

Please keep the MATA informed of any events that you are planning for National Athletic Training Month. There is a need for photos of our members at work; please send these to Donna Wesley so that we can use them in our upcoming public relations efforts.

MATA members are encouraged to stay aware of actions during this current legislative session on the

state and national level. All licensed athletic trainers are also encouraged to obtain their NPI number; more information on this can be obtained on our website.

If you did not receive a copy of the first edition of our quarterly newsletter the *MATA Messenger* by e-mail, please contact Donna to make sure that we have your most current contact information on file. Print copies will be available by request only.

Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society held its' Annual Business Meeting and Clinical Symposium in Gatlinburg, TN on January 21 & 22 at the Park Vista Resort Hotel. We would like to acknowledge the following award recipients: Nicholas A. Pappas - Hall of Fame, David T. Green - Presidents Award of Merit, Dr. Richard I. Williams - Sports Medicine Person of the Year, Carissa N. Andres - Sandy Sandlin High School Athletic Trainer of the Year, Robert G. Fresorger - Joe Worden Clinic/Professional Athletic Trainer of the Year, and William R. Ness - Backbone of the Year. We also would like to thank R.T. Floyd and Chuck Kimmel for their attendance at our meeting.

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