

FWATA News

Spring 2005

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15 HATA scholarship applications due

21-24 FWATA 2005 Sacramento

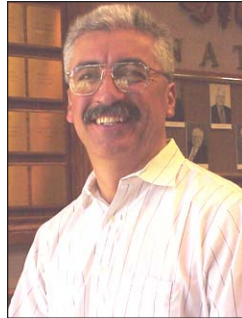
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Indianapolis
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR



Andy Paulin, ATC
District 8 Director

Although our National Athletic Training Month (NATM) contains the theme of Rehabilitation, I would like to offer District 8 members another theme: Education. How can we participate in NATM and use these themes, especially in our busy lives? Allow me to assist you.

■ **Rehabilitation & Education:** the next time you are working one on one with a physically active individual, take the time to explain to them what you are doing in their rehabilitation. How does that stretch, that manual resistance, or that mobilization work? Use professional terminology to explain it, as well as lay persons' terms. Explain how ultrasound or muscle stimulation is going to work on their bodies. Ask your staff and/or students to participate in this activity as well.

■ We all have members of the community who stop us and ask, "why does this hurt?" or "what can I do for" If you have chosen to answer their questions, even in the casual environment, do so professionally. I know I find myself constantly explaining the effects of analgesic ointments, the effects of hot water on acute injuries, and what certain brace capabilities are. Again, please do so with all of the correct terminology and sound medical research behind your responses.

■ Don't forget to reinforce all of the correct terms such as ATC, Certified Athletic Trainer, Athletic Trainer, Athletic Training Student, and Athletic Training Room (ATR).

■ **NATM and Education:** A few suggestions: Did you get that door sign changed to *Athletic Training Room*? Are all of your colleagues (media, coaches, administrators, allied health professionals) hearing you call yourself an *Athletic Trainer*? Are they reciprocating by also using the correct terms? Are you using the terms in documents, telephone messages and conversations? Did you make an adjustment on your telephone message recording or your email signature, letting the world know it is NATM?

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■ A fairly painless way to recognize NATM, is name badges. Whether or not you or your staff wear logo work clothing, this can drive the message to all those around you. the NATM logo can be placed on a computer generated name badge. your staff could wear these during NATM, especially in the clinical environment and especially at competitions.

■ How about taking the time to investigate at least 1 issue that directly affects you. Governmental affairs , state and federal recognition of the ATC? Certification? Education of the athletic training student/ continuing education of the ATC? Other athletic training job settings? What committee appeals to you, and how could you make a difference on that committee and in our profession.

I hope you all have a productive NATM and I look forward to seeing you at the District and/ or NATA conventions.

National Athletic Training month is fast approaching. Please take the time to promote athletic training and certified athletic trainers in your workplace. For suggestions on how to promote our profession, please visit the NATA web site ([click here](#)).



FWATA Placement Committee

Submitted by: Brad McReynolds, MEd, ATC, Placement Chair

The FWATA Placement Center has some new guidelines. We will be listing hourly, seasonal, temporary and per diem position only. If you want to list a Part time or Full time position you must first list it on the NATA Career Center site. If you have any questions please contact Brad McReynolds. His numbers are on the web site.

We need a representative from Nevada to sit on the placement committee. If interested please contact Brad McReynolds at bmcreynolds@saddleback.edu or at 949-582-4638. I will be attending the FWATA convention and we have a meeting for all committees on Thursday at 7:00 pm.

FWATA District 8 Annual Convention

April 21-24, '05 ~ Radisson Hotel, Sacramento

16 CEUs will be available for the general educational sessions. There will be additional workshops for a fee. Tentative program is available on the FWATA website.

Mark Your Calendars!

	<u>Pre-Registration</u>	<u>On-site Registration</u>
NATA Certified	\$100.00	\$150.00
NATA Student	\$ 65.00	\$ 95.00
Student Non-Member	\$ 80.00	\$110.00
Non-Member	\$200.00	\$250.00

The address to the on-line registration website is below or [click here](#).

www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=FWAT14E

You may log on to this website to register or contact Hazel Ando for a hard copy of the registration form. Hazel's email address is Hazelando@aol.com. Radisson Hotel reservations are available by calling (916) 922-2020 or (800) 333-3333. Room rates start at \$103.00/night and the FWATA room block rate is good till March 20, 2005.

Convention committee contact information:

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Bill Chambers, Exhibits	jocdok@webtv.net
Jim May, Program	mayj@ulv.edu

Additional information can be found on the the FWATA website at www.fwata.org.

