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A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR

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/members/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

Dear District 8 members;

As we head into fall and winter, District 8 is in a period of transition. Scott Sailor and Carolyn Peters are assuming roles and responsibilities of District Director and District Secretary, respectively. As always, I have a few suggestions that you may consider as we head towards another year of Association activities.



Andy Paulin, ATC

- Please take the time to check your email weekly, if not daily, for association e-blasts and announcements. Many times, members have to be notified quickly, especially in areas of governmental affairs. Decisions, votes and letters may have to be acted upon with great speed.
- While you are at it, share these association announcements with your colleagues and students. This is an opportunity to show them how a professional association operates. Many students are unaware of the services and opportunities that our association provides.
- Take a moment to read the NATA website. There are services provided exclusively for members. Also, surveys are conducted to improve the services you have earned as a member.
- Speaking of students, now would be an opportunity to share with them the District Convention information. I am confident they would like to have the time to prepare a presentation or fundraiser for the travel.
- What are your plans for the 2008 NATA National Athletic Training Month in March? How about starting those plans? Don't forget to notify the NATA of your activity.
- While you are on the District and NATA websites, take a look at the Honors and Awards websites. Many times when we attend the Awards functions, we say "I know such and such is deserving of that award!" Please take the time to complete a nomination form. These award nominations have to pass through committees. Even if you miss a deadline, the form will be ready for next year. We all know members and colleagues who deserve this recognition.
- Take a moment to read over who is on the state and district committees. Go into the NATA Committee website and see who your District 8 representative is. Contact these colleagues in the area of your interest and ask what you can do to help. There is no time like today for leadership development.

Please contact me if I may be of service to you.

Andy Paulin, ATC

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District Secretary (District Director-Elect) Report

Scott Sailor, EdD, ATC

I am honored to have been selected by the membership to serve as the next FWATA District Director. Together we have an important mission ahead. It is my belief that our future as an association is bright and exciting. Andy Paulin asked for me to include a short overview of my vision for FWATA in this newsletter. I am more than happy to do so.

The Far West Athletic Trainers' Association and the National Athletic Trainers' Association are vital active important contributors to the future of the profession of athletic training. It is through these entities that we will affect positive change in the years to come. I have had the opportunity to serve this association in various capacities for over two decades. I was first introduced, as a student, to our responsibility as members to serve our association. I believe this "servant mentality" is as important today as it was so many years ago.

It is my opinion that tremendous strides have been made over the past several decades. Our future, as a profession, is bright yet somewhat fragile. It is incumbent upon each of us to participate in establishing a future that views the profession of athletic training and the athletic trainer as a vital integral component of the health care delivery system. We have made tremendous headway in this direction but great potential still exists.

Overall, I see four key areas that will provide a foundation on which to continue building this association:

I. Member Focus: As a Managing Board, we must listen to our members and work for them. We will develop programs to understand and educate our internal and external constituents. We will seek out opportunities to expand our services to meet new potential members' needs as well as those of the existing membership. We must especially focus on the needs of the next generation. Our future as an association is entering the workforce at this time. We need to make sure we are addressing their needs and demonstrating how responsive we are to their desire for this association.

II. Leaders who are Coaches: We will recruit and develop leaders at all levels of the organization – Managing Board members, committee members and volunteers. We will develop people who will motivate others to accomplish goals and embrace change effectively. We will create a high-level of skill in communicating future thinking, being innovative, contributing as a team member and coaching others for improved performance. We have a vast amount of talent represented within our district. We need to tap into that talent to help us with developing the next generation.

III. Personal Accountability and Responsibility: We expect to improve ourselves and our Association. We recognize that our world and profession are constantly changing and that we must constantly be seeking improvement and cost-effective innovation. Our methods might change over the years but we need to make sure our mission stays focused on being the best we can be with those we serve.

