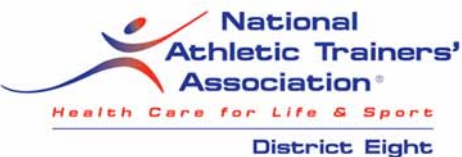




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## A Message from the District 8 Director

Change. We hear it everywhere – “We need change.” The recent presidential election had change as a cornerstone. It caused me to ask whether change was equally necessary in our profession. Does athletic training need to change?

This, of course, is a rhetorical question because all conscious people recognize that the phrase “the only constant is change” is true yesterday, today, and it will be equally true in the future. So if something must “change”, what is it? President Obama suggests changing “The World.” I think this might be a good place to start.



*Scott R. Sailor, EdD ATC*

The media is busy suggesting a variety of issues that need changed to “fix” all the ills of society. Scanning the various news sources, we see articles about access to affordable health care, increased awareness of the devastating effects of brain injury possible in sports – more recently in young athletes, athletes using performance enhancing drugs, and coaches being charged with a criminal offense for poor oversight of his team resulting in death of an athlete. The list is not comprehensive by any stretch of the imagination but they all do have a common theme as far as athletic training is concerned. We are the answer.

We have shown and will continue to show society that athletic trainers are capable of providing an extremely high caliber of care in an extremely efficient and cost-effective manner – no matter what work setting we are employed and especially within our academic institutions.

Some secondary schools have over 50% participation rate of their student body in athletics. Imagine the relief provided to the medical community within those communities (e.g., unnecessary office visits, unnecessary emergency room visits) simply by that school employing an athletic trainer.

Athletic trainers are the onsite advocates for the student athlete. As we are all aware, there is no one else on a high school campus that is trained to identify and manage head trauma in athletics. Athletic trainers are the best positioned individuals to recognize characteristics of student athletes taking performance enhancing drugs. Athletic trainers should be onsite to advise and intervene on the behalf of the student athlete when at-risk activities are occurring during practices such as poor hydration policies. Our skill set is so unique. We need to be proud of that fact.

Change is needed and necessary. We need to change the hearts and minds of the public to recognize that competent caring professionals, who are already trained and ready – the athletic trainer, can provide a viable solution for many of its current ills. We need booster groups and administrators to recognize that an athletic trainer is a vital component of a healthy school, not simply a nice addition to the staff. We need to

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convince legislators that children participating in athletics are at risk and sustaining injury while under the care of well meaning, yet unqualified when it comes to athletic health care, coaches.

How will this change come about? Who will take up this mantle and fight the tough fight? The answer to this question is the same as the answer to the above questions. It is the same individual who has been fighting this fight since the 1950's. It is the athletic trainer. It is you and I. We must continue to be the ones who champion this cause. Our battle is not self-serving. At its core is the belief that caused many of us to embrace this profession in the first place – the desire to help those who need our help.

As we head into this spring, I challenge each of us to find a way to stretch out of our comfort zone to further our cause. Many Americans learned how to phone their legislators in response to the Stimulus Bill. Now we need to use that skill to speak out for ourselves and our communities. If calling someone is not something you feel comfortable with you might want to plan an activity for Athletic Training Month. Setting a booth up in the lobby of a sporting event or speaking on a career day are ways we can get our message to the community.

*Change is inevitable. Change is necessary. Change is up to us*

## Showcase Your NATM Activities: Enter the PR Contest!

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

The application form for the PR contest will be online sometime in March and for the first time, all submissions must be sent electronically, including the form and all sample materials.

The categories are:

- Best Grassroots
- Most Creative
- Greatest Impact
- Best State Association Effort
- Best Student Effort
- Best First-Time Effort (new category this year— for members/ groups who have never before entered the PR contest)

A panel comprised of NATA staff and district public relations committee chairs will select the recipients; originality will be highly emphasized this year. Visit [www.nata.org/natm](http://www.nata.org/natm) for helpful information, including official NATM logos and sample releases. Even if you don't enter the contest, be sure to email a brief description of your NATM activities to [kberard@chapman.edu](mailto:kberard@chapman.edu) for publication in *NATA News*!