FWATA Scholarship Golf Tournament

April 21, '05

Wildhorse Golf Course, Davis, California



Shotgun start at 1pm - Four Man Teams

Registration \$125.00 per golfer, includes green fees, cart, dinner, unlimited range balls, and \$5.00 credit in the Pro Shop)

Registration available on the FWATA online registration website.

FWATA Awards and Hall of Fame Dinner

April 23, '05

This year we will have a special dinner instead of a lunch to recognize our award winners and Hall of Famers! Your dinner is part of your registration and additional tickets can be purchased. Please plan to attend this dinner on Saturday, April 23rd after our state meetings.

At the time you pick up your registration packet you will be asked if you will attend the dinner so we can get an accurate head count. The convention committee asks that you take a dinner ticket ONLY if you actually plan to attend. In Hawaii we had over 100 lunches that were not eaten due to members not attending. It was unfortunate that we could not have the food given to a shelter due to the hotel's policy. This is a special event to recognize our colleagues and we would like to see you there!!

FWATA PR Committee

Submitted by: Mike West, MS, ATC

The Far West PR Committee has decided to take on a new emphasis this year. We will not be doing as many internal marketing projects as in the past such as T-shirts or other such items. Our main focus will be to get the word out to the public. To accomplish this, we will be hosting a booth at two meetings each year of organizations that have a direct impact on the hiring of athletic trainers. These would be the College/University Presidents Association, the State School Board members, Secondary School Principals, or District Superintendents. We will also attempt to get on their speaking dockets when possible. We will also be contacting prominent media personalities and invite them to a meal to discuss our issues and provide story ideas that might be used. We will also give them the NATA Media Guide to educate them on proper terminology. Finally, we are negotiating with a Public Relations Firm to somehow assist us in our efforts locally. With their help we can consistently keep athletic training on the minds of those how can provide us recognition. If anyone has suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me at mike_west@chino.k12.ca.us. Also remember, always use the term ATHLETIC TRAINER and not TRAINER.....Please!

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NATA's Annual Convention

NATA's 56th Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia will be held in Indianapolis, IN from **Sunday, June 12 through Thursday, June 16**. Please note these dates, which have changed from the originally-planned dates at the request of the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Association because of a conflict with the U.S. Grand Prix.

This Annual Meeting promises to be full of exciting programming and fun events! **Click Here** for more information.



Secondary School Committee Report

Submitted by: Cindy Clivio, M.Ed, ATC

Have you ever wondered "how many secondary schools athletic trainers are there?" You're not alone. It is one of the most frequently asked questions of the National Secondary Schools Committee. Therefore, ascertaining the correct answer to that question is a major goal for both the National and District level. In fact at the Mid year meeting of the National Secondary Schools Committee held the first weekend of December, 2004 it became our top priority. We want to know how many ATC's in any capacity (full time, part-time, outreach, etc) are servicing secondary school age athletes. We also want to track changes to this on an annual basis. The athletic trainers on the secondary schools committee will be working on this project between now and June.

In other news from the mid year meeting, the committee is developing power point presentations that can be downloaded from the NATA website for speaking engagements with parent groups, school board or school administrators, students etc. This should be available this spring. The Appropriate Care for the Secondary School Age Athlete Monograph is available on the website and will be included as a monograph within a future issue of the Journal of Athletic Training. All of the Districts are restructuring their committees to have at least one state representative to enhance two way communications with the National Committee. I would like to thank all of those who in response to the Fall Newsletter volunteered to assist our District Committee. We will be having a **committee meeting** at the upcoming **FWATA annual meeting on Thursday April 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. site TBA**. This will be held in conjunction with all other district committees. During this time we will prioritize our goals and projects on the District level for 2005-2006. Last, I would like to congratulate California State representative to Secondary Schools Committee, **Stacey Jensen Ritter**, who was one of 10 secondary schools athletic trainers selected to attend a weekend summit at the Gatorade Institute in Chicago IL this past January. The purpose was for Gatorade to gain a better understanding of the needs of secondary schools athletic trainers and to gain feedback on other issues. We look forward to having Stacey share her experience at our upcoming district meeting.

Governmental Affairs

Submitted by: Steven V. Winters, Ed.D., ATC

It is official: AB 614 the Athletic Trainer Act sponsored by Representative Alan Lowenthal, died at the end of the two-year legislative cycle last December, like it's predecessor AB 2789 did in December of 2002. However, the Phoenix has arisen from the ashes stronger than ever.

