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News from the District Director, R.T. Floyd



I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season and that 2009 will be your best year yet. I have already had the pleasure of attending two great state meetings (TATS & GATA) and look forward to seeing the rest of you at your upcoming state meetings and particularly at the 34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting March 19-22 in Panama City Beach, FL. The SEATA Research & Education Committee under the direction of Dr. Cathy Brown & Dr. Mike Brunet has put together an outstanding program with some excellent speakers. Additionally, the NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers Committee is providing an excellent High School Employment Workshop on Friday for 3 free CEUs. As in the past, we will be honoring our SEATA Awards and Scholarship recipients as well as inducting new members into the SEATA Hall of Fame at the Tim Kerin Memorial Awards Luncheon.

We are expecting our largest group yet for Capitol Hill Day on Feb. 23 and I

hope we can include you in this effort. This is extremely important and we must continue getting our message across to our legislators – both in person and through corresponding with their offices. Please consider including the NATAPAC fund raiser event – a nighttime tour of the Washington, DC monuments.

I encourage your review of the summaries of NATA Board Minutes at www.nata.org/members/documents/ but do want to share a few items since the October SEATA Newsletter. We approved the NATA Consensus Statement “Managing Prescription and Non-prescription Medication In the Athletic Training Room” which I think you will find very useful. We also approved distribution of the Outcome Advisory Panel’s request for proposals for the NATA Injury Surveillance and Outcomes Project and have received 20 Letters of Intent which are currently under review. Due to the large significant increase in state legislative activity the Governmental Affairs Committee requested additional funds which we ap-

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News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski



Hello – I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the beginning of 2009. This is a very busy time of the year for SEATA. I encourage all SEATA members to log on to our SEATA website to see more information about the many SEATA activities. We have several great meetings planned for 2009. I am very grateful for the many members who have worked very hard in preparation for the 24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium. The two Directors for this symposium are Dr. R.T. Floyd and Dr. Ray Castle. We also thank Jim Mackie and Lori Groover for handling the registration for this meeting. Karen Lew and Dr. Ray Castle have as-

sisted with the coordination of the exhibitors that attend this meeting. Dr. Gianluca Del Rossi, Chair of the SEATA Scholarship Committee, and his committee members have selected several students to be recognized at the meeting. Their names will be posted on the SEATA website following the meeting. This meeting will again be among the largest student symposiums on record. It is anticipated that we will have approximately 615 athletic training students attending the symposium in Atlanta.

Need some CEUs and some time to meet old friends, make new friends and share ideas? Even in the day of getting CEUs online many people in medical professions know that you often learn the pearls of the profession by attending sym-

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**Register for SEATA
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www.seata.org/09csmm.htm

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Announcing SEATA Go-Green Initiatives

In helping our association to be eco-friendly we'd like to offer the following items that SEATA is doing to do our part.

SEATA already has the following green initiatives online:

- SEATA Newsletter
- Member & Student Meeting registration

SEATA Elections

In the future we are considering the following:

- E-mail our Meeting evaluations to all participants following the meeting
- Re-cycle lanyards and name badges at end of meetings
- Request members bring a lanyard(s) to the meeting and

we will offer a small thank you incentive this year. We will still have lanyards as needed.

If you have any further suggestions in this regard please send to Jim Mackie, Treasurer or Lori Groover, Secretary.

34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, March 19-22, 2009, Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort, Panama City Beach, FL

News from the Treasurer, Jim Mackie**Treasurer's Report January 2009****Financial Information**

Cash Flow Report Wachovia Account

1-01-09 to 1-29-09

Inflows \$82,963.91

Outflows \$46,226.42

Difference \$36,737.49

Wachovia Securities Investment Report:

Value 11-30-08 \$148,802.91

Value 12-31-08 \$151,942.79



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

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

proved at \$75,000. Also as your NATA Board we are excited with the following new official sponsor categories: Chattanooga - electrotherapy stimulator, ultrasound & laser, OSSUR - short leg walker and

Lotrimin as an addition to Tinactin's antifungal product category.

Thanks for your work toward advancing our profession and please let me know how we can better serve you

from the NATA and SEATA perspective.

Sincerely,
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

1st Annual SEATA Quiz Bowl, Feb. 6, 2009, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA

Does your State Athletic Training Organization have your NATAPAC tiles hanging in the NATA Office yet?

natapac
National Athletic Trainers' Association political action committee

Committee Reports

College & University Athletic Trainers' Committee

The College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee is now encouraging nominations for the following national committee awards.

- Head Athletic Trainer - NCAA Division 1
- Head Athletic Trainer - NCAA Division 2
- Head Athletic Trainer - NCAA Division 3
- Head Athletic Trainer - NAIA
- Head Athletic Trainer - Junior College/Community College
- Assistant Athletic Trainer of Year – (sole winner can come from within any collegiate division)
- Above and Beyond Award - (sole winner can come from within any collegiate division)
- New Horizon Award - (sole winner can come from within any collegiate division)

Go to www.nata.org/committees/cuatc/award_criteria.htm to review the award criteria and access the nomination form. Nominations must be received by March 15, 2009.