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IV. Membership Connections: To create a giveback reservoir of membership energy, knowledge and enthusiasm. The way we communicate has changed over the past several years. This is not to say that we must abandon the traditional for the contemporary but we must respond to the needs of those members who are not capable of attending a FWATA meeting due to family demands, job restraints, and/or financial circumstances. These members desire representation as much as those who can attend these functions.

I look forward to the years ahead. There is a great team in place to help move this Association along. I hope you are as excited as I am about FWATA's future. Together we will accomplish a great deal. Please consider how you can get involved. The work may be challenging but the rewards will be abundant.

College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee

Fran Babich, MS ATC

The Far West Athletic Trainers College and University Committee would like to welcome our newest member and Nevada Representative, Mr. Chris Lange from the University of Nevada. Remember the mission of the College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee is to:

- Support the overall goals and objectives of the National Athletic Trainers' Association
- Promote institutional ownership in the integrated health care delivery system in intercollegiate athletics
- Identify and address issues related to the health and safety of the student athlete
- Address concerns of the certified athletic trainer in the collegiate setting

Please see our FWATA website to contact your CUATC representative with any issues or concerns.

On the national level there are some very helpful resources provided by the NATACUATC which can be found at the NATACUATC website. Most of the resources previously housed on the CUATC page are now part of Career Advancement Network & Workplace Resource Center (CAN-WORC). The NATA has taken the vast resources typically found scattered among various committee and other Web pages and consolidated them here by topic and by setting. The plan is to make it a one-stop page for those who need to 1) find a job or 2) improve some element of their job. Here are some of the things you'll find on CAN-WORC:

- Practical tips on how to look for a job and all the favorite and emerging athletic training settings.
- Whether a teaching certificate is preferred in secondary schools and secondary school resources by state

- Lists of NATA members who have generously agreed to be mentors for certain areas
- Information on reimbursement – written for beginners and advanced
- State practice acts and regulatory information
- Other governmental relations information you need to know
- How to write a business plan, how to write a marketing plan
- Articles that you can use to help you create your own personal position with a performance enhancement clinic, physician office or sports medicine clinics.

www.nata.org/members/committees/cuatc/index.cfm

Lastly, as a part of their website the NATACUATC developed an online forum for NATA members in the college and university setting titled CAUSE (College and University Sharing Environment). CAUSE is a great way to interact with other college/university athletic trainers around the country. Discussions on CAUSE are meant to stimulate conversation and exchange information. You can find a link to the CAUSE site at the NATACUATC site.

Research and Grants Committee

Leamor Kahanov, EdD, ATC

The Research and Grants committee is placing a call for abstracts for the **2008 FWATA Symposium**. Abstracts are due January 10th, 2008.

Please go to www.fwata.org/com_research_grants.html for information and applications.

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Attention High School Athletic Trainers

Are you conducting neuropsychological baseline testing and concussion assessments for your athletes utilizing a computer-based application, such as ImpACT? If so, we want to hear about your experiences for potential media coverage. Please contact Kelly Berardini, MHA, ATC at kberard@chapman.edu.

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2007 FWATA Annual Meeting

Las Vegas April 26 - 28, 2007

The annual meeting was well attended by 750 people at the Las Vegas Hilton. Everyone enjoyed great educational sessions, visited the 63 exhibitors, honored the awardees at the Hall of Fame Dinner, raised scholarship funds at the Golf Tournament and Silent Auction and took part in the famous "Dog and Pony Show". The meeting is not just about the sessions but it is a time to see familiar faces and meet new certified and athletic training students. All had a great time enjoying the meeting and Las Vegas.

Attendees:

Certified Members 421; Student Members 129; Student Non-members 69;
Non-members 5; Guest Speakers 5; Exhibitors 63; Guests 58

Student Sessions

There were 21 athletic training student presentations representing most of the Athletic Training Education Programs in FWATA. Many of the groups were first-time presenters for both themselves and their program. This bodes well for our future ATC colleagues!

