

MAATA NEWS

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From the Director

Dear MAATA Colleagues:

Greetings to all my fellow members of the MAATA. It has been an incredibly busy several months for our NATA national board as well as our district. From the national level, our CMS conversations continue.

Stay posted to the NATA web page for the latest, as this is a fast-changing field. The Board of Directors are committed to pursuing all legal options available to us to maintain our right to practice our profession as we are legally entitled to. In addition, Senate Bill 3963 has been introduced. This bill titled Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is intended to clarify the misinterpretation of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Also on the national level, the Board has approved the initial concept of the Athletic Training Fellowship Program, and I am sure that you will be hearing more about that over the next few years. For our students, the NATA has begun a student forum called CHATS. This is designed to keep our students connected with each other and with our national office as we continue to cement the relationships between our young professionals and our professional organization. Go to the NATA web page for more details.

On the District level, much is happening as well. As all of you know by now, we approved the new constitution and bylaws at our conference in Virginia Beach. As part of this constitution and bylaw change, we will be electing a new treasurer this winter. Rod Walters, the Election chair, has asked Marty Bradley and Andy Clawson to serve on the Election committee. I urge anyone interested in running for this position to go to our web page and review the qualifications under the constitution and bylaws. We are excited about this new constitutional officer and look forward to this election.

Our District meeting will take on a new look, as Dr. Brent Arnold takes over as Program chair. We are excited about his enthusiasm and energy and look forward to his contributions to the meeting. It goes without saying that we are so grateful for Dr. Katie Walsh and all that she has done in moving our program forward during her term. She will be sorely missed, and I personally am indebted to her for her outstanding work to our District. Also, special thanks to Nicole Neal, our Exhibits chair, who has stepped down after six years in that post. We are grateful for all of her hard work and know you will be seeing more of her in our district in the years to come. We welcome Gretchen Buskirk at Furman University as our new Exhibits chair. I encourage our members to contact Gretchen or Dr. Arnold if you have any comments about our meeting. On the District student front, we are formulating our student senate. Each state president will be choosing a rising junior and senior to attend our meeting in Virginia Beach and serve as the state representative to this body. I encourage any interested students to contact their state president about this exciting opportunity.

I have said many times that it is an honor and a privilege to serve my fellow athletic trainers in the MAATA. I take this responsibility quite seriously and welcome any thoughts or comments that you may have.

Sincerely,

Charlie Rozanski M.Ed., LAT, ATC
MAATA District Director



*Charlie Rozanski
MEd, LAT, ATC*

Contact Information Change?

To those members who have moved.....we need your help. Your corrected contact information is requested. Please go to the NATA website "Members Only" section www.nata.org/members1/members.cfm (or click **HERE**) to update. Please be assured your information is secure. It will only be used for NATA and MAATA membership communication.

Thank you, MAATA Leadership

From the Secretary/Treasurer

Fellow MAATA District Members,

I hope this finds each of you doing well and enjoying the changing of the seasons. This edition of the MAATA news is full of important information for your review. In his address to the membership in Atlanta President Kimmel challenged each of us to get involved with the NATA to advance our profession. In the following pages, I hope you agree that there are plenty of ways to get your voice heard regarding the direction of our profession.

As Director Rozanski indicated, the district will be conducting an election for the position of Treasurer. There is more information about the process below and on our website where you may review the recently approved constitution and by-laws.

Our organization is only as good as the membership involved.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to. Have a great holiday season and make your plans to attend our annual symposium in Virginia Beach in May.

Best,

Martin Baker

Secretary/Treasurer



*Martin Baker
MS, LAT, ATC*

Election of District Treasurer to be Held in the Spring:

As you know, with the approval of the new constitution and bylaws, the position of District Secretary/Treasurer has been split into separate positions. One important result of this change will be to increase the involvement of our members in the operation of the District.

Consistent with the new constitution any member of the MAATA who wishes to serve as District Treasurer should make written application to the Election Committee Chair (Dr. Rod Walters) by January 15, 2007 with a biographical sketch included.

For more information please refer to our website: www.maata.org/governance.htm and click on the constitution and bylaws link or contact Dr Rod Walters at: rwalters@gwm.sc.edu

**GET INVOLVED IN YOUR DISTRICT
AND RUN FOR OFFICE**

GET INVOLVED

in the MAATA!

MAATA State Leadership

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New Legislation Introduced to Add Athletic Trainers as Medicare Providers

A new bill, "Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act of 2006" (S. 3963), was introduced in the U.S. Senate on Sept. 28.

The bill does two things:

- Essentially overturns the challenged CMS incident-to rule and is consistent with existing law;
- Makes athletic trainers and lymphedema therapists covered providers under Medicare

NATA members: [Click Here](#) for complete information

NATA Capitol Hill Day 2007

Lobbying federal legislators is everybody's business ... and NATA encourages members to come to Washington, DC and make an impact. NATA's fourth Capitol Hill Day is scheduled for **Monday, Feb. 26, 2007**.