## From the District Secretary

*Carolyn Peters, MA, ATC, CSCS*

In the past year, the NATA has promoted "Involve and Evolve" paying extra attention to our "younger" members. This emphasis could be distancing some who have sacrificed more than most of us can imagine making our profession what it is today. I would like to call a generational truce. I think the slogan "Involve and Evolve" embraces the direction that our country is headed. Not only must we be involved but evolve as a society, profession, and organization. This is an abridged letter from a Generation Y'er to the Baby Boomers.

"When you entered the workplace, employers rewarded your loyalty with pay raises and your years of experience with promotions. We watched our parents steadily work their way up through the ranks only to be laid-off or down-sized at a moment's notice. They missed our soccer games and swim meets because they were busy paying their dues and climbing ladders. To Y's, the workplace is seriously broken. We have never known a world where loyalty and hard work guarantee job security, and we watched our parents sacrifice their personal lives and happiness for their careers with little in return. So when we go into a job, we need to know what's in it for us. We need to know it's going to be worth our while and not a dead-end or disappointment. We want to enjoy our work and do meaningful work right away—not years down the road. Above all, we want the flexibility to see our families and have a personal life."

Remember that in 2011, Generation Y will comprise the largest share of America's workforce. That's just 2 short years away. So, now the national office has created avenues for ALL members to be involved! Be sure to check out the various blogs available on the NATA Website: [President Albohm](#), [Experience at Work](#) specifically for members 35 and over, [Young Professionals](#) those under 35, [Students](#) and [Office Talk](#), news from the NATA national office.

I look forward to seeing you in San Diego in April!

After many years of service on the Research and Grants Committee, Leamor Kahanov, EdD ATC is leaving District 8. The Managing Board and membership wish to thank her for her dedicated service and outstanding contribution to the profession of Athletic Training.

If you are interested in the Research and Grants Committee Chair position, please send a letter of interest and resume to Carolyn Peters District Secretary.

## Modalities Expert to Present CEU Lecture

*Speaker:* David Draper, EdD, ATC  
*Topic:* Ultrasound and Shortwave Diathermy  
*Date:* Friday, March 27, 2009  
*Time:* 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
*Location:* Chapman University  
One University Drive, Orange, CA 92866

To register, please call 714-997-6639 or visit [www.chapman.edu/ces/atep](http://www.chapman.edu/ces/atep)



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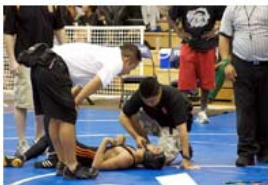
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**Call for Reservations: 1-800-77-ATLAS (28527)**



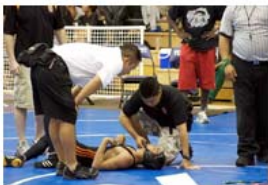
## Registration

Online registration is now open. [Click here for registration page](#)  
Only Visa and Mastercard are accepted.  
For mail in registration, complete the online form and mail check into the address listed below.

**FWATA  
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- NATA Certified Members \$125.00
- NATA Certified Student Members \$75.00
- NATA Student Members \$75.00
- Student Non-Members \$95.00
- Non-Members \$320.00
- Join the NATA at [www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org)

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**Golf Tournament**  
**Riverwalk Golf Club**  
 Thursday, April 16

**Registration: 10:30**  
**Lunch: 11:30**  
**Start Time: (Shotgun)**  
**12:30**  
**\$135.00 Player Golf**  
**Package Includes**

- Green Fee
- Shared Cart
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### Scholarship Auction