Student Jeopardy Challenge

Chapman University's team participants Josh Proffit, Steven Kong, and Chaz Kekipi were the winners! Other participating schools were: CSU Fullerton, University of LaVerne, CSU Sacramento, San Diego State University, Vanguard University, University Nevada Las Vegas, CSU Long Beach, University of the Pacific.

FWATA Scholarship Fundraisers:

FWATA Golf Tournament played on a perfect day at Silverstone Golf Club. Title Sponsor was Alert Services Inc.- Jeff Nelson and Alert Services was recognized for being a long time title sponsor. Tournament Sponsors included: A-G Administrators, Donjoy, and Johnson & Johnson. There were 19 additional tee sponsors. Gift were donated by Tinactin and Silverstone Golf Club. There were 60 Golfers (largest group for this tournament other than when it is held in Hawaii)

Winners:

Tournament Champions: Rich Horris, Dean Polhamus, Warren Voyce, Jeff Zeilinga
Closest to the Pin: Jim Pleumer and Debbie Kerr
Longest Drive: Kelly Wilson and Dixon Gills

Thank you to all the sponsors and the golfers for supporting the FWATA scholarship fundraiser.

Second Annual Silent Auction

A Big Round of Applause to the donors of items for the Silent Auction. This year we had autographed items from Tony Gwynn, Phillip Rivers, Frank Robinson, Galaxy, Pro Bowl, San Jose Sharks, Clippers, Kobe Bryant, John Wooden, Michael Jordan, LA Avengers, 2007 UCLA basketball & football, and Coach John Wooden. Other items were FWATA Reserve Wine, UNLV jacket, dinner gift cards, Jamba Juice cards, Starbucks cards, Tupperware and many Hawaii specialties! Thank you to all those who bid for items as we raised \$6,000.00!

Donors:

Fellow NATA Certified Athletic Trainers: Tom Abdenour, Frank Bernard, Debbie Iwasaki, JoHang Wang, Chris Phillips, Jamie Bulf, Ray Tufts, Ky Kugler, Andy Paulin,

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Carolyn Peters, Cindy Clivio, Daryl Funai, Beth Young, Zeny Galo-Eakins, Robert Kersey, Leroy Heu, Bernie Chavies, Glenn Beachy, Cindy Chu-Coury, & Hazel Ando.

Friends of FWATA Donors: Peter Prietto- EJ Medical, Ruben Salinas-Salinas Physical Therapy, Mei Ti Chu-China Palace,& NFL. As the chair of the Silent Auction I cannot thank all the donors enough for obtaining the items and making the auction a success!
Hazel Ando

The Convention Committee would like to thank our dedicated registration staff Mike Anderson, Leroy Heu, Nina Hsieh, Heidi Lopez, and Darren Voigt for their assistance before and during the annual meeting. Thank you to our student assistants Laura Tomino and Ginger Lei Salera from UNLV.

Make plans to attend the next meeting April 3-6, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport in Burlingame! See you in 2008!

Your Convention Committee, Bill Chambers, David Ramirez, Kristal Slover, Ruem Malasarn, Paul Alvarez, and Hazel Ando.

College & University Athletic Training Student Committee

Chris Schmidt, PhD, ATC

The FWATA College & University Athletic Training Student Committee (CUATSC) exists to identify and address any and all issues and concerns pertinent to athletic training students in the college and university setting. To that end, a main responsibility of the committee is to oversee the athletic training student educational symposium at the annual FWATA convention. Plans are underway for another successful student session in 2008. Students and/or student groups from accredited athletic training education programs who are interested in presenting at next year's student session should submit an abstract to Paul Alvarez at alvarezp@ULV.edu by November 30, 2007.

