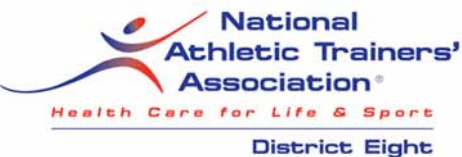




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There has been a lot of activity taking place since our national meeting in June. We held an election for NATA President, we settled our lawsuit with the APTA, and we received some great news about upcoming NATA meetings.



Scott R. Sailor, EdD ATC

Presidential Election Involvement

The presidential election just wrapped up and Marje Albohm was elected for a second term. I imagine you might have felt the same way when you were notified that it was time to vote for President – “Didn’t we just have an election?” It did seem that the election process began very soon after President Albohm first took office.

This election did mark two rather unique occurrences as we move into the future. First, the current bylaws will only allow future Presidents to serve one 3-year term rather than two 2-year terms so we will no longer have a re-election. Secondly, we had an improved election “turnout.” We saw a 2% increase in voters for this election. That may not seem like much but, considering that there tends to be a lower turnout when an incumbent is seeking re-election, this election may represent an increase in participation of perhaps 5-10% over what might have been.

I would like to credit a large amount of this turnout increase to the awesome work of the Young Professional Committee led by D8’s own Kim Detwiler. This group of engaged professionals, coincidentally young, initiated calling campaigns and social media efforts with the goal of getting more of our membership engaged in their association. I believe they are to be commended for their great efforts and leadership.

APTA Settlement

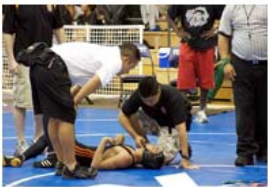
What seemed like a long drawn-out process finally ended as we arrived at a settlement agreement with the American Physical Therapy Association. This was an extensive process that required lots of negotiation. It was a very rewarding day when I received the final agreement that reflected a couple years of discussions between the NATA and the APTA. The major points of the settlement include:

1. The APTA acknowledges that athletic trainers are health care professionals authorized to provide interventions within their scope of practice.
2. The APTA acknowledges that the scopes of practice of the two professions overlap to some extent.
3. By signing the statement, the APTA agrees that athletic trainers work on “patients.”
4. APTA agrees to compete ethically in the marketplace, and that it is a priority for both groups to protect the public from harm. APTA

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Save the Date!

2010 District 8 Meeting
June 30, 2010
thru
July 3, 2010



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agreed not to make any false or misleading statements about ATs, including that they are "unqualified," "not qualified," "non qualified," or the like.

5. The APTA agrees that PTs are not the exclusive providers of manual therapy, and ATs are qualified to provide manual therapy. The APTA's desire to prevent the teaching of manual therapy to ATs was the crux of the lawsuit.
6. APTA agrees that the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation codes are not exclusive to any one particular provider, with the exception of the evaluation and re-evaluation codes for both AT and PT.
7. The APTA acknowledges that the Dallas Federal District Court found that the case had merit to proceed.

NATA Coming Back to D8

District Eight will get the pleasure of hosting the NATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium during 2013 and 2019. We have already signed contracts with the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. I am very excited that we are going to be able to bring our members back to the Western United States. Our FWATA membership have always stepped up and helped put on a great show whenever we have had the opportunity. I have no doubt our NATA membership will love their time in D8 and will be begging to come back regularly.

Standing Up for Ourselves

We have an important role in protecting those we are called to care for – our patients. The challenges we have had before us over the past several years should have shown us that this role extends beyond the facilities in which we work. We are active in the national legislative effort with the ATEAM legislation and we have shown that we can stand up for ourselves, and ultimately those we serve, in the courts through the APTA lawsuit.

All of this was possible because of the foundation that has been established by this membership and the great teamwork we exhibit as athletic trainers. I could not be more proud of a group of people. It gives me great pleasure explaining to people that I am an athletic trainer.