[Click Here](#) for the registration form.

William E. Prentice Doctoral Scholarship

Bill Prentice

To the Membership of the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association:

On June 17 2006, at the NATA Annual Symposium in Atlanta, the inaugural William E. Prentice Doctoral Scholarship was presented to Mr. Jason Mahalik from the University of North Carolina at the Student Awards Banquet. I wanted to express my sincere appreciation to the membership of the MAATA for sponsoring this scholarship in my name. When I was informed, to my complete surprise, that the MAATA would be sponsoring this scholarship in the District meeting at the NATA Symposium in Indianapolis, for perhaps the first time in my entire life I was absolutely speechless. While I am humbled by this recognition, I am at the same time elated that there is another scholarship available for a post graduate student to continue their pursuit of academic excellence in the athletic training profession. Thanks to all of you for this tremendous honor.

A Word from the Board of Certification (BOC)

Dave Regier, Chair, Nominating Committee, Board of Certification

Starting on Oct. 11, 2006 you will have the opportunity to review 4 candidates that are up for election for one of the AT Director positions on the Board of Certification. The candidates bio's are posted at www.bocatc.org/aboutus/BOCTODAY. You can review them now and will receive an email from the BOC with the same information on Oct 11th and a link to the voting web site at that time.

As the chair of the nominating committee for the Board of Certification, I feel it is very important that you take this election seriously for three reasons. One, the Board of Certification works diligently to protect your credential which allows you to pursue your professional career and I would hope you would want the best individuals possible to represent you. Two, the BOC and my committee have taken many man hours to review resumes, interview ATC's who have the qualities needed to represent all of us and bring their names forward for you to review and choose the best candidate to represent you. Three, last year we had an election for two directors and approximately 3000 AT's voted. We feel that is a very low number for a position that directly affects our credential. Electronic ballots are new and we are aware that could be part of the low participation in our past elections so please evaluate this process through this election.

Please take the time to review these individuals' bios and choose the one whom you feel will best represent your credential.



WATC

District 3 Women in Athletic Training Committee would like to welcome Andi Bender from North Carolina. She is the new state representative. She will be helping with history and archives. We are glad to have her join us!

The Women in Athletic Training Committee is looking for mentors (certified athletic trainers) and mentees (young professional and athletic training students) to participate in our mentoring program. Everyone is welcome to sign up. For more information please go to:

www.nata.org/members1/committees/watc/watc_mentoring/watc_mentoring_ementorprogram.htm.

South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

SAVE THE DATE!

Coastal Carolina University 5th Annual Sports Medicine Symposium
February 3, 2007

REGISTRATION

Symposium Fee: \$100.00, please make checks payable to: *CCU Sports Medicine Symposium*

REGISTRATION DUE DATE: Monday, January 29, 2007

Cancellation Policy: Full refund (minus \$25 Admin fee) if request is made by Monday January 22, 2007

Contact: Jeff Pounds at 843-349-2725 or jpounds@coastal.edu

For more information and registration go to: www.goccusports.com/sportsmedicine/symposium/

North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

Herman Bunch has been honored by the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association with the Olive V. Wortman Service Award. This is one of the highest honors given by the NCPTA and reflects Herman's lifetime contributions to health care in North Carolina. Herman was instrumental in the development of the profession of athletic training in the MAATA serving as a District Director as well as other capacities. The membership of the MAATA and North Carolina would like to add our congratulations to Mr. Bunch on the well deserved honor and thank him for all he has done for athletic trainers in North Carolina and District III during his impressive career.

MAATA Scholarships

The MAATA offers several scholarships to deserving undergraduate and graduate students. All athletic training students are encouraged to apply. For additional information on these scholarships and an application form, please visit the MAATA Web Site or [Click Here](#):

Edward M Block Undergraduate Scholarship
Larry C. Sutton Postgraduate Scholarship
A.C. "Whitey" Gwynne Masters Scholarship

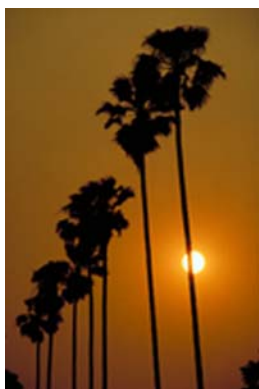
The 2007 NATA Annual Meeting

June 26-30, 2007

Anaheim, Orange County, CA

It's not too early to start your plans for the 2007 NATA Annual Meeting. [Click Here](#) for up-to-date information.

Remember: NATA members pay significantly lower registration fees than non-members. Early bird registration remains an excellent value at \$210 for certified members, and \$110 for student members.