I am happy to say that the possibility of testifying to the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection, as reported in the Fall FWATA Newsletter, did occur on January 6th. Prior to this meeting the CATA Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) revised and resubmitted the Sunrise Review Document. This document is necessary for the demonstration of the need for governmental regulation of the profession of athletic training as a step by the state of California to protect the public from harm. During the testimony we (Mike West CATA GAC Chair; Jacklyn Lowe CATA GAC Vice Chair; Jeff Hogan FWATA GAC Chair; and myself Steven Winter CATA President) were able to effectively answer the committee's general concerns about our request for licensure. We anticipate going to testify before the committee in March or April. Successful demonstration of the need for licensure of athletic trainers would allow us to craft the language of a licensure bill that would be sponsored by the committee. This allows us to go to both floors of the legislature and, if passed, to the Governor's desk for signature into law. This is truly a great opportunity in our licensure effort: to finally get out of the maze of committees to the ultimate committee that has the authority over licensure, and to have the state of California itself as the sponsor of a Athletic Trainer Licensure Bill.

This opportunity occurred because of all of the dedicated work that has gone in the development of the Athletic Trainer Sunrise Review Document, AB 2789 (during 2001-02), AB 614 (during 2003-04), the countless phone contacts and face-to-face meetings with other health profession associations, and very importantly, the work with the Department of Consumer Affairs in the conduction of a "Job Analysis of the Profession of Athletic Training" (we call it the Role Delineation Study) which was provided to the state of California at no cost due to the fantastic involvement of the Board of Certification.

Progress may be slow. There is a lot of shacking up going on in the state regarding the role of boards versus general oversight by the Department of Consumer Affairs of licensed professions in relation to the budget crisis and controlling the juggernaut that is our state government. This may have effects on our licensure effort.

Imagine with me the Phoenix arising out of the ashes, as it slowly spreads its wings, FIRE springs from its wingtips, illuminating the importance of the profession of Athletic Training in providing quality health care for people with musculoskeletal and related injuries, as well as expertise in helping provide education for concerns such as steroid use, heat illness, etc. The CATA has given rebirth to the Phoenix but all of you, each Certified and Athletic Training Student, provide the spirit to the bird; YOU are the FIRE. In Sacramento and beyond we will be disseminating "How-To Packets" developed by the NATA and modified by the CATA for use in California that will show all of us how to make an appointment with and talk to our local senator and assembly representative, now and in the future, not just about the licensure effort, but about how we can use our professional education to better the lives of the public. We want to develop into a profession that is listened to and sought out for advise on health care issues by the legislature. This, I believe is the core of our professional heart, to not just achieve licensure for the benefits to our profession but achieve governmental recognition of our education and our ability to promote & affect the lives of physically active people: To Spread the FIRE!



Opening for History & Archives Committee Chair

Submitted by: Steven V. Winters, Ed.D., ATC

The chairship for the History & Archives Committee is open for application. This position coordinates the collection and storage of records and data regarding District 8. The Far West Managing Board seeks an applicant with vision in not only the collection/storage of information but ideas on how to make historical information available to the general membership for their professional usage. Interested parties may contact Steven V. Winter FWATA California Rep. via steven.winter@sonoma.edu or 707.664.2188.

Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association *Update*

hawaii-ata.org

Zeny Galo Eakins

Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association President
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In December, HATA elected their new Executive Board for the 2005-2006 term.

President	Zeny Galo Eakins
Vice-President	Sharyn Kodama
Secretary	Keith Burgess
Treasurer	Darryl Funai
District Rep.	Beth Ann Young

The Hawaii legislative session began in early February with an effort to introduce a resolution to initiate a Sunrise review for regulating the practice athletic training. This could be completed and reviewed during the next legislative session in 2006. Hawaii's legislature added 10 more Secondary School ATCs to the existing 42. These ATCs will be second athletic trainers in the more populated schools. Currently, eight and a half second ATC positions are available with six and a half on the island of Oahu, one on the island of Maui, and one on the Big Island of Hawaii. Posting will be out until all positions are filled. Residents of Hawaii have first priority.

The eleventh annual HATA Symposium will be held Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th in the Athletic complex at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Andy Paulin, District 8's District Director, will be the keynote speaker. Tuition is \$75 for certified athletic trainers and includes meals. For further information refer to www.hawaii-ata.org or contact Darryl Funai at dfunai@punahou.edu.

HATA's Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held in July. If you would like to donate prizes or your time for this event, please contact Charley Gima at 808.943.2243 or e-mail geemz@iolani.org.

Scholarship applications will soon to be online at www.hawaii-ata.org. There are three types of scholarships available: **High School** (\$500), **Undergraduate** (\$500), and **Graduate** (\$1000). The deadline for HATA Scholarship applications is **April, 15th 2005**. If anyone has any questions they may contact Guy Boydston at his office by either email at guyatc@hotmail.com, boydstug@byuh.edu or phone 808.293.3729.