NATA Research & Education Foundation

NATA News Feature Story on Foundation Capital Campaign

The NATA Research and The Foundation Board, Staff and volunteers have been working for over a year on the quiet, or advanced gifts' phase of the capital fundraising campaign, *The Campaign for Research and Education*.

The first such campaign in Foundation history, the fundamental principle is to move

from a dollar in – dollar out financial model to an endowment model. This change permits financial gifts to be added to the principal of a fund, allowing for in perpetuity and annual income to support an endowment.

With a base of tremendous support and much en-



couragement the Foundation is beginning the public phase of the Campaign as announced in the January issue of the *NATA News*. Go to http://at.uwa.edu/nataref/Foundation_Jan2009.pdf for the full story. Visit the new Capitol Campaign website at www.natafoundation.org/capitalcampaign.htm.

Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee

Attention all High School ATC's!!!

Make plans now to attend the High School Employment Workshop! This Secondary School Workshop will be held on Friday morning at our SEATA conference. The workshop's time is still to be determined, but it looks like it will be around 8 a.m. The title of the workshop is "Secondary Schools Employment." If you have questions such as... "How do I get another ATC at my school?" "How do I get my Administration to buy in what I am doing?" "or "How do I promote myself as a High School ATC?" YOU NEED TO BE THERE!!" Words can't express

how informational this workshop is. I have attached an abstract of the workshop. The panel is full of dynamic, passionate speakers who do an outstanding job inspiring and motivating the High School ATC. This panel is led by NATA Secondary Schools Chair, Brian Robinson. This workshop has already been done at 3 other districts, and is has been very well received. This workshop is sponsored by the NATA Secondary Schools Committee, and is worth 4 FREE continuing education units. These speakers are coming from all over the country, so please, let's do our part in supporting them. Please

spread the word throughout your state. I promise, You won't be disappointed!

The JC scholarship award has been posted. If you have any outstanding Senior Athletic Training Students who are wanting to pursue Athletic Training at the High School level, please have them apply. This is a national scholarship, but every year we only have 50 or so apply! Please encourage your students. WE HAVE THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST STUDENTS RIGHT in District IX, AND THEY DESERVE TO BE RECOGNIZED!!! The link is www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/cs_nata/cs_nata2009.htm

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March is National Athletic Training Month!

March is always National Athletic Training Month – and this time, NATA's tagline is the theme. "Health Care for Life & Sport" emphasizes the medical component of the athletic training profession, while recognizing the array of athletic training work settings.

- SEATA Members check out the PR toolkit on the nata.org website for ideas.
 - Start now working on what you can do for NATM in March!!
 - Don't forget about the PR Contest, let's bring home a winner from District IX!
- Learn more about [National Athletic Training Month!](#)



NATA: Involve & Evolve!

New blog entries added

Our **President's Blog** (featuring video) and **Experience at Work blog** both have brand-new entries -- check them out today!

Young Professionals Committee

Check out the YP section on the NATA website: www.nata.org/members/

youngprofessionals/index.cfm and the YPC committee area: www.nata.org/members/

youngprofessionals/ypcarearea.cfm.

SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Committee

The 24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium on Feb. 6-7, 2009 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA has over 600

students pre-registered. Track A remains open for late registrants at \$90.00, but Track B and the Competencies Track are both full and will not be

accepting any further registrants online or onsite. For further information go to www.seata.org/09atss.htm.

SEATA Corporate Partnership Committee

Our 2009 SEATA Partner Plans were E-Mailed out the first week of December. We are looking for another record year with our exhibitors as we had 45 booths available during last year SEATA Meeting. I would like to get 50+ booths this year. With a new location in Panama City, we look for a record year of attendance for both Athletic Trainers and Exhibitors.

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 Clinical Symposium and

Members Meeting the great success that it has become.

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If you have any historical artifacts pertaining to Athletic Training please notify John H. Anderson at athtrain@troy.edu

or call 334-670-3722.

Please send to John Anderson the history of your school's Athletic Training Pro-

gram. We have a rich history in District 9 – let's remember who brought us to the dance.

SEATA Life Balance Project Team

The goal for the Life Balance Project Team is to provide life balance resources to the entire membership in areas that include: work options, personal and leisure time, family time, child care, elder care, health for the healthcare provider, financial planning, and retirement.

The new NATA Think Tanks also include a Life Balance forum, and we've had some good discussions about life balance choices, sport burn-

out, and finding balance. If you have an interest in the area, feel free to sign up for this and other topics at <http://forum.nata.org/thinktanks/>.

The Life Balance Project Team is comprised of a chair and members from each of the states in the district. With our transition from the WATC to the project team, we have many vacancies, including Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Georgia. Please contact
M a r y M c L e n d o n

(mkml3@msstate.edu) if you would like more information; men and women are both encouraged to become involved.