NATA-REF

Bob Casmus, ATC, District 3 Board Member

As the year comes to a close, I would ask that each of us consider making an individual donation to support the NATA Foundation. This will enhance our profession and help us grow stronger. The NATA-REF is basically a ‘pass through’ organization with the funding that comes in basically “passed back to the profession”! Supporting the NATA-REF is promoting the Athletic Training profession and helps make us more recognizable and improve our ‘brand name’. The funding provided for research keeps us in the evidence based medicine model and strengthens our battle for reimbursement. Students benefit with scholarship awards as we prepare the future leaders in our profession. The list goes on and on per the rewards that our profession reaps through our financial support.

As a reminder the deadlines are posted on the foundation website for scholarship and research grant application dates. The NATA Foundation is requesting that all accredited academic programs please include the NATA-REF as a link on your websites. We encourage our state associations to consider making a donation to the NATA Foundation as many of you have done in the past. Please don’t forget to go onto the NATA Foundation website for additional information (WWW.NATAFOUNDATION.ORG) and review the information sent out on the e-blast. A pledge form is included on the next page for your consideration.

“Building our Foundation” Annual Fund

The time has come to take responsibility, take charge and take control of the future of our profession. As a family, we must rise to the challenge - TOGETHER. Your investment in the Foundation is vital to achieve these goals. It’s the only way we can provide the tools needed to meet your needs and to make our profession thrive.

Your investment in the NATA Research and Education Foundation will yield great returns:

1. It will ensure practical research and education programs that will benefit you personally.
2. It will give you the tools necessary to provide the best care possible.
3. It will meaningfully help to solidify the athletic trainer’s role as the healthcare provider of choice for the physically active.

The Foundation relies solely on voluntary support. That’s why we challenge you to step up and help us fund much-needed research and education programs - programs that will directly benefit you, your career and your profession.

Your generosity is essential to our survival. So, please rise to the challenge personally, make the commitment and make your contribution to the Foundation.

In return, the Foundation will be here to support you...every step of the way.

For the good of your career, our family and the future...this is one commitment you must make!

2006 Goals for Donations from NATA Members

DISTRICT 3: \$13,800.00

2006 Building our Foundation Annual Fund

Investor Gifts

\$25 - \$49	Lapel Pin
\$50 - \$99	NATA Foundation Pen
\$100 - \$249	Note Pad
\$250+	33 oz Hot/Cold Thermos

To receive a Foundation brochure and pledge card, please call 800-TRY-NATA, ext. 147 or send a request to patsyb@nata.org.



NATA RESEARCH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION PLEDGE FORM

Yes! I will rise to the challenge! It is time to take control of our future.

Name NATA District#

Credentials

Employer

Address (Home Work)

City State Zip

My investment: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$_____Other

Check enclosed Charge \$_____ to my: MasterCard Visa Acct. #: _____ Exp. date: _____

Signature: _____

Pledge: I pledge \$_____. Enclosed is my first payment of \$_____.

Bill me quarterly Debit my credit card quarterly

Honorariums/Memorials: (Minimum gift \$50) My gift is in Memory Honor of: _____

Send to: NATA Foundation 2952 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, TX 75247 or FAX: (214) 637-2206

From the National Office

The NATA will soon be mailing renewal information for current members. The benefits to being an NATA member are many and include: access to the *Journal of Athletic Training* & the *NATA News*, reduced registration rates to NATA events and being part of a professional organization that has over 28,000 members.

This year the NATA is continuing the \$5 discount for payment of dues online (this discount applies to all members except for student members, whose dues are already deeply discounted). In addition to the discount the organization continues to offer prizes by random drawing for deluxe prize packages including free registration, free airfare, and free hotel to attend the national symposium in Anaheim, California for those who pay their dues by Dec 31, 2006.

The Board of Directors has recently approved a program for members in good standing by February 15, 2007. Lucky winners will be eligible to receive the opportunity for nine (9) free CEU hours from the online courses in the NATA's Virtual Library.

Is paying dues during the holiday season a challenge? Would paying over three months help? NATA has a brand-new installment payment system which will allow you to do just that. Log on now to find out how you can set up your dues payment by credit card or bank draft.

And, for students, the NATA is featuring CHATS – Communications Helping Athletic Training Students. Your fellow students across the U.S. and Canada are using it to communicate about issues important to them – like education and careers. CHATS lets you post messages & profiles & photos. CHATS is free – but only available to student members. It's useful, it's fun – and it's here now!

Of course, NATA continues to bring you plenty of other member benefits too – like award-winning publications, members-only section of the Web site, affinity programs, networking opportunities, substantial discounts on meeting registrations and much more.

So, join today! Just go to www.nata.org and select NATA Membership; and click on "Join/Renew" from the drop-down menu.

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