California Athletic Trainers' Association Update
www.cata-usa.org

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Elections

The CATA is happy to report that Jim Pluemer of UC Irvine and Russ Romano of USC have been re-elected to a second term as CATA Treasurer and Region 4 Director (greater Los Angeles), respectively. The CATA also wishes to welcome Ed Ferriera of CSU Fresno as the new Region 3 Director (Central Valley) who is replacing Leila Almahdy of CSU Fresno.

2005 FWATA District Treasurer Report

Submitted by: Dr. Ky Kugler, ATC

The 2004-2005 budget is in good shape and at our upcoming Managing Board conference call in mid-February, we will be realigning numerous items which will shape the budget for the rest of the fiscal year. This budget cycle will close March 31, 2005 with substantial fewer deficits than the MB proposed back at the Hawaii meeting. This is good news for the membership as we continue to strive for fiscal accountability. An example of this responsibility is the district social at the NATA meeting in Baltimore. The MB made some tough decisions prior to the NATA District 8 meeting regarding our traditional, complimentary drink coupons and amount of food at our social. Even then the district social ran ~\$5,700; but this was almost \$4,000 under budget for this one activity. As each of you know, the cost of doing anything today continues to escalate, however, our priority remains in keeping district expenditures to a minimum.

The district meeting in Hawaii was a fiscal success for the convention committee and congratulations to the committee and all of our colleagues from Hawaii. A complete review will be conducted while the MB meets in Sacramento which will produce a final summary report for the Hawaii convention, which will be available to any interested member for their purview during the Sacramento meeting.

As you know, the District raised dues \$10, to insure the philosophy of protecting our financial assets, which instituted a dues increase for January 2005. New district dues are now at \$45 with \$27 going to the district, \$15 going to each state association and \$3 going towards a contribution to the NATAREF. The managing board felt that \$7 increase for the district was necessary to address the escalating costs of our annual convention,

thereby maintaining an outstanding educational symposium at a reasonable price. The NATAREF \$3 contribution will continue to allow the NATA and FWATA to fund the scholarship and research efforts by our certified athletic trainer members and student members and now represents a 100% commitment by FWATA members.

I would like to welcome Dr. Jason Bennett from Chapman University as the new chair of the scholarship committee. An eighth scholarship has been developed and funded by the Ito Family (Hazel Ando's grandparents) for an undergraduate/graduate student of Asian decent. On behalf of the District, please thank Hazel for her scholarship gift. Also, please welcome Craig Bennett from the University of Redlands as the new District 8 representative to the NATA Ethics Committee. He is the contact person for District 8 regarding any questions, concerns or violations of the NATA Code of Ethics.

Current Finances of FWATA as of February 2, 2005:

FWATA General Fund	\$ 99,130.00
FWATA Investment Portfolio	\$ 81,245.00
Total Assets/Equity	\$ 180,375.00

Your managing board continues to keep a very watchful eye on all of our assets, but especially with respect to the investment portfolio. The current investment portfolio has really held its own throughout the past fiscal year, despite the current state of economy and stock market with a modest 5-6 % return. With three annual meetings (Hawaii, Sacramento & San Diego) within 21 months, special attention will be given to assure that our assets remain solid.



District 8 Ethics Committee New Chair

Craig Bennett, ATC is the new District 8 Ethics Committee Chair and he will serve as the district liaison to the NATA Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee is a resource for members to use regarding professional issues associated with the NATA Code of Ethics. Members are encouraged to contact Craig, or the NATA National Office (found in the NATA Membership

Directory) with questions or concerns regarding issues of professional and ethical conduct that may deviate from the Code of Ethics. Craig can be reached at (909) 335-5238 or by email at craig_bennett@redlands.edu.

Report from the Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC)

Submitted by: Paul Alvarez, Ph.D., ATC, FWATA EDAC Chair

The purpose of the EDAC is to promote the development of athletic training professionals from ethnically diverse backgrounds. Like women in athletic training were 25 years ago, athletic trainers from ethnically diverse backgrounds are under-represented in our profession. The EDAC supports advocacy, not entitlement, as a means to increase the numbers of ethnically diverse athletic trainers.

Paul Alvarez, chair of the FWATA EDAC, will be attending the mid-year meeting of the NATA EDAC March 18-20 in Denver as the representative of District 8. The tentative agenda includes planning for the upcoming Annual Meetings in Indianapolis and New Orleans, as well as reviewing applications for program enhancement grants. A new information brochure on the goals of the NATA EDAC is also up for review.