Since the WATC had many resources for the membership, many of them are still available on the Life Balance Project Team site on the SEATA website, including the timeline of women in SEATA, bios of profound women, and a list of female SEATA award winners.

SEATA Memorial Resolutions Committee

Randall William "Randy" Sharpe

(February 28, 1954 - October 10, 2008) Mr. Randall William "Randy" Sharpe, 54, of Waycross Died suddenly Friday night at the Satilla Regional Medical Center. He was born in Jesup, Georgia to the late William Irvin Sharpe and Margaret Moore Sharpe. Randy was born and raised in Jesup where he graduated from Wayne County High School in 1972. He then went on to attend the University of Georgia where he became a letterman in 1974 as a trainer.



He started his love for sports as a player in the Wayne County little league. During his high school years, Randy wanted to play college football and then go into the ranks of the National Football League where he would be happy doing something in the world of sports.

Vince Dooley, then the University of Georgia head football coach, chose Randy to become a member of the (1973-1978) University of Georgia Football Team. His knees that gave him strength and speed could not take anymore punishment. Coach Dooley gave Randy a chance to become a trainer for the team. Randy, along with other duties, became the University of Georgia Chief Recruiter for high schools and recommended some of the best talents on the University of Georgia football

team during those years.

In addition to athletics, Randy was also a musician and song writer and participated in several bands in high school and college as a drummer and vocalist.

In 1977 Randy moved to Waycross where he became Director of the Waycross / Ware County Recreation Department and met his future bride Joyce Carpenter.

Waycross High School decided to add him to the staff as athletic trainer in 1980. Randy spent 31 years as an athletic trainer working with both the Waycross High School Bulldogs and the Ware County Gators. He has cared for thousands of football, basketball, baseball, soccer players, wrestlers, and cheerleaders with injuries in his 31 years. Randy has also taught student athletic trainer classes. He was a member of the 1996 Olympic Committee of Waycross / Ware County and also the Athletic Trainer for Olympic team from Lithuania that trained here in the 1990's. Randy was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a volunteer and active in the Boy Scouts of America and a coach of little League teams in a variety of sports.

He was currently employed by Wells-Cargo as the Sales Manager for the entire Southeastern United States. He was a member of Central Baptist Church, Billy Bowlegs Society, Main Street and Swampfest Committees and was active with the Okefenokee Heritage Center. He was presented the 2008 Health Hero Award by the Waycross / Ware County Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout his life in Waycross and Ware County Randy was a champion for our

community and a silent disciple for Waycross and Ware County. Randy touched thousands of Waycrossans who never knew him personally but whose lives have been made better by his deep involvement and contribution to our community. Those that were blessed to be a friend of Randy's were truly blessed and will forever miss his smile, his compassion and his constant words of encouragement, but most importantly, Randy was a loving husband and father.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Irvin Sharpe and his farther-in-law, Rev. Henry Carpenter whom he was very close to.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Sharpe of Waycross, two sons, Jonathan Sharpe and his fiancé Michelle Rittenhouse of Waycross, Joshua Sharpe of Waycross, his mother, Margaret Moore Sharpe of Jesup, two sisters, Tammy Peek and her husband Danny of Jesup, Tina Johnson and her husband Stanley of Baxley, his mother-in-law, Lunette Carpenter, two sister-in-laws, Josie McQuaig and her husband Marlon of Waycross, Betty Jean Thomas of Waycross, a brother-in-law, Henry Carpenter of Nashville, Georgia and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A funeral service will be held at 4 PM Wednesday at Central Baptist Church. Burial will take place on Thursday at Oconee Hill Cemetery in Athens, Georgia.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6-8pm at the Central Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ware County Athletic Department, 700 Victory Drive, Waycross, Georgia 31503 or the American

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Get Think Tank updates via e-mail

You can sign up to have daily or weekly Think Tank updates sent right to your inbox. Simply visit the Think Tank you wish to subscribe to, then go down to the middle of the Think Tank page under *Threads in Forum* and click on the *Forum Tools* link. Click on *Subscribe to this Forum* and select whether you want to receive daily or weekly e-mails. It's as simple as that!

More than one thousand members have [signed up for one or more Think Tanks](#) -- they provide a forum for discussion, build connections for collaboration and deliberation with your peers, and open the door to leadership opportunities and development within NATA.

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Get free info on athletic trainers in many settings

Looking for information about the daily lives of athletic trainers in various settings? Check out our [Day in the Life of an Athletic Trainer PowerPoint presentations](#). They're a good source for those who are looking to start their careers or are considering a change of settings -- or if you just want to get an idea of what your colleagues' lives are like.

New video**President Albohm speaks at Stanford University**

NATA President Marjorie Albohm MS, ATC, LAT gave a [one-hour presentation](#) in a recent visit to Stanford University. In it, she discusses an array of issues that are relevant and timely for you and your fellow athletic trainers. !

Iota Tau Alpha National honor society for athletic training is growing

NATA acknowledges [Iota Tau Alpha](#) as the national honor society for college students in athletic training education. Currently, it has over 500 members with chapters at 30 schools in 18 states.