We're getting ready for the 2009 FWATA Scholarships Silent Auction! **The event will take place during the Annual Meeting's Exhibitors Social, Friday, April 17.** The success of the Auction in years past is the direct result of FWATA members finding fantastic items to donate. **So, once again, we need your help!!** Items donated last year included sports memorabilia, gift baskets, food/wine, and tickets to local activities (i.e. sporting events, rounds of golf, local attractions, etc). **We will be auctioning 50 items this year,** so please contact family, friends and colleagues who may have exciting and interesting items to donate. *Remember, all proceeds go directly to the Scholarship Fund, and are tax deductible.*

For additional information, or to make a donation, please contact Stacey Ritter at [stacey.ritter@slsportstherapy.com](mailto:stacey.ritter@slsportstherapy.com), or (805) 788-0805 x235.

**Awards & Hall of Fame Dinner**  
 Saturday, April 18

*We hope to see you in San Diego!*

### Secondary Schools Report

*Cindy Clivio M.Ed, ATC*

The highlight for Spring will be that NATA Secondary Schools Chair Brian Robinson will join us at our upcoming FWATA District Meeting in San Diego. He and a group of Athletic Trainers will present an employment workshop that will appeal to all athletic trainers regardless of practice setting. He will also be on hand for our first District Secondary Schools Town Hall meeting which will focus on the Secondary Schools initiatives at the National, District and State levels. The Secondary Schools mid year meeting is February 20-22, 2009 so I will have much to report at our District meeting.



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## District Treasurer's Report

*Ky Kugler, EdD, ATC*

Economic times have hit each of us during the past 12 – 18 months. This is true for the District 8 financial picture as well. On 12/31/07, our FWATA Investment Portfolio was close to \$201,000.00. As of 1/31/09, the portfolio is \$181,250.00. This represents a 10% loss over the last 13 months. The portfolio all-time high was \$206,000.00 which would be a 12% decrease. As bad as this appears, our District 8 portfolio has weathered the storms quite well compared to others with this 10 – 12% downturn. Hopefully, the economy will pick up and predictions remain that the recovery will initiate during the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2009.

In the Fall 08 newsletter, I wrote the following:

*"Suggestions from our Wachovia financial advisor and other economic forecasters are that the economic bottom is nearing for the overall US economy. Most suggest that the next year will be relative stable for the economy. What this means, I am not quite sure, or do I believe anyone else really knows, but three different university economic teams are predicting that slow growth will probably start in the first quarter of 2010. Equally of interest is that all three forecasts say that as bad as the past four years has been and the two years that remain, our last economic trough lasted ten years from about 1991 – 2001. This time around all of the corrections, problems, etc. are only going to last over a six year period of economic decline. This still is speculation, but these are the best indicators of information that I and the managing board have at our disposal. So, keep the faith, the district continues to have a healthy operational budget and a significant investment portfolio. Our fiscal prudence has kept us liquid and solid during these tough times."*

I think I got lucky with my wording six months ago, but the reality is that your district officers do a great job managing your financial assets, along with a good financial advisor helping us.

One of the many issues that the board will consider in San Diego is to establish an endowment

scholarship for District 8 through the NATA REF. Without going in to great details, the endowment scholarship will be proposed at \$55,000 over a 5-year payment period. This would mean five successive annual contributions of \$11,000. Funding of these yearly contributions would come from our current district sharing plan to the REF (\$3/member = ~ \$7,000), which leaves a balance of \$4,000 per year. Each year we contribute \$2,200 - \$2,700 to the REF for the current D8 Scholarship, so by initiating the endowment, the District would be adding to our current contribution by another \$1,300 - \$1,800 dollars. Tentative discussions by the board has suggested that this small increase for the next five years to endow the scholarship is worthy of future consideration. In essence, after five years, we would no longer be making any contribution to the REF, if future boards would elect to do this. Worthy to note, is that any individual contribution by a D8 member can also be designated to this endowment plan.