At the District level, Athletic Training Education Programs should be aware that the NATA EDAC provides program enhancement grants to assist in the recruitment and retention of ethnically diverse athletic training students. These grants are not for scholarships, but in the past have been used to financially support programs that already demonstrate an ethnically diverse population to earn Accreditation, or for program recruitment materials

aimed at attracting ethnically diverse students. Applications for these grants are available at the NATA EDAC web site, located at www.edacweb.org

Also at the District level, the NATA Annual Meeting is coming to Anaheim in 2007, and tentative planning has begun for the EDAC's contribution to the program. This not only includes an EDAC-sponsored educational session, but an "ATC awareness" program. Paul Alvarez is soliciting suggestions for speakers for the educational session, which can focus not only on the ethnically diverse athletic trainer, but ethnically diverse health care issues and practices. For example, one suggestion for the session has been presentations on non-traditional medical practices, such as Chinese Traditional Medicine.

The "ATC awareness" program has been focused on bringing students from a local ethnically diverse junior high school who are interested in health care professions to the meeting to learn more about athletic training and health care for the physically active. Their day has consisted of a chance to meet with NATA staff at the job fair, a guided tour of the exhibit hall, and lunch with members of the EDAC and NATA officers. Suggestions of schools in the Anaheim area that might benefit from this program are welcome.

THIRD ANNUAL SPORTS MEDICINE INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

Hosted By

St. Francis High School ~ Sports Medicine Program

- WHEN:** April 16th 2005
TIME: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
WHERE: St. Francis High School
200 Foothill Blvd.
La Canada, CA. 91011
FEE: \$20.00 per student (Fee includes Snacks, Lunch, T-Shirt, & Gift)
REGISTRATION: 9:00am- 9:45am (refreshments included)
INVITED: All high school students actively involved in a Sports Medicine Program.
ACTIVITIES: The competition will involve written, oral, & taping components.
- Please call or e-mail an accurate count of student participants and ATC/Teacher contact information, by **March 18th** (also include shirts sizes).
 - Upon confirmation of attendance or March 25th, each contact person (ATC/Teacher) will be given a study guide, to prepare the students for the event.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Eli Hallak, ATC

Certified Athletic Trainer, St. Francis High School

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FWATA Scholarship Committee

Submitted by: Jason Bennett, DA, ATC, Scholarship Committee Chair

The scholarship committee has been very active in the previous months and the theme of this activity has been 'change'. First, after many years of wonderful service, Molly Shanahan has stepped down as chair of the scholarship committee. Molly did a truly wonderful job as scholarship chairperson and her hard work has made it much easier for her replacement. Jason Bennett from Chapman University is now the scholarship chairperson and following the path that Molly and the rest of the committee had planned from last year has made many changes.

The applications have been revised and there are now three separate scholarship applications: community college, undergraduate, and post-graduate. The FWATA web page has been updated for the scholarship area with the current eligibility requirements, nomination instructions, and each scholarship application. In addition, the second plaque for the sponsoring ATC has been replaced with a certificate. Perhaps the most exciting change is the addition of a new minority scholarship to FWATA. This scholarship will be targeted to students of Asian decent and was generously given by the family of Hazel Ando, ATC. While at this time, the name of the scholarship has not been finalized, we are very grateful to Hazel and her family for this new scholarship. This brings the total of FWATA scholarships to seven, each worth \$1000 for students.

Students please note that the scholarship deadline is February 10, 2005. The primary eligibility requirement is that an applicant must be a member of the NATA and District 8 by this deadline. As a reminder to students, if they apply to an NATA scholarship through the Research and Education Foundation, those applications are automatically copied and forwarded to FWATA. Therefore, a student may only need to fill-out one application to apply for both the NATA and the FWATA scholarships. If you have already applied for a NATA/FWATA scholarship we look forward to reviewing your application. If you did not apply this year please become a member of NATA and apply next year.

Finally, the primary funding for scholarships is the annual golf tournament. Please encourage your students, fellow ATCs, physicians, coaches, parents, and anyone or everyone to play in the golf tournament or be a tee sponsor. The excellent students of District 8 appreciate your participation and the scholarship opportunities that you provide. I look forward to seeing you at the golf tournament in Sacramento!

Any questions regarding scholarships can be directed to:

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Honors and Awards Committee Report

Submitted by: Cindy Clivio, M.Ed, ATC

You're Invited!!

Please join us in recognizing the outstanding efforts of our colleagues at the FWATA Annual Hall of Fame Awards celebration. The awards program will shift this year to a dinner banquet rather than a luncheon. It will be held on Saturday evening April 21, 2005 in Sacramento.