If you're interested in starting a chapter at your school or want more info, contact toddc@nata.org.



Iota Tau Alpha
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1st Annual SEATA Student Quiz Bowl

The 1st Annual SEATA Student Quiz Bowl will be held at 7:00 P.M. Feb. 6, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, GA. The winning team will represent District IX at the 1st Annual NATA Quiz Bowl in San Antonio, TX. Details on team registration and make up are at www.seata.org/09qb.htm.

SEATA Memorial Resolutions Committee (continued from page 5)

Cancer Society, 250 Williams Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Sympathy may be expressed by signing online at www.milesodumfuneralhome.com.

Thomas "Doc" Simmons

The Murray State Racer family lost a dear member Wednesday with the passing of former head athletic trainer Tom "Doc" Simmons.



He is survived by his wife Margaret, who served as track and field coach and administrator at MSU for 38 years, and two children, Mary Jo and Mark (Tooter).

Viewing will be held at JH Churchill Funeral Home Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. The burial mass will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, at St. Leo's Catholic Church.

Simmons came to Murray State in 1964 as the school's first athletic trainer and effectively brought sports medicine to western Kentucky. When he arrived, there were only two other athletic trainers in the state: at Kentucky and Louisville.

Simmons devoted 27 years of service to MSU before retiring in 1993. He was inducted into the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1990.

"It's hard to know where to start. Doc was the first athletic trainer at Murray State, and one of the first in both the Ohio Valley Conference and

the state," said current MSU Head Athletic Trainer Alan Lollar. "The number of lives he has touched, both as an athletic trainer and a mentor, are really too numerous to count. Many of us would not be where we are today without Doc. When you were his friend, you learned what friendship meant."

"In a day and time when people routinely think of themselves first, he was just the opposite. He worked until the job was done. Ultimately, the heart he gave so many times, just gave out. He will be missed, but will be an influence on our lives forever."

In 2006, Simmons was inducted as a member of the inaugural class of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society Hall of Fame. He was also selected as the District Trainer of the Year by the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association in 1993 and 1994.

The legacy of Tom "Doc" Simmons is a constant inside the halls of Stewart Stadium as the athletic training room bears his name. Simmons designed and laid out the training room when the plans for the stadium were being developed in the late 1960's.

Simmons grew up in Detroit, Mich., and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Detroit. He earned a master's degree in physical education from Murray State in 1967.

Before joining MSU, Simmons worked with the Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills of the NFL and the NBA's Detroit Pistons.

"Tom Simmons will always be remembered for his service to Murray State and its student-athletes," said MSU Director of Athletics Allen Ward. "He gave his life to MSU and for that he will forever be a

part of the Racer family."

In lieu of flowers and gifts, the family asks that donations be made in the name of Tom Simmons to: St. Leo Catholic Church, Attention: Building Fund, 401 North 12th Street, Murray, Ky. 42071

Friday, December 19, 2008 MURRAY, Ky. — Thomas "Doc" Edward Simmons, 73, of Murray died Wednesday at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Mr. Simmons a member of St. Leo Catholic Church in Murray, and a retired athletic trainer and assistant professor for Murray State University.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Simmons of Murray; one daughter, Mary Jo Yates of Henderson; one son, Mark Simmons of Henderson; one sister; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother. His parents were Edward Simmons and Florence Schooff Simmons.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Leo Catholic Church in Murray.

Friends may call from 5 until 8 p.m. today at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home in Murray.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to The St. Leo Catholic Church Building Fund, 401 North St., Murray, KY 42071.

Gina Martin

GINA MARTIN, age 39, of Orlando, FL passed away Tues. Dec. 16th, following a brave battle with leukemia.



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SEATA Memorial Resolutions Committee (continued from page 6)

Gina Martin was born in Bethesda, Maryland graduated from Syracuse University in 1993 with her undergraduate degree. She earned her MA from the University of North Carolina in 1993. She began her athletic training career in Deerfield, MA before establishing the sports medicine program at Lake Highland Preparatory School where she cared for the Lake Highland community for the past 15 years.

Gina's family, friends, and the Lake Highland community are grateful for Gina's dedication to helping people; she will be truly missed. Gina is survived by her son, Tyler; Jeff Martin; parents, Bob and Sally Selepak; sister, Keri Kolbay; and grandmothers, Ann Profaizer and Mary Selepak. With her caring and loving spirit, Gina touched many hearts throughout the Orlando community; she will be dearly missed by all. A memorial service will be held Friday, December 19, 2008 at 9AM at St. James Catholic Cathedral, 215 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL. In lieu of flowers a donation in Gina's memory may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Central Florida, 3319 Maguire Blvd. Suite 101, Orlando, FL 32803, 407-898-0733.