Our efforts are not over. We will need to work together in the present and future as much as we have in the past. I have no doubt we will rise to the challenge. With that in mind, I would like to challenge all of FWATA to lead the way as we register for the NATA meeting. There will be several opportunities to support the NATA Political Action Committee. I would love to see the participation by D8 exceed that of all other districts. Make sure to register for the NATAPAC Breakfast and bring someone with you – perhaps a student or a young professional. Skip a cup of coffee and send in the savings to the PAC. Efforts like these will continue to place us in a position where we can step up and have our voice heard in the marketplace.

Continue to fight the good fight. I could not choose a better group of colleagues with which to serve. Please join us in Hawaii. See you then.



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2010 FWATA District 8 Annual Meeting

June 30, 2010 – July 3, 2010

Sheraton Waikiki

Waikiki Beach, Oahu

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The 2010 FWATA Annual Meeting will be one that you can make a vacation while attending the meeting on the beautiful island of Oahu. Oahu is nicknamed **The Gathering Place!** What a perfect location for the FWATA members and fellow athletic trainers to gather, learn, and enjoy the "Aloha" spirit. I encourage each of you to make plans to attend the meeting with your family and friends! Please spread the word to your colleagues outside of District 8. There are many activities that you can take part in after attending the sessions that are free or inexpensive. Beginning November there will be a monthly "Hawaii for ATCs" on the website that will include tidbits on local sites, attractions, history, traditions, and more! I look forward to seeing each of you in Hawaii next year.

If you have any questions please contact me at 805-893-8320 or hazel.ando@athletics.ucsb.edu.

Aloha, Hazel Ando

General Information

HOTEL "Sheraton Waikiki" – This beautiful property is on the legendary Waikiki beach and has spectacular views of Diamond Head and the ocean. You will be able to attend the sessions and then walk out to relax by the pool or beach and enjoy the property. The average temperature will be 80 degrees!!



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[Link here](#) to see what you and your family can enjoy while attending the meeting:

Special discounted room rates are \$150/night for 1-2 people per room is good from June 24th to July 9th! Give the group name "Far West Athletic Trainers" to receive the discounted rate by calling 800/325-3535. This special room rate will be honored till May 29, 2010 or until the block of rooms are gone. Please make your reservations early!

Registration website will be available February 01, 2010. Check FWATA website.

- NATA Certified Members** \$175.00 / \$225.00 late registration
- NATA Certified Student Members** \$75.00* / \$100 late registration (*if want CEU's must pay balance)
- Certified Non-Members** \$320.00/ \$330.00 late registration
- NATA Student Members** \$75.00 / \$100.00 late registration
- Student Non-Members** \$100.00 / \$125.00 late registration

There will be a cancellation fee of \$25.00.

Closing for pre registration rates will be June 15, 2010. Mailed forms must be postmarked by June 15th. Any questions contact [Kristal Slover](#) or at 805-756-6065.

Exhibitor Information

Exhibits will be table tops at a reduced rate to keep it cost effective for the vendors that are able to attend. Contact [Bill Chambers](#) or at 760-360-5301.

Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser on Wednesday, June 30, 2010.

Details of the golf tournament and the spectacular Hawaii course location will be revealed on the website in a couple months. Get your family and friends to join you in a round of golf. If you have any interested sponsors please contact Ruem. Any questions please contact [Ruem Malasarn](#) or at 909-869-2834.

Awards & Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, July 2, 2010

This dinner is part of your registration fee and a special event to recognize the deserving members and friends of FWATA. Remember to nominate a deserving FWATA member for one of the recognition awards. Please see Chris Mumaw's (Chair of Honors and Award) report.

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Educational Program

Will offer between 16-18 CEU units
Submission deadline for General session, student session and any workshops will be January 10, 2010. Please follow the NATA guidelines for submission of abstract.