Although the deadline for this year has passed please consider nominating an outstanding athletic trainer for

2006. All information on the criteria for awards and nomination process is available on the FWATA Website on the Honors and Awards committee page. Any questions or suggestions for next year should be directed to incoming Chair Chris Mumaw. Chris' contact information is available on the Leadership section. Best wishes to Chris as he assumes this position. My thanks to committee members Kristine Boyle Walker , Kyle Wilson, Lew Crawl and Bill Chambers as well as the leadership of FWATA for their assistance with the committee and it's efforts over the past few years. I know our membership will see bigger and better things under the direction of Chris Mumaw.

REPORT FROM FWATA SECRETARY

Submitted by: Scott Sailor, EdD, ATC

As we all know, this profession has grown throughout the years. The Far West Athletic Trainers' Association has also gone through it's share of evolution during this period of time. Committees have been added and deleted to better address the needs of the membership. Committee names have been changed to better reflect their functions and roles. The Managing Board has addressed these changes as they arose throughout the past several years but the actual documents of the FWATA Constitution and FWATA Bylaws were not modified. The Managing Board has recently completed the modification of these two documents to reflect various changes which have taken place throughout recent past. The modifications being proposed are as follows:

Far West Athletic Trainers' Association

Summary of Revisions of the FWATA By-laws and Constitution from 11/12/04

ARTICLE II	DISTRICT SECRETARY
SECTION 3	FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
*1.2.0	Shall oversee the functions of the E-news company which will disseminate pertinent information to the members of District 8.
	<i>(Note: Additional duties added to the office of District Secretary)</i>
ARTICLE VI	COMMITTEES
SECTION 1	FORMATION
SECTION 2	SELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON
1.1.2	Application with vitae <i>*and letter of interest</i> must be made to the District Director or designee within the established timelines and then forwarded to the Managing Board.
	<i>(Note: Bylaws modified to require vitae and letter of interest be submitted for all members interested in committee chair positions)</i>
SECTION 4	APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS
1.2.0	Committee members should attend at least two Annual District Meetings every three years to remain members in good standing of the committee.
	<i>(Note: Added requirement for membership on a committee.)</i>
SECTION 6	FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
1.0.0	PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
1.1.3	<i>*Shall include each state's public relations chair.</i>
	<i>(Note: Bylaws modified to ensure District Public Relations Committee includes the State Public Relations Committee Chairs.)</i>
4.0.0	GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
4.1.7	<i>*Shall include each state's governmental affairs chair.</i>
	<i>(Bylaws modified to ensure District Governmental Affairs Committee includes the State Governmental Affairs Committee Chairs)</i>
5.0.0	MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS <i>*AND NATA NEWS COMMITTEE</i>
5.1.2	<i>*Shall distribute district news to the NATA News on a regular basis.</i>
	<i>(Note: Restructuring of duties and name change since last Bylaws revision)</i>
6.0.0	ANNUAL MEETING AND CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE
6.1.3	The Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium Committee shall be composed of a Chairperson and five (5) subcommittees, the Program Subcommittee, the Publicity Subcommittee, the Exhibits and Vendors Subcommittee, <i>*FUND Subcommittee</i> and the Registration Subcommittee.
6.3.0.	PUBLICITY SUBCOMMITTEE
6.3.1.	Is responsible for the dissemination of all information concerning the FWATA Annual Meeting to the membership.
6.4.0.	EXHIBITS AND VENDORS SUBCOMMITTEE
6.4.1.	Is responsible for securing and organizing exhibits and vendors for the FWATA Annual Meeting.
6.5.0.	FUND DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
6.5.1.	Responsible for the development of fund raising activities at the FWATA Annual Meeting.
6.5.2.	Coordinate fund raising activities with a representative/s from the vicinity of the FWATA Annual Meeting.

Far West Athletic Trainers' Association

(Note: Committee has been restructured and duties modified since last Bylaws revision)

7.0.0 CLINIC/ INDUSTRIAL/ CORPORATE COMMITTEE

7.1.1 To promote athletic training in ~~non-traditional~~ settings other than schools.

(Note: Term Non-traditional has been dropped as an appropriate term describing a work setting outside of a scholastic or professional sports setting)

8.0.0 COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT COMMITTEE

(Note: Name change since last Bylaws revision)

~~10.0.0~~ PLACEMENT CAREER ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

(Note: Name change since last Bylaws revision)

14.0.0 EDUCATIONAL MULTIMEDIA COMMITTEE

(Note: Name change since last Bylaws revision)

15.0.0 WEBMASTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.1.0 Develop and maintain the FWATA Web Page on the World Wide Web.