7:00am 12/17/08

Dear Lake Highland family,

It is with profound sadness that I inform you that Lake Highland's head athletic trainer, Gina Martin, passed away last night after bravely fighting acute leukemia. Her struggle was short and merciful. She first began to show symptoms of the disease only in late October. During her illness, she was surrounded by family and

friends. Gina's parents, from West Virginia, spent the last six weeks with her. Gina's son, Tyler, is a LHPS first grader. His classmates have rallied around him during his mom's illness and now will close ranks to comfort him. Tyler's dad, Jeff Martin, is a valued member of the Lake Highland family, working in our Technology Office, and has been caring and attentive to both Tyler and Gina. Our school's heart is breaking for Gina's son and her entire family.

Gina was in her 15th year at LHPS. She was always the unfailingly positive, always uplifting, caregiver to any child or adult who sought her help in the trainer's office. Her disposition was pure sunshine and was as much a curative as the therapy she dispensed. No one was ever turned away from the trainers' office, regardless of how minor the injury -- everyone, young and old alike, felt her love as a caring fellow human being and left her office feeling better because of her healing ways. Gina Martin touched the lives and healed the bodies of thousands of aspiring young athletes at Lake Highland over the years. Those of us who have had the special privilege of knowing Gina will never be able to walk into the trainer's office again without a pang in our hearts.

We will share with you the details of Gina's funeral arrangements as soon as we know them.

Thank you to the many parents who have sent notes and emails conveying their condolences and shared sorrow for the loss of Gina Martin. Her family has asked that I share with you the following arrangements:

- Thursday 7-9:00 pm: Wake in the Chapel at Woodlawn Funeral Home, 400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road, Gotha, FL 34734.
- Friday 9:00 am: Mass and service at the Catholic Cathedral of St. James which is located at 215 N. Orange Avenue in downtown Orlando.

Following the service at St. James Cathedral, Lake Highland Preparatory School will celebrate Gina's life with a special memorial service for our students and alumni. This special memorial service will be held in the Harriett Coleman Center for the Arts and is intended primarily for our U/S students, Gina's family, Gina's colleagues, and our alumni, many of whom will be home for Christmas. We will start the celebration of Gina's life at 11:00 am after the completion of the last exam of the first semester. The school will host a reception on the terrace immediately following the memorial service. Those M/S students who have enjoyed a particularly close relationship with Gina are invited to join the U/S students, but otherwise M/S and L/S students will not be included in the service and will carry out their normal routine for the last day before Christmas Break.

The school's celebration will be student-centered and about how Gina touched our lives. We will broadcast the 11 o'clock memorial service via live streaming on the LHPS website. Many thanks for your continued prayers for Tyler, Jeff, and Gina's family.

Sincerely,
Warren Hudson
President, LHPS



2009 WFATT

World Congress

The World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT) will be hosting the **2009 World Congress** in San Antonio on June 15-17, 2009. Come meet your colleagues from around the world to share information and learn how athletic health care is practiced globally. All are welcome to attend and discount registration is available for those wishing to register for both the World Congress and the NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia.

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>.

New salary data available Results show increased pay for athletic trainers

NATA has released the results of its **2008 athletic training salary survey**, and salaries are on the rise nationwide.

Just 16 days left to
renew your
membership
Ensure you get free
CEUs + other great
benefits

Have you renewed
your NATA membership
for 2009? You have
until Feb. 15.

Remember: You'll get
access to **10 Free CEUs**
in 2009, and a vast array of
other benefits too!
If you haven't renewed yet,
do so by Jan. 31 and be
entered into two prize
drawings:

- Free registration to the
2009 NATA Annual
Meeting in San Antonio
and free airfare (up to
\$500)
- Free meeting registration

Next month

Exciting events in D.C.

The 2009 Athletic
Training Educators'
Conference and other
events are slated for Feb.
2009 in Washington, DC.

Don't forget to register
for NATAPAC's fundraiser
as well! This year's event
is a nighttime tour of the
Washington, DC monuments.
See the Lincoln, Jefferson,
Vietnam, Korean, World War
II, FDR, Iwo Jima, and much
more! It's a bargain at \$50
and proceeds go to a great
cause -- NATA's political
action committee. If
you've already registered
for the other events, register
for the fundraiser at
www.natapac.org.
Questions? Contact
amyc@nata.org

SEATA Research & Education Committee

SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals

The SEATA Research and
Education Committee is
pleased to announce that they
are accepting grant proposals
for Research Grants up to
\$2,000.00.

Priority will be given to
those grant proposals which

include an NATA-BOC certified
athletic trainer who is a
member of NATA District 9
(SEATA). The deadline for
grant proposals is February 13,
2009. For more information,
contact:

Cathy Brown, PhD, ATC
Co-Chair, SEATA Research and
Education Committee

University of Georgia
Department of Kinesiology
330 River Road
Athens, GA 30602
706-542-9257

browncn@uga.edu or go to
www.seata.org/
SEATAResearchGrant2009.pdf

SEATA Student Senate Committee

SEATA's inaugural Student
Senate has been working this
academic year to establish
guidelines to be used for future
members. We have been working
to establish Application
Procedures for new Senators, a
Mission Statement for the committee
to work under, and Policies
and Procedures to govern how
the committee will operate. These
documents

have been drafted and they are
currently pending approval
from the committee as a whole,
they will then be sent to the
SEATA executive council for
final approval.