Anyone interested in submitting topics for general session and workshops please send to [David Ramirez](#). Those interested in submitting for the student session please send to [Paul Alvarez](#).

Check the website

Please watch for E-blasts & check the website for updated details on the 2010 Annual FWATA Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii! Questions contact [Hazel Ando](#) or at 805-893-8320.



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Bill Chambers has set up this cruise for anyone interested. Extend your stay in Hawaii and visit the other islands on

Norwegian Cruise Line's "Pride of American". Sailing out of Honolulu at 8pm on July 3rd and returning on July 10th. Ports include 2 full days in Maui, 2 full days in Hilo on the Big Island Hawaii, a full day on the other side of the Big Island in Kona and 1 ½ days on Kauai. Rates range from \$1,279.00 - \$1,159.00 per person with balconies and \$909.00 for inside cabins with the additional tax of \$254.00 per person. For more information contact [Ann](#) or at 866-707-7368.

From the District Secretary

Carolyn Peters, MA, ATC, CSCS

District 8 has had some changes in our committee's and I'd like to take this time to thank the following outgoing chairs – Kelly Beradini (Public Relations), Leamor Kahanov (Research and Grants), Jerry Lewis (History and Archives), and Paul Alvarez (Ethnic Diversity). Your service has and continues to be much appreciated! Welcome Amanda Rice, Mack Rubley, Rusty Baker, and Lyn Nakagawa to the FWATA leadership.

Our active membership is 2537 strong with the following break down: CA – 2167, HI – 199, NV – 170 and GU – 1. Please be sure to update your contact information with the NATA so we can continue to communicate the latest news and announcements.

I'd like to finish off by saying Thank You! Thank you to the members who continually validate my belief that Athletic Trainers are special. Plain and simple! You're called upon, on an almost daily basis to give and give again. And yet, when a colleague, friend or even a friend of a friend is in need you rise to support and never hesitate to keep giving.

Elaine Brannigan lost her battle to pancreatic cancer on September 7th. Thank you members who donated during the collection at our recent District 8 meeting. The Elsinore High School athletes and coaches dedicated the Elaine Brannigan Training Room on May 14th for her devotion and loving support. If you would like to continue your support, the family has asked that in lieu of flowers donations in Elaine's name be made to:

The Ken Olson Foundation
8465 North La Oesta Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85704

Between life and war...I continually see you all step up and I'm proud to be apart of that! As Jullian Micheals says, "You're one breath away from being anything you want to be, that one breath is a choice...choose to be great!"

Aloha and see you in Hawaii 2010.



District Treasurer's Report

Sara Williamson, MS, ATC

It has taken some time and miles between the OC and San Diego, but many large notebooks and a heavy computer later, Ky and I have finally finished transitioning the position of district treasurer. I am happy to announce that our budget is balanced and remains in good standing. Especially pleasing is the fact that we made a profit at our district convention in San Diego. In fact, the staff there treated us so well that we have already signed a contract for the next time FWATA convention will be held in San Diego. In addition, contracts are set for our upcoming convention in Hawaii, so make sure to stock up on sunscreen!

On a more serious note, in lieu of recent economic times, we are fortunate that our financial portfolio is still strong. We did lose a small percentage of our money, but due to prior conservative planning, it was a minimal amount compared to national averages. The last conference call I participated in with our financial advisor, Wells Fargo Bank (formerly Wachovia), alluded to a positive shift in our economy towards the end of 2009 and into the beginning of 2010. Hopefully all of our personal and corporate accounts will be able to attest to that information.

Thank you to everyone who supported me in the treasurer's election. I have big shoes to fill in this position and continue to "learn the ropes" with the support and guidance of Ky and the rest of our managing board. If you have any pertinent comments or questions, please feel free to **email** me.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Michael Chisar, ATC, MPT

Having fair statutory regulation in all 50 states and providing an even playing field at the federal level are top priorities of the NATA and state associations.