On the national level, the NATA CUATSC is working on enhancing student awareness of the benefits and resources provided by membership in the NATA and will be providing feedback to the NATA on the new strategic initiatives focusing on student and young professional members. The FWATA CUATSC will be exploring ways to incorporate these new strategies into our district. Plans are also in progress for the student educational symposium at the NATA convention in 2008. Student attendees can expect a keynote address, multiple breakout sessions as well as a student leadership breakfast and the annual cadaver session.

Finally, the FWATA CUATSC is looking for additional members, particularly from Nevada and Hawaii, although members from all states are welcome to serve. If you are interested in serving or have questions for the committee, please contact the committee chair, Chris Schmidt, at cschmidt@apu.edu.

Volunteers Needed

Members interested in assisting the FWATA Scholarship Silent Auction contact: Jason Bennett jbennet@chapman.edu or Hazel Ando hazel.ando@athletics.ucsb.edu

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2007 Anaheim NATA Annual Meeting Volunteers

2007 NATA Annual Meeting Co-Chairs

Robert D. Kersey and Hazel Ando

A big thank you to the 240+ volunteers at Anaheim from various districts! We especially appreciate all the District 8 ATCs and student members who came out in large numbers. The volunteers and team leaders kept all areas of the annual meeting running smoothly. The largest task we had was stuffing over 9,000 convention packets (yes, the orange bag) and we had the personnel to get this accomplished in record time this year according to the NATA Office Staff.

A day in the life of a volunteer..... varied from arriving at 5:45 a.m. to staff the early lectures or the speaker room, assisting in the registration or exhibit areas, waiting patiently in the volunteer office for an assignment, driving to purchase a key piece of equipment for a speaker, being a personal guide to some professional athletes, stepping in as a last minute moderator and speaker, helping at the blood drive, guiding some unhappy attendees, tallying the volunteer hours, and most importantly meeting some new & familiar colleagues.

The top volunteer with the most hours was Connie George from Golden West College who logged in over 45 hours! Thank you Connie!

A special Thank You to the 2007 Team Leaders who were assigned to the various areas and oversaw the volunteers that signed up for their area. The Team Leaders communicated to our Volunteer Office Leaders, Leroy Heu, Scott Sailor and Heidi Lopez if there were any issues. We were proud to have the following responsible leaders from District 8 who helped keep the Co-Chairs from going crazy!

Jason Bennett
Stacy Camou
Phil Ford
Leroy Heu
Nina Hsieh
Leamor Kahanov
Ky Kugler
Heidi Lopez
Jim May
Cindy McKnight
Rory Natividad
Shyla Penn
Carolyn Peters
Stacy Ritter
Chris Ritter
Jeff Roberts
Scott Sailor
Krystal Slover
Kavin Tsang
Scott Tucker
Denise Wiksten
Beth Ann Young
Terry Ziegler

Thank You!

We cannot thank all the Team Leaders and Volunteers enough for making our responsibilities as co-chairs an easier job during the actual meeting. We appreciated everyone's flexibility and patience as to assignments and last minute changes. We also want to thank the NATA office for guidance.

District Treasurer's Report

Ky Kugler, EdD, ATC

The 2006-07 fiscal budget is officially closed. An extension for our 501 C-3 tax filing was filed in early August 2007 due to an office move by your District Treasurer with my work at Chapman University. As a result, taxes are now being filed by our CPA Accountant, Blake Rochette before our extended date of November 15, 2007 for the fiscal year 4/1/06 – 3/31/07. The Las Vegas convention has been reviewed and appears to have come in under budget. My congratulations go out to the entire convention staff for their fiscal responsibility.