February's SEATA Student
Symposium will be the first in
person meeting of the SEATA
Student Senate. We hope to
use this opportunity to further
discuss issues that need to be

addressed by the committee,
but more importantly we will
be volunteering our services
where needed during the Symposium.
This will also be a great
opportunity for the Student
Senators to interact with their
peers from across the district
and discuss the issues that
face Athletic Training Students
today.

State Reports

Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

Congratulations To New Officers For 2009

New 2009 ATAF Officers:

- Stephanie Lennon - President
- Bob Hammons - Vice President
- Glenda Hammons - Secretary

- Mitch Salter - Central Representative
- Don Teahan - West Coast Representative
- Michael Weild - South Region I Representative

21st Annual Clinical Symposium

April 17-19, 2009
Radisson Worldgate Resort
Orlando Hotel
www.worldgateresort.com

Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

Please join the Alabama
Athletic Trainers Association
for the annual meeting at the
Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort
on May 15-17, 2009. We feel
that we have several excellent
presenters who will provide a
quality educational experience.
We will be providing the
opportunity to obtain 15 total
continuing educational credits.

The registration fee will
be \$100 for early registration,
\$130 for late registration, and
\$150 for on-site registration.

Non-ALATA members that live
in the state of Alabama will
have a \$10.00 charge added.
For \$100 you get 15 quality
continuing education credits.
Room rates start at \$145 plus
tax and must be reserved by
April 16, 2009. The last day to
early register is May 1, 2009
for the ALATA Meeting.
*Remember April 16 is the
cutoff date to get discounted
room rates so please reserve
your room prior to this date.

We hope that you will join
us for a great time and the

most economical educational
opportunity on the coast. The
registration form is available in
[www.alata.org/
ALATA2009reg.doc](http://www.alata.org/ALATA2009reg.doc) or
[www.alata.org/
ALATA2009reg.pdf](http://www.alata.org/ALATA2009reg.pdf) and further
information regarding the
Schedule of Events and
Directions is at [http://
www.alata.org/09itinerary.htm](http://www.alata.org/09itinerary.htm).

Sincerely,
Bryan Combs
Vice President

Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

The 2009 Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium of the Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association was held in Peachtree City on January 16-17. The Education Committee, co-chaired by Lori Howard and Stacey Walters, put together an excellent program that had something of interest for everyone. Topics range from orthopedics, to women's health, to nutrition, to updates on new ideas in AT curriculum and exciting new AT work settings. Sessions generated 12.5 CEU's for attendees.

At the annual Honors & Awards Luncheon, scholarship winners as well as several individuals who have contributed to our profession and enhanced the practice of athletic training in Georgia in extraor-

inary ways were recognized. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Earl Suttle, a dynamic motivational speaker and business consultant, who has dedicated his career to motivating and coaching corporate executives, professional athletes, and many others to make changes towards greater success and excellence.

The recipients of the 2009 GATA Honors, Awards, and Scholarships are as follows:

- High School Scholarship Winner: Carol Jabaley, LaGrange HS, LaGrange, GA
- Undergraduate Scholarship Winner: Anna Shealy, North Georgia College and State University
- Post Graduate Scholarship Winner: Christina Fox, Clayton State University



GATA Scholarship Recipients:
L) to R) Christina Fox, Anna Shealy & Carol Jabaley

- Jerry Rhea Certified Athletic Trainer of the Year: Jeff Porter and Jim Lovell, Atlanta Braves
- Warren Morris Sports Medicine Person of the Year: John Bozeman, GeorgiaLink Governmental Affairs Group
- Dr. Jack C. Hughston Team Physician of the Year: Dr. Michael Huey, Emory University Health Care



Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association

LATA Summer Symposium
New Orleans, Louisiana
July 9-11, 2009
[Loews Hotel](#)

(hotel parking will be \$10/day)
(Check in 2pm & check out is 1pm)
Rooms:
Single \$109.00 Double \$109.00

Triple \$139.00
Contact information: (504) 595-3300
Rooms must be reserved by June 7th

Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association

The Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association would like to invite everyone to attend our 2009 Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium. The IP Resort & Spa in Biloxi will again host our meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 30 - Thursday, July 2, 2009. The

contracted room rate is \$109.99 per night plus tax and reservations should be made using the group code S096005; contact the IP Resort & Spa at 1-888-946-2847 or www.ipbiloxi.com to make early reservations.

Any secondary school

athletic trainer that is interested in working with Jeff Bryant and the Secondary Schools Committee to assist in the MATA's marketing program for secondary school athletic trainers, please contact Jeff at 601-606-5979 or at jeff.bryant@hpsd.k12.ms.us.

Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

Tennessee held its annual meeting January 10-11, at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. There were 91 certified athletic trainers and 35 student athletic trainers in attendance for a total of 126 attendees. At the

annual business meeting, there was a call for nominations for election of officers. Nominations can be made in writing to the TATS Parliamentarian, Bob Nevil, whose address is available on the TATS website.