HR 1137, the ATEAM bill (Athletic Trainers' Equal Access to Medicare Act), was announced in February, and addresses the changes to Medicare that

decreased patient access and hindered an athletic trainers' ability to practice in a manner consistent with their education. If you haven't done so, please go to the legislative alert center and send a letter in support of the bill to your legislators. The whole process only takes a few minutes. [Link Here](#). This link is also available from the NATA website homepage. A special thank you to Rep. Bob Filner from the 51st District - California (San Diego area) for signing on as a sponsor of this bill. If you are in Rep. Filner's district, please take the time to send a quick email thanking Congressman Filner for his support of athletic training and sponsorship of this bill. If you are not a constituent, and you wish to express your appreciation, you may call his office at 202-225-8045.

The governmental affairs committees in all three states in the district have been active in their respective state capitals on your behalf during the last year and will continue to be active in 2010. Please support these efforts with letter and email writing when requested. Plan to participate in face-to-face meetings with legislators when possible (both within and outside of the "hit the hill" days). Getting family, friends and team physicians to contact their legislators as well, is also very helpful. It is only with a strong, committed grassroots effort by the membership as a whole, that we may advance our profession.

Political Action Committees:

An easy way you can help now is by contributing to the NATAPAC (go to www.natapac.org). It only takes a few minutes and this money is crucial to helping introduce and move legislation forward. If you live in California, please donate to the CATAPAC (contact Robbie Bowers @ rbdrbob@cox.net).

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions about anything legislative at mchisar@dvc.edu.



NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee

Lyn Nakagawa, MS, ATC

The NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC) is pleased to announce that grants of up to \$7,500 are available to those educational institutions seeking to enhance ethnic diversity within the profession of athletic training. These grants may be awarded to educational institutions that are interested in:

- Developing various programs intended to recruit, retain and educate ethnically diverse athletic training students with the intent to increase the number of ethnically diverse Certified Athletic Trainers;
- Disseminating information relating to health care issues and conditions relevant to ethnically diverse populations (sickle cell disease, lactose intolerance, at-risk populations, Blount's Disease, hypertension, et cetera);
- Enhancing the professional development and stature of ethnically diverse Certified Athletic Trainers to better serve the profession (ultimately leading to an increased representation of ethnically diverse leaders at both the district and national level).

Grant proposals must include a certified athletic trainer as an integral member of the project team. For more information and to see the grant application materials, please visit the EDAC [website](#). For any further assistance or questions, you can contact the District 8 Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee Chair, [Lyn Nakagawa](#) or contact the Chair of the NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee, [Keith Garnett](#) at . The grant review process has 3 cycles each year. The deadlines for receipt of proposals are April 1st, August 1st, and December 1st of each calendar year.

Young Professionals Committee

Raechel Cunningham, ATC

The Young Professional's Committee just finished work along with the NATAYPC on the IMPACT 09 voting initiative for the NATA presidential election. District Eight had the most volunteers out of all the districts so we would like to thank the following individuals for assisting:

Megan Granquist, Dianna Gritters, Kim Detwiler, Brian Roberts, Sandy Black, Jennifer Rieger, Jamie Adams, Amanda Rice, Anna August, Chris Gonzales, Junior Domingo, Neil Santiago, Lauren Forsyth, Tom Abdenour, Katye Smith, Alexander Lopez, Alice Davie, Bianca Mercado, Sharon Gables, Kevin Messey, Jordan DeGracia, Vanessa Yang, Melissa Keo, Yuri Arita, Tosh Teprashueth, and Lindsey Dame. We would also like to remind those interested in the latest Young Professional news to join us on [Facebook](#). We are currently working on our annual meeting programming as well as developing an event for National Athletic Training Month.