The current 2007-08 operating budget was reviewed, amended and approved during the FWATA Convention held in April in Las Vegas and was re-presented and approved in Anaheim at the NATA meeting in June, 2007. The District 8 meeting in Anaheim had over 400 people in attendance and the social went well. Your managing board continues to keep a very watchful eye on all of our assets, but specifically the general fund is closely monitored to insure that a cash reserve is maintained which will allow the District to conduct financial business for the current year of operation if for some reason the income sources now in place would be deleted. The MB also allocated funds away from the general account in April, 2007 to the FWATA Investment Portfolio in an attempt to grow our finances without jeopardizing our principal investment through a PISMO account fund. The MB has access to these investment funds within a 3 day time frame if a financial emergency would arise for District 8. Current finances are:

FWATA General Fund (10/1/07)	\$ 81,530
FWATA Investment Fund (8/31/07)	<u>\$197,460</u>
	\$278,990

Other news as it relates to the District is from the NATA Office. If you were a volunteer at the 2007 NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium in Anaheim, you should have received a reimbursement of a portion up to the entire amount of your registration fee. A refund should have been processed based on the number of hours you volunteered (i.e., 10 hrs. = 25%, 20 hrs. = 50%, 30 hrs. = 75%, 40 hrs. = 100%). The payments are processed to the original source of your registration fee. If you registered by using a credit card, please allow up to 60 days for the credit to post onto your credit card account.

The NATA Board of Directors also has approved several dues innovations. Some of these are - a shared/green membership (two people with the same home address - \$10 discount and only one NATA News or Journal of Athletic Training); international dues will be \$150 w/ no NATA News or JAT; student member dues are now \$60 and multiple 2 year due payment schedules receive a \$5 discount from each year for national dues. More information on this will be forthcoming out of the NATA office.

Public Relations Committee Update

Kelly Berardini, MHA, ATC

California public relations activities in support of SB 284 (Athletic Trainers Registration) have continued these past several months, including several broadcast and print media efforts involving recent Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Inductee Tony Gwynn, who has graciously been serving as our spokesperson...

May-June 2007

- NBC San Diego– Tony Gwynn, CATA Governmental Affairs Chair Mike West, MS, ATC and Robbie Bowers, ATC, interviewed for a broadcast segment regarding SB 284 and the importance of qualified athletic trainers in the high school setting
- KOGO-AM (San Diego news/sports talk radio)– Tony Gwynn and Mike West interviewed regarding SB 284
- Also pitched story to KPBS-FM (NPR affiliate), Union-Tribune, North County Times, AP San Diego bureau and Copley News Service media

July 2007

- “Tips for Preventing Overuse Injuries” press release authored and distributed via Business Wire
- “Fight to be Defined” press release updated and distributed

August – September 2007

- Op-ed article authored by Tony Gwynn distributed to multiple California daily newspapers, including Bakersfield Californian, Chico Enterprise-Record, The Davis Enterprise, The Desert Sun, The Fresno Bee, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Los Angeles Times, Merced Sun Star, Modesto Bee, Monterey County Herald, North County Times, Orange County Register, Pasadena Star News, The Press-Enterprise, Sacramento Bee, San Diego Union-Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner, San Jose Mercury News, Santa Barbara News-Press, The Oakland Tribune, and The Tribune (San Luis Obispo)

These activities were coordinated in collaboration with our professional public relations firm JWalcher Communications. Special thanks are also extended to Mike West, Robbie Bowers, and Carolyn Peters, who have served as media interview subjects and facilitated the processes.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Michael Chisar, ATC, MPT

As always, there is a lot going on legislatively, both nationally and at the state level. Issues decided in Washington and in the state capitals determine how each one of us are able to practice, no matter what setting we are in. While the NATA is devoting considerable resources to legislative matters, to be successful requires membership involvement. Please take a few minutes out of your day to help write a letter or send an email to your legislators when asked. We will make it as easy as possible for you.

Request for information

If you have been denied employment, or had your position downgraded, due to being an athletic trainer, please let me know.

Updates

National – With several recent licensure bills enacted, there are now a total of 46 states with some form of statutory recognition of athletic training. Alaska, California, Maryland, West Virginia are the states without statutory regulation.

Federal Bill – The NATA lobbyist is still working on gaining support and co-sponsors for HRI876. The sponsor for this, Sen. Thomas has died of leukemia and a new sponsor in the senate is being recruited. This is a very important bill for the profession and your assistance will be requested in the future.