Nominations will be open until April 20, 2009.

Marisa Colston and Janet Wilbert put together an excellent educational program for this meeting. Topics included:

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2009 Annual Meeting

Housing open now; registration opens

March 2

Housing is open for the **2009 NATA Annual Meeting**, slated for June 17-20 in San Antonio, TX. Meeting registration will open March 2.

If you are an officer in your state athletic training association (or soon to be one), don't miss the State Leadership Forum to be held in San Antonio. This annual meeting allows state leaders to get to know one another and to share information about what works. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16 from noon to 5 p.m. (location TBD). For more info, contact judy@nata.org.

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/>

Reimbursement Tools

See lots of useful information regarding reimbursement at www.nata.org/insets/reimbursement/index.htm

Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society (continued from Page 9)

Public health and athletic training, athletic eye injuries, the Diabetic athlete, Adolescent sports medicine, Updates in laser therapy, Upper extremity injuries, and several other interesting topics. This was Marisa's last year as co-chair of the Professional Education Committee. We would like to extend much gratitude to Marisa for her devotion and service to the continuing education of athletic trainers in the state of Tennessee.

The Honors and Awards Banquet was also held at this meeting. Recipients of awards were honored at a luncheon

that closed the annual meetings on Sunday afternoon. The award winners for this year were:

- Joe Worden Clinic/ Professional - Brad Brown, ATC Tennessee Titans
- College/university - Mike Van Bruggen, MS, ATC Carson Newman College
- Sandy Sandlin High School - Josh Gallimore, MBA, ATC Seymour High School
- Backbone --Danna Johnson, ATC Cumberland University
- Sports Medicine Person of the Year - Michael Jordan, MD Tennessee Orthopedic

Alliance

- Corporate Award - Sevier County Schools/Covenant Health, Mike Helton, Mandy Conner

The winner of the undergraduate Student Athletic Trainer of The Year award is Meagan Tobosa from Union University. Her Supervising Athletic Trainer is Christy Johnson.

The winner of the graduate Student Athletic Trainer of the Year award is Carlitta Moore from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Her supervising Athletic Trainer is Todd Bullard.

2009 Jack Cramer Scholarship

The 2009 Jack Cramer Scholarship application is now available at www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/cs_nata/cs_nata2009.htm. Please encourage any interested high school students to apply. In conjunction with the NATA's Secondary School Athletic Trainers Committee, one thousand dollar (\$2000) schol-

arship will be awarded annually to a deserving high school senior who is planning to embark on a career as a certified athletic trainer in a high school setting. The award will be paid directly to the institution that provides an approved curriculum that enables the candidate to sit for the Board of Certification examination. Please

follow the instructions carefully. The Jack Cramer Scholarship application is an on-line process with multiple components. Completed applications with letter of recommendation MUST be received by April 1, 2009.



34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting

The **34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members**



Meeting will be at the **Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort**,

Panama City Beach, FL during March 19-22, 2009. Pre-registration is \$105 if submitted [online](#) by Tuesday, March 10, 2009 or [postmarked](#) before midnight, Tuesday, March 3. Registration after this will be onsite at \$130. Rooms at the

Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa

Resort must be reserved on or before Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009 to ensure the Resort View \$129.00/night and Bay View \$139.00/night room rate by calling the Area Reservations Office at 1-866-234-5362. Updates to www.seata.org/09csmm.htm are continuing as details are received.

Get all of the SEATA & NATA News at the SEATA News page, <http://www.seata.org/news.htm>