15.2.0 Shall include each state's public relations chair.

15.3.0 Represent our membership on the District and National Level.

15.4.0 Chairperson shall serve as District Representative to the National Webmasters Advisory Group.

(Note: Committee was added since last revision of Bylaws)

16.0.0 COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE

16.1.0 To address any and all concerns that relate to the college and the university athletic trainer.

16.1.1 Chairperson shall serve as the District Representative to the NATA College and University Athletic Trainers Committee.

16.1.2 Represent the membership at both the District and National level.

16.1.3 Shall include representative from each of the college and university practice settings:

a) NCAA Division I-A

b) NCAA Division I-AA

~~NCAA Division I-AAA~~

c) NCAA Division II

d) NCAA Division III

e) ~~NAIA Division I~~

~~NAIA Division II~~

f) Junior College / Community College

~~Certified Assistant Athletic Trainers~~

g) Nevada Representative

h) Hawai'i Representative

~~Team Physicians~~

(Note: Categories were eliminated to more accurately reflect the membership of FWATA and categories were added to ensure representation from each state in the District.)

19.0.0 ETHNIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

19.1.0 Inform and advise the Managing Board on issues and concerns relevant to the ethnically and culturally diverse membership within the Association.

19.2.0 Create an environment that is conducive to the positive growth and development of multi-ethnic and multicultural membership.

19.3.0 Increase the body of knowledge on possible causes of the low numbers of ethnically diverse athletic trainers.

19.4.0 Increase the body of knowledge on health care issues and conditions that affect physically active, ethnically diverse individuals.

19.5.0 Disseminate information and research relating to health care issues and conditions relevant to ethnically diverse populations (e.g., sickle cell disease, lactose intolerance, at risk populations, Blount's disease, hypertension).

19.6.0 Identify, develop, and mentor ethnically diverse leaders.

19.7.0 Shall include a committee chair and at least three members. Each committee member should understand and embrace sensitivity toward ethnic and cultural diversity as an athletic trainer. Must be certified for at least three years.

19.8.0 Represent the membership at both the District and National level.

19.9.0 Chairperson shall serve as District Representative to the National Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee.

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(Note: New committee added and bylaws subsequently established)

(Note: Membership Category of Supplier was eliminated as this group is accounted for in the Associate Membership Category.)

Constitution Modifications

ARTICLE III	MEMBERSHIP
SECTION 1	CLASSIFICATIONS
1.0.0	There shall be four (4) classes of membership in accordance with the guidelines described in the Bylaws, Article XII. The classes are:
1.1.0	Certified
1.2.0	Associate
1.3.0	Student
1.4.0	International
1.5.0	Supplier

(Note: Supplier removed as a category as it does not exist as an NATA membership category.)

ARTICLE VIII	ORGANIZATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICES
2.0.0	District Director
2.1.1	Eligible candidates desiring to run for office District Director must submit an application with vitae to the District Secretary or designee three week prior to the District Annual Business Meeting, one (1) year prior to the end of the existing term of office.
2.1.2	All candidates shall present their platform to the membership at the #District Annual Business Meeting in the year prior to the end of the existing term. Should a nominee run unopposed a vote by the general membership will not be required. However their platform will still be presented at the District Annual Business Meeting at the FWATA Convention.

(Note: Clarification provided for elections which the candidate runs unopposed.)

3.0.0	District Secretary
3.1.3	The District Director or designee, shall accept application and vitae from the candidates, three (3) weeks prior to the #District Annual Business Meeting at the FWATA Convention, one year prior to the end of the existing term.
3.1.4	A platform of each candidate will be printed and accompany Primary ballot mailing or will be published in the district newsletter prior to the Primary election. Should a nominee run unopposed a vote by the general membership will not be required. However their platform will still be published for informational purposes..

(Note: Clarification provided for elections which the candidate runs unopposed.)

4.0.0	District Treasurer
4.1.3	The District Secretary or designee, shall accept application and vitae from candidates, three (3) weeks prior to the #District Annual Business Meeting at the FWATA Convention, one year prior to the end of the existing term of office.
4.1.4	A platform of each candidate will be printed and accompany Primary ballot mailing or will be published in the district newsletter prior to the Primary election. Should a nominee run unopposed a vote by the general membership will not be required. However their platform will still be published for informational purposes.

(Note: Clarification provided for elections which the candidate runs unopposed.)