Let me emphasize that establishing this endowment has not been determined. Much more discussion on this issue will take place in San Diego. However, the MB and I have a goal of informing you at this time, so you may provide any of us input prior to San Diego when a final decision will be voted upon. So, please let us know.

I look forward to seeing each of you in San Diego at the convention. You are my professional family and D8 has been my home since 1985. It is with excitement, yet sadness, that SD and San Antonio in June will be my last meetings on your behalf as D8 Treasurer. Please know that it has been an honor and privilege to serve this membership. I have full confidence that Sara will do a great job for the MB and D8 members. The board is in good hands with Scott, Carolyn, Sara, Jason, Mike and Glenn. Good fortunes to all of them.

A final thank you to Andy Paulin is in order for allowing me to be his wingman for the past 5 ½ years. You were a tremendous mentor and friend – thank you! I think we "done good - Jerry Lloyd would be proud".



## Young Professionals Committee

*Raechel Cunningham, ATC*

The Young Professional's Committee is currently finishing the nominations process to fill the vacant committee positions that were opened earlier this year. Announcements will be made March 15th on the FWATA Young Professionals webpage. This year in San Diego the YPC has a few things planned and look forward to kicking off some new programs. We are asking for YP's to join us for this year's golf tournament on Thursday April 16th at the San Diego River Walk. If you are registered as a student certified the cost is \$95, otherwise the cost is \$135.00. If you are unable to attend we encourage you to check out other ways to help support the golf tournament such as a Tee-Sponsorship. Later that evening we will be heading to Seau's at 9:00pm to have a small Young Professional's social. We would like to encourage all YP's that will be in town to join us. On Saturday we will also be having Aaron Brock MS, ATC, CES, PES speak about his experiences in Beijing and being a Young Professional in the Olympic arena. We are excited for the upcoming events and hope that if you are attending the FWATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium you will be able to join us. Stay up to date of YPC events through the FWATA webpage or simply email me at [raechel.cunningham@cms.claremont.edu](mailto:raechel.cunningham@cms.claremont.edu) if you have any questions. There are big things in the works at the district level and I look forward to enacting the strong support of young professional's in the future.

## FWATA Quiz Bowl

Attention undergraduate students, ready to compete against other Athletic Training Education Programs (ATEPs)? The winning team of the FWATA Quiz Bowl in San Diego will represent our district in the national quiz bowl competition at the NATA Annual Meeting in San Antonio in June, 2009. The format will be a Jeopardy style game with 3 NATA-student members per team. Each team will answer multiple-choice style questions using the wireless automated response systems (or 'clickers'). The faster teams answer questions correctly the more points they earn.

There is a \$40 entry fee per team for the FWATA Quiz Bowl. This fee will be used to offset some of

the travel costs of the FWATA team for their attendance at the NATA Annual Symposium in San Antonio. **The registration deadline for the FWATA Quiz Bowl is April 7th, 2009.**

Registration for the FWATA Quiz Bowl, rules for the competition, and sample questions are all available on the FWATA web site. There is no limit to the number of teams that can compete against each other, but we do have a limit of no more than 3 teams per ATEP. The winning team from FWATA will be eligible for some big prizes at the NATA meeting in San Antonio.

### Prizes for top 3 teams in San Antonio, June 17-20, 2009:

- 1st Place Team: \$1,000 to the school's ATEP or club
- 2nd Place Team : \$500 to the school's ATEP or club
- 3rd Place Team: \$250 to the school's ATEP or club

In addition to these awards, each team that represents their district will have the cost of their annual meeting registration fees refunded.

If you have any questions about this fun competition at FWATA, please contact Jason Bennett at [jbennett@chapman.edu](mailto:jbennett@chapman.edu) or 714-997-6567. Let's see who will represent District 8 and (hopefully) be crowned **National Champion in San Antonio!**

## NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee

*Paul Alvarez, PhD, ATC*

The NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee will hold its mid-year meeting in San Antonio March 20-22. FWATA EDAC Chair Paul Alvarez will represent the District as the Committee begins plans for the NATA Annual Meeting in June. Alvarez also Chairs the Diversity Enhancement Grant Subcommittee.