NATA, NATA Foundation, NATAPAC and SEATA Deadlines & Dates

- Jan. 30, 2009** Registration deadline for NATA Capitol Hill Day at www.nata.org/2009febevents/index.htm.
- Jan. 30, 2009** Registration deadline for NATAPAC Fundraiser at www.nata.org/2009febevents/index.htm.
- Jan. 30, 2009** Registration deadline for 1st Annual SEATA Quiz Bowl at www.seata.org/09qb.htm.
- Jan. 31, 2009** Deadline to be entered into two prize drawings with NATA membership renewal at www.nata.org/renew/.
- Jan. 31, 2009** Application deadline for [Collegiate Sports Medicine Foundation 3rd Annual Athletic Training Student Leadership Workshop](#).
- Feb. 6, 2009** 1st Annual SEATA Quiz Bowl.
- Feb. 6, 2009** [NATA Foundation Scholarship applications](#) Sections IIB, IIIB and IV online submission deadline.
- Feb. 6-7, 2009** [24th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium](#).
- Feb. 13, 2009** [SEATA Research Grant Proposal deadline](#).
- Feb. 15, 2009** [NATA Foundation General Research Grant](#) applications due. Pre-Proposal Submission Form required.
- Feb. 15, 2009** Final deadline for NATA membership renewal at www.nata.org/renew/.
- Feb. 20, 2009** [NATA Clinical Instructor Educator Seminar](#), Gaylord National Hotel, National Harbor, MD.
- Feb. 20, 2009** [NATA ATEC Pre-Conference workshops](#), Gaylord National Hotel, National Harbor, MD.
- Feb. 21-22, 2009** [NATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference](#), Gaylord National Hotel, National Harbor, MD.
- Feb. 21-23, 2009** [NATA Student Leadership Conference \(iLEAD\)](#), Gaylord National Hotel, National Harbor, MD.
- Feb. 22, 2009** [NATAPAC Fundraiser](#) at 6:30 P.M.
- Feb. 22-23, 2009** [NATA Capitol Hill Day](#).
- Feb. 25, 2009** Room reservations deadline at [Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort](#) for [34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#).
- Mar. 1, 2009** NATA Foundation Doctoral Research Grant applications due. Go to www.natafoundation.org/grants/DoctoralGrant3PP704.pdf.
- Mar. 1, 2009** Deadline for PBATS Internship Application at <http://pbats.com/index.php?page=internships>.
- Mar. 1, 2009** Abstract Submission Extended Deadline - 2009 World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy World Congress. Go to www.nata.org/worldcongress/Call_for_Abstracts_1217.pdf.
- Mar. 2, 2009** Registration opens for [2009 NATA Annual Meeting](#) for June 17-20 in San Antonio, TX.
- Mar. 3, 2009** [34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#) mail-in registration deadline.
- Mar. 10, 2009** [34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#) online registration deadline.
- Mar. 15, 2009** Nomination deadline for NATA's College & University Athletic Trainers' Committee Awards. Go to www.nata.org/committees/cuatc/award_criteria.htm.
- Mar. 15, 2009** Nominations deadline for American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine For Excellence in Athletic Training Award. Go to www.nata.org/honors/nominations/aapsmawardnom.pdf.
- Mar. 19-22, 2009** [34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#) at [Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort](#), Panama City Beach, FL.
- Apr. 1, 2009** [Jack Cramer Scholarship application](#) deadline.
- Apr. 1, 2009** Spring [Master's Research Grant](#) applications due.



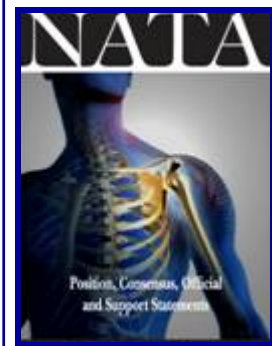
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Have you asked your bookstore to order copies of **NATA's new textbook** yet? If you haven't ... what are you waiting for? *NATA Reference Series: Position, Consensus, Official and Support Statements* compiles some of the profession's most critical documents in one convenient, easy-to-access location. This is an invaluable resource that will be useful to your students now and as they advance in their careers.



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

posiums and workshops. Don't miss out on your chance to promote your professional development – attend the **34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting**. We have responded to a SEATA members' survey from a few years ago by rotating the location of our Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium. For many years the meeting was held in Georgia. We then moved the meeting to Tennessee for 2007 and 2008. Our new location will be in sunny Florida. Our **34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting** will be held on **March 19 – 22, 2009 in Panama City Beach, FL**. We will be holding our meeting at the [Marriott Bay Point Golf & Spa Resort](#). Please reserve your hotel accommodations on or before Wednesday, February 25, 2009. Our Research and Education Committee Co-chairs Mike Brunet, PhD, ATC, CPT, STS and Cathy Brown, PhD, ATC and their committee members have been working diligently to develop an exciting and educational program. Please go to the SEATA website to see the

list of topics and speakers that have been lined up. Marisa Brunett, MS, ATC, LAT (SEATA Vice-President) and David Green, MS ATC (SEATA Corporate Partner Chair) have been working to provide all the 'extras' that our SEATA members have come to enjoy at our annual meetings. David has again put together a great group of exhibitors for our meeting. Marisa has been working with the hotel to handle all the meeting room space and meals. Additionally, members of the SEATA Executive Board have been working to ensure all logistics of the meeting have been handled. I would like to thank the chairs of three committees: Crandall Woodson, ATC (SEATA Honors and Awards), Gianluca DelRossi, PhD, ATC (SEATA Scholarship) and Jim Gallaspy, MS, ATC (SEATA Hall of Fame) for their efforts, as well as those of their committee members, for identifying deserving members to receive scholarships, honors and awards. This year we will be welcoming our third class into the SEATA Hall of Fame.

Your SEATA Executive

Board continues to work for the promotion of our profession. The SEATA Executive Board continues to make changes in committee structure and make-up to mirror the NATA changes. There are many opportunities for SEATA members to get involved. Once again this year SEATA will be providing funding to assist with travel expenses for members from each state to attend Capitol Hill Day on February 23, 2009. Please see the SEATA website and contact your state president if you are interested in attending Capitol Hill Day.

As always, I ask that you become involved and promote our profession. Contact your State President about SEATA committee openings. If you haven't already heard about the NATA Involve and Evolve efforts, I encourage attend the **34th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting**. We hope to see you **March 19 – 22, 2009 in Panama City Beach, FL!**
Sincerely,
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD,
ATC, LAT

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