FWATA Student Committee

Katye Smith

The FWATASC has new members. Our new members are Lauren Forsyth, Christopher Gibson, Megan Nelson, Christina Roper, and Phillip Teachout. Our committee is currently working on policies and procedures, student outreach, and the student session for FWATA Symposium in 2010. We are also looking for students who would like to volunteer for projects that will be happening in the future. Please contact, Katye Smith via email at Katye.lea.smith@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer in the student committee.



California Athletic Trainer's Association

Mike West, MS, ATC, CA D8 Representative

CATA members, there are some exciting things happening with our association at this time! First off, the managing board has developed a new logo for the CATA. It is a bit more modern and we believe reflects the direction our state association is going. You will see it soon on the CATA Website.



Speaking of the website! The CATA web address has changed to www.ca-at.org. Todd Babcock, our webmaster was not able to switch our old address to a new web hosting company and we were not happy with the old one. Therefore change was necessary. With the new webhosting company comes more flexibility to do more things and the ability to track the amount of traffic that visits our site. Remember to change your favorites on your web browser to incorporate our new web address! The annual CATA video conference and state meeting will be held on Monday, December 7th, starting at 6:00 pm. Information on host sites and speakers will be available soon through eblast and on the CATA website. There will also be a brief state meeting where more than likely some important information will be presented.

Finally, the CATA and our Governmental Affairs Committee is working on legislative language that will not only protect youth athletes in a variety of different ways but also work towards state recognition of the athletic training profession. We are working with a variety of organizations in a collaborative effort to make this bill extremely palatable to our state legislators and the governor. As we are prepared to release details, we will do so through eblast and the CATA website.

Orange, CA – September 9, 2009 –President, Marjorie Albohm, MS, ATC, LAT, visited Chapman University in an open forum that drew nearly 120 students, faculty, and clinical instructors from several local athletic training education programs, including Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Northridge, Concordia, Azusa Pacific, and University of LaVerne. Albohm discussed future directions of the athletic training profession, including emerging practice settings, as well as legislative efforts, both federal and state. She also fielded numerous questions from the inquisitive audience.

Submitted by Kelly Berardini, Chapman University



Marje is pictured with student-leaders from Chapman's Athletic Training Student Society (executive council members) from L-R Maggie Lanctot, Annie Nalepa, Kelly Wierema, and Todd Bui.



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Hawaii Athletic Trainer's Association

Glenn Beachy, MS, ATC, Hawaii D8 Representative

District 8 Meeting in Honolulu

The Hawaii Athletic Trainer's Association welcomes all District 8 members and their families to the 2010 FWATA District 8 Annual Meeting to be held June 30, 2010 – July 3, 2011 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on Waikiki Beach, Oahu. This will be the 3rd district meeting held in Hawaii. At the 2003 meeting, 17 states were represented and we invite any and all Athletic Trainers to join us for a week of education and relaxation. Details can be found on the Far West web site at www.fwata.org.

Scholarship Winners

Hawaii Athletic Trainer's Association awarded \$500 scholarships to Ashley Guieb of Waipahu High School and Kelli Chang of Hawaii Baptist Academy. Both students will be pursuing a Health Care professional career in college this year.

Hawaii Athletic Training Student Workshop

Over 40 Hawaii High School students participated in the annual student workshop to promote an interest in the profession of athletic training. Sam Lee, ATC, CSCS, LMT, the head athletic trainer at Castle High School coordinated the workshop with the aid of 20 local ATs, instructors and facilitators. An account of the workshop along with photos can be seen in the August issue of NATA News.

Footnote: Sam was the recipient of the Hawaii Special Service Award presented at the 2008 District meeting in San Diego.

Nevada Athletic Trainer's Association

Jason Roe, ATC, CMT, NV D8 Representative

Nevada would like to welcome Ann Dovenmeuhler to the Executive Board as Secretary and thank Mack Rubley for his years of service in that position. Mack has accepted the Chair position of the FWATA Research and Grants Committee.