ARTICLE XI	GOVERNMENT
SECTION 1	ADMINISTRATION
1.0.0	The administration of the Far West Athletic Trainers' Association shall be entrusted to the Managing Board.

SECTION 2 STRUCTURE OF MANAGING BOARD
(Note: "OF MANAGING BOARD" added to further clarify what this section refers to)

1.0.0	The Managing Board shall meet in Executive Session two (2) times a year and may meet when deemed necessary.
1.1.0	A quorum for a Managing Board meeting shall be three (3).
1.1.1	The District Director may submit items of appropriate business to the Managing Board for a vote by email, fax, or mail.
1.2.1	For such a voting procedure, the District Director shall first secure a "second" to the proposal and then to each member of the Board, email, fax, or mail the proposal with a request to return a "yes" or "no" vote on the proposal by a definite date no sooner than ten (10) days after distributing of the proposal.

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- 1.2.2 Board approval of items submitted shall require a "yes" vote by at least three (3) members of the Board.
- 1.3.0 The District Director may also submit items of association business that are appropriate for Board action to the Managing Board for a vote by telephone.
- 1.3.1 For such a voting procedure, the District Director shall first secure a "second" to the proposal and then call each member of the Board for their vote on the proposal.
- 1.3.2 Board approval of items so submitted shall require a "yes" vote by at least three (3) members of the Board.
- 1.3.3 Each member of the Board shall verify their vote by confirmation to the District Director.

(Note: Email added as an option of communication and voting for the Managing Board. Directions that materials must be distributed via "letter" was eliminated opening the option for other methods of distribution.)

SECTION 3 MANAGING BOARD VOTING

- 1.0.0 Voting members of the Managing Board are the District Secretary, District Treasurer, and each of the States Representatives.
- 1.1.0 The District Director only votes in the event of a tie.

SECTION 4 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

(Note: Annual Business added to previous title "Meetings" for further clarification)

- 1.0.0 A business meeting with the membership present shall be held at the FWATA & NATA, Inc. Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposiums.
- 1.1.0 The meeting shall be for the District Director to present information discussed by the FWATA and the NATA, Inc. Board Meeting, respectively, and to allow membership to question any items which needs clarification.
- 1.1.1 A quorum at the business meetings shall be a simple majority of the voting membership present.

SECTION 5 MEMBERSHIP VOTING

- 1.0.0 The Managing Board may submit items of FWATA business to the voting membership for a vote by mail or email.
- 1.1.0 Approval of item/s so submitted shall require a "yes" majority of the respondents.

(Note: Email added as a voting option)

~~SECTION 5 VOTING MEMBERS~~

- ~~1.0.0 Voting members of the Managing Board are the District Secretary, District Treasurer, and each of the State Representatives.~~
- ~~1.1.0 The District Director votes only in the event of a tie.~~

(Note: Reorganized to become Section 3)

SECTION 6 PROXUS

- 1.0.0 There shall be no voting by proxy for a Managing Board member or general member.

(Note: added wording for clarification)

ARTICLE XII AMENMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1 PROCESS

- 1.0.0 All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the District Director at least six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Business meetings of the FWATA. Submitted items must receive approval of the Managing Board.

(Note: Additional language added to place agenda items under the purview of the Managing Board.)

Legend

**Added/Inserted*

Modifications/Rewording

District Annual Business Meeting has replaced the previous term District Convention (Section 4 – 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 3.1.3, 4.1.3)

Additional Modifications were to address grammatical issues, etc.

The amendments to the bylaws can be taken care of by the Managing Board. The amendments of the Constitution require the proposed modifications to be sent to the membership at least three weeks prior to the FWATA Annual Meeting. This newsletter serves as the method of informing the membership of these proposed modifications to the Constitution. The FWATA website has posted files which show the actual modified Constitution and Bylaws as well as how the documents will look if all the modifications are adopted.

Should you have any concerns or recommendations regarding these modifications, please notify Scott Sailor as soon as possible. Thank you for your time reviewing these important documents for our association.

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Website Committee

Submitted by: Steve Cernohous, ATC

The Website Committee is looking for a representative from Hawaii and Nevada that might be interested in working on the FWATA website. Those interested can email Steve Cernohous at scernohous@yahoo.com.

Update Your Information

If you are a District 8 member and not receiving this newsletter electronically,.....**we need your help.** We have taken great strides in the development of our District's Electronic Newsletter. It saves money and time and provides valuable information. Please go to the NATA website "Members Only" section (www.nata.org/members1/members.cfm) and update your email address. *Please be assured your information will not be released. It will be used for District 8/NATA membership communication only.*

Thank you, FWATA Managing Board

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