State Activities – All three states have been active in the planning or introduction of bills. California's registration bill is on the governor's desk and Hawaii and Nevada have plans for, or are considering introducing bills within the next year. Again, please help the states be successful with their efforts

Upcoming Activities

Federal Hit the Hill Day – Federal Hit the Hill Day in Washington DC has been scheduled for Monday February 25. This is a fun event and important to help the profession. Please consider joining us. You can go to the following link to get more information and to register:

www.nata.org/capitolhillday/08reg.htm

FWATA Student Grants for Hit the Hill Day – Keep an eye open for information regarding grants for students to attend Hit the Hill Day in Washington DC. We hope to fund one athletic training student from each state to join that states delegation on their legislator

visits. Information and applications will be provided within the next few weeks.

State Hill Days – We are in the early stages of planning "Hill Days" in each state during the spring. Look for further information in the coming months.

Political Action Committees (PACs)

A political action committee is a private group, organized to elect or defeat government officials or to promote legislation. This is primarily done by donating funds to candidates and causes. Both California and the NATA have PACs. Please donate as you are able. Any amount can be helpful. If every California ATC donated \$5.00 we could triple the size of that PAC. If every NATA member donated the equivalent of one Starbucks a month, the NATAPAC could raise nearly 2 million dollars. For more information or to make a donation:

CATAPAC Contact Robbie Bowers CATAPAC treasurer at pactreasurer@cata-usa.org

NATAPAC www.natapac.org

Secondary Schools

Cindy Clivio, M. Ed, A.T.C.

Once more, I would just like to thank and acknowledge Stacey Ritter, Brian Smith, and Frank Sakelarios for the fantastic presentations during the Secondary Schools Specialty Session this past June at the NATA meeting in Anaheim. Their presentations were extremely well received and reflected well on our district. I also want to congratulate Eli Hallak who received national attention for the great programs he has developed at St. Francis High School in La Canada, CA. He was featured in a recent e-blast linking to a video about his program.

The National Secondary Schools Athletic Trainers' Committee has been hard at work all summer putting together a proposal, which will be given to the NATA Board of Directors this month. We have taken ideas from around the country and have integrated them to a comprehensive plan to improve the services and resources available to Secondary Schools. Many of the items that were communicated to me from our district members over the past year have been included in this proposal. This proposal is a response to the NATA's strategic plan "focus on Secondary School". I will inform you of the outcome of the proposal after it is reviewed and acted upon by the Board of Directors.

NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee

Paul Alvarez, PhD, ATC

This report focuses on the efforts of the NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC). Members were very busy with a number of initiatives during the recent Annual Meeting. The mission of the EDAC is to serve in an advisory capacity to the National Athletic Trainers' Association and its Board of Directors on issues related to ethnic diversity in the profession as well as health care issues that impact the ethnically diverse patients athletic trainers serve. The EDAC web site is www.edacweb.org

The committee met as a group on Tuesday, June 26th to discuss planned activities during the week of the meeting as well as initiatives during the year. Prior to the general meeting of the committee, the Program Enhancement Grant sub-committee met to review two grant applications that had been received.

On Wednesday, June 27th, the EDAC Session titled, "What You and Your ATEP Should Know" was jointly presented by Paul Alvarez, PhD, ATC; and Bill Prieto, ATC. Dr. Alvarez' topic was "Ethnic Diversity: Rationales and Strategies", discussing why ethnic diversity in our educational programs is important and ways to increase the numbers of diverse students. Prieto followed with an informative discussion on "Ethnically Based Medical Conditions" addressing some little-known conditions that may confront the athletic trainer when dealing with an ethnically diverse population. Later that evening, the EDAC Town Hall meeting was held to inform the members of the activities of the committee. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Bill Chisolm Ethnic Diversity Service Award to Mr. John Mayes, ATC. In Mayes' acceptance speech, he inspired the audience with his perspective on the advancement of athletic training in general, as well as noting the importance of diversity in the athletic training profession.