Honors and Awards Committee

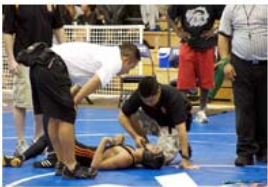
Christopher Mumaw, ATC

The Deadline for nominations for 2010 is April 1, 2010. Currently, the nomination forms for Hall of Fame and Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer are being revised and will be available on the FWATA Honors and Award web page by January 1, 2010.

FWATA Grants and Research Committee

Mack Rubley, PhD, ATC, CSCS

I would like to welcome aboard our new committee members, Kavin Tsang, Michelle Cleary, Sean Flanagan and returning member Jeff Roberts and thank them in advance for their service. In addition a debt of gratitude is due to Leamor Kahanov, for her prior service as chair of this committee. The committee is working on improving the submission, review, and award process for abstracts and grants. We will continue with the January 5 deadline as currently posted, but will be updating the process to encourage and facilitate scholarship. We encourage all programs, young and experienced scholars and your colleagues to submit. We look forward to a great free communication session, displaying new research by FWATA scholars in Hawaii.



Scholarship Committee

Jason Bennett, DA, ATC

NATA Membership Deadline:

November 1st, 2009

NATAREF Scholarship Deadline:

February 5th, 2010

The scholarship committee utilizes the NATA Research & Education Foundation (NATAREF) application for scholarships for the upcoming year (except for the community college applicants). By applying for the NATAREF scholarship, applicants will automatically be placed into the applicant pool for a FWATA scholarship. By submitting an application to the NATAREF, an applicant will be eligible for \$2,300 from the NATAREF and \$1,500 from FWATA.

Eligibility requirements for Juniors, Seniors, & Graduate Students:

- GPA of 3.2 or higher
- Be at least a junior in college
- NATA Membership Deadline of 11/1/09

Community College Students – see applications on the [FWATA Website](#).

Juniors, Seniors, or Graduate Students – see applications at the [NATAREF website](#).

Our 2009 Scholarship Award Winners:

Community College

Meghan-Rose Bertell – Long Beach City College
CATA Scholarship

Undergraduate

Holli Vandeman - CSU Fullerton
Jerry Lloyd Memorial Scholarship

Amy Calahan - Chapman University
Gail Weldon Memorial Scholarship

Brittany Bauer - Chapman University
Gary Millay Memorial Scholarship

Todd Bui – Chapman University
NEV-ATA / Alert Scholarship

Hisano Tasedan – CSU Fullerton
Mine and Gonsaku Ito Scholarship

Graduate

Gina Biviano – Santa Clara University
FWATA Hall of Fame Memorial Scholarship

Jeanne Vandenberg – Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Daniel D. Arnheim Scholarship

Secondary Schools Report

Cindy Clivio, MEd, ATC

Congratulations to **Nathan Swift** of Chino Hills High School who is FWATA's first recipient of the Gatorade Secondary School Recognition Award! This brand new award supported by our friends at Gatorade recognizes a secondary school athletic trainer who goes beyond the call in his/her school community. Nathan receives a Gatorade hydration package and a commemorative plaque.

The NATA continues to support the Secondary Schools practice setting. NATA is funding an injury surveillance study which also has an outcomes component. This injury study would account for non time loss injuries as well as time loss. This was a request by many of our secondary school members who wanted to be able to measure the value of all the injuries we treat. The project was fast tracked and unfortunately there were some miscommunications among the NATA, researchers, secondary schools committee, and grant fund committee. I am happy to report that all parties have been working together to make sure his important project meets the needs of all stakeholders.

The National Secondary Schools Committee has several new projects on the horizon. We are working with the NATA on a grant that was awarded to AT Still University that will monitor the penetration of athletic trainers in secondary schools across the nation. We are writing an official statement regarding the appropriate use of Secondary School Student Athletic Training Aides. We have begun working on drafting a model curriculum for secondary schools student athletic training courses, and are drafting model practices for administration of athletic training in secondary schools. More information about these projects will be announced as they are developed.