The action continued on Thursday, June 28th as the EDAC welcomed a record number of high school students during Career Day. Local High School athletic trainers Kira Au, ATC (Bishop Amat); Lisa Kunzman, ATC (Centennial); Cherisse Hernandez, ATC (Santa Ana), and Adrianna Ramirez, ATC, CSCS (West Covina); brought students Matthew Alvarez, Jordan Angino, Danielle Baca, Samantha Blanco, Desirae Castellon, Paul De La Rosa, Jessica Herrera, Jeanine Jeter, Kirsten Jones, Samantha Lopez, Samantha Mauer, Jorge Maya, Rebecca Noriega, Bianca Prado, Gennifer Rasero, Susie Sanchez, and

Victoria Vidales for a morning at the Meeting hosted by the EDAC. Members of the committee paired up with the students and spoke to them about the profession as they toured the Career Center, the Foundation Booth, the Exhibit Hall, and a portion of the Johnson and Johnson presentation by Vince Papale, before adjourning to a nearby restaurant for lunch and a mentoring activity. The event is designed to inspire students to pursue athletic training as a career, and judging by the comments heard, the day was a complete success.

The final formal activity of the EDAC as a committee was to participate in the student leadership breakfast on Friday, June 29th. As the culmination to a busy week, it was extremely gratifying to meet with the future of the profession and know while the work of the EDAC is never done, the future is bright for athletic training.

As a follow-up to the Annual Meeting, the EDAC would like to remind academic programs that the next Planning Grant deadline is December 1, 2007. Applications are available on the EDAC web site at www.edacweb.org.

Also, the EDAC is asking all Certified Athletic Trainers who are willing to participate in the EDAC Mentoring program to log on to the EDAC web site and register as a mentor. The previous mentoring database contained outdated information, and needed to be renewed.

Hawaii Athletic Trainer's Association

Glenn Beachy, MS, ATC, Hawaii D8 Representative

HATA Symposium

While the exact date for the 14th HATA Symposium has not been determined, the meeting will be held either the last week of May or early June. The preliminary meeting site is at the University of Hawaii – Hilo on the Island of Hawaii. Please check the HATA website to updated information.

Governmental Affairs

This is the second year of the current legislative session, and the governmental committee has met with legislative sponsors from both houses to consolidate our efforts for the upcoming session. The bill must continue to pass through the required hearings and HATA members will be called upon to support the bill with their legislative representatives and before committee meetings.

California Athletic Trainers' Association

Jim Pluemer MS, PT, ATC, CSCS, CATA Representative

The California Athletic Trainers Associations is actively working towards goals that will aid in the continued growth of our profession. Every Certified Athletic Trainer and athletic training student in California needs to contribute to the efforts in our "fight to be defined".

Updates for California

1. SB 284 update
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4. Progress with the Public Relations push.
5. CATA visibility to both members and the public.

First is the update on our legislative status in California. **SB 284** is now on Governor Schwarzenegger's desk. Every member should have submitted a letter of support to the governor, and solicited letters from other members of the voting community for support. What should we do as a last push to urge the Governor's support?

We can call the Governor's office and urge him to sign Senate Bill 284, by Allan Lowenthal. The dial-in number is **(916) 445-2841**. Call between 9 am and 5 pm listen to the selected options and follow the prompts provided and you will be able to leave your message of support.

Please emphasize these points:

- This bill brings benefit to our most vulnerable Californians: schoolchildren. Parents will be able to determine if the athletic trainer in their child's school is a registered athletic trainer. Of course, it will bring that same value to college students and those receiving athletic training services at a health facility or where they work.
- It is important to note what this bill does NOT do. It is not a licensure bill. It does not take away anyone's job or limit the practice of those who do not have benefit of a formal education in athletic training.
- The bill does recognize the education of certified athletic trainers and will make the public aware of this distinction.
- The legislature's Sunrise Review committee recommended registration of athletic trainers, and this bill does that. It does not exceed their intended recognition.
- We listened to you, Governor Schwarzenegger, and to your Department of Consumer Affairs. SB 284 answers all of the previous objections raised, and we are pleased that the DCA has taken a neutral stance on the bill.

The drive for our success on the state legislative front is lead by the efforts of Mike and Mike. Mike West and Mike Chisar, with the assistance of many others, have forged the profession forward and deserve a huge thank you. Additionally, our lobbyist Terry McHale deserves recognition and a thank you from our entire membership, as our success would not be possible without him.

Call for Member Involvement on the CATA Board and Committees. Thank you to Anna August for joining the CATA board as Region I Director. We have several board positions in CATA that are up for election. If interested in any of these positions please submit a letter of interest to Carolyn Peters by November 1, 2007. Elections, electronically, held prior to year-end, with the new board members assuming the positions effective January 2008.

Present terms ending in 2007 are:

- Treasurer, with Lisa Varnum eligible for a 2nd term.
- Region 3, with Ed Ferreira eligible for a 2nd term.
- Region 4, Russ Romano is termed out and is assisting with the recruitment of a new region director.

Additionally, Carolyn Peters will be assuming the District 8 Secretary position this summer and will be stepping down mid-term from her executive board position with CATA. Terms ending December 2008 will be Region 2, 5, and president.

Several committee chairs are also actively recruiting members who wish to become more involved. Webmaster Craig Kobayashi is interested in a member with a computer background along with enthusiasm for the web. To learn more please visit www.cata-usa.org

Members interested in getting involved should contact any member of the CATA board, past or present. When I accepted the president role for our association, I would be remiss if I thought it would be without challenges. Among my initial goals was to attempt to capture a greater portion of our members and encourage them to get involved. We continue to suffer from what I have termed the "brain drain", where enthusiastic members skip over CATA and go directly to FWATA and become involved. If you are interested and need more information please do not hesitate to contact me personally. You might also want to attend one of our CATA board meetings to get a better understanding.

Second Annual California State Meeting. Another goal was to advance our state to offering a state meeting. Our first state meeting was June 1, 2007 and was a multi-site teleconference offering our membership three CEU's. Our second annual state meeting is Monday April 28, 2008. Planning is underway with a multi-site teleconference offering three CEU's in the evening. Please save the date.

CATA thank you for support of PR. When I assumed the leadership role with CATA, I was hoping to push the state to a more visible position. Only after getting involved did I see the vision of Mike West toward the PR effort. This year the FWATA board supported the request for financial support to hire a public relations firm to be active in the district and state. This was a positive step for California. PR continues to be an important effort for our profession as we attempt to gain better public understanding of the profession of athletic training.

Visibility of Athletic Training in California and CATA. The visibility of CATA was at the heart of my efforts during this past summer's NATA national convention. Some of the feedback I received suggested that some of my efforts, style and substance may have missed their marks, and for that, I apologize. I will continue to forge forward to push California into a positive position for the future. Thank you for the continued understanding and support.

NATA Updates

Weekend Workshop coming in January

Registration is now open for the January 2008 NATA Continuing Education Committee Weekend Workshop, Manual Therapy Techniques for the Cervicothoracic Spine and Upper Ribs. It's slated for January 11-13, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

NATA establishes Fellows Program

The NATA Fellows program recognizes professional achievement in research and/or education, combined with service to the profession. Only the most accomplished athletic trainers earn this distinction and are allowed to use the prestigious designation of "FNATA."

By applying for and gaining Fellows status, NATA members pledge their continued commitment to the athletic training profession and the NATA.

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

Save the Date!

FWATA Annual Meeting

April 3-6, 2008

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport, Burlingame

See you in 2008!

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