The position of FWATA EDAC Chair will become open at the NATA meeting. Individuals interested in the position are asked to submit a letter of application and resume' to District Director Scott Sailor by March 27th. Responsibilities of the position include participating in conference calls and attending both the mid-year meeting (funded by NATA) and the National Convention. Questions about the position can be directed to current Chair Paul Alvarez.



## Hawaii Athletic Trainer's Association

Glenn Beachy, MS, ATC, Hawaii D8 Representative

The results of the December elections for Hawaii Executive Board members include:

- |                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Darryl Funai   | President                     |
| Scott Yano     | Vice President                |
| Brian Wong     | Secretary                     |
| Louise Inafuku | Treasurer                     |
| Glenn Beachy   | Managing Board Representative |

### HATA 15th Annual Symposium

#### Friday, June 5, 2009

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| 6:00-9:00 | Maren Calvert, JD<br><i>HIPAA and Liability Issues of the Athletic Trainer</i> |
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#### Saturday, June 6, 2009

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|-------------|--|
| 8:00-8:45   | Keynote Speaker TBD  |
| 8:45-9:45   | Dr. Blum <i>Adolescent Elbow</i>                                     |
| 9:45-10:00  | Break  |
| 10:00-11:00 | Dr. Jay Marumoto<br><i>Advances in Shoulder Arthroscopic Surgery</i> |
| 11:00-12:00 | Dr. Elizabeth Iganacio<br><i>Rehabilitation of the Shoulder</i>      |
| 12:00 -1:00 | Lunch  |
| 1:00-2:00   | Dr. Harpstrite<br><i>Hip: Evaluation and Treatment</i>               |
| 2:00-3:00   | Graduate Student Presentations                                       |
| 3:00-5:00   | TBD <i>Hawaiian Healing: Methods and Techniques</i>                  |

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### Annual High School Student Athletic Training Workshop

May 22-23, 2009  
Moanalua High School

Hawaii awarded its first Research Grant in 2008. The recipient is Megan Murai, ATC, who is currently enrolled as a medical student at Tufts University.

## California Athletic Trainer's Association

Mike West, MS, ATC, CA D8 Representative

It is a privilege to write to the Far West membership as the new President of the CATA. I look forward to some new and exciting things happening with our association and in our state over the next few years.

The board has a goal of increasing the CATA's relevance to the California legislature, the California public, and to the CATA members themselves. Our legislative and public relations efforts will continue to provide relevance to the public and the legislature. However, we would like to know how to be more relevant to you as a member of the CATA or the Far West as a whole. Go to the CATA website or the CATA Facebook page to contact your region director or any board member and let us know how we can make a difference.

Speaking of Facebook, the CATA now has a page on Facebook available to any member. We hope to keep it updated with current material and provide a discussion board for issues of interest to our members. Sign-up and find a friend!

The CATA has officially introduced two new committees: Secondary School Committee and Revenue Committee. The Secondary School committee is not new to California but has always been a Far West run group. By having a California specific committee, projects are more easily accomplished and communication to the NATA will be much easier. Stacy Ritter has been named the new committee chair. The Revenue Committee was introduced in order to find new ways to generate revenue to support and enhance our public relations and governmental affairs efforts without relying so heavily on grants or membership dues. Eli Hallak was named chair of this committee. Good luck to you both!

On Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the CATA will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Teleconference Meeting. Speakers and sites will be announced in March. Contact your region director to reserve your spot and find directions.

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Changes to the CATA board: Paul Starks from West Valley College is the new Region 2 director. Sara Williamson was elected to be the Far West Treasurer this fall leaving the CATA Secretary position vacant. Lisa Varnum, our treasurer for the past few years has been appointed to finish Sara's term. Ky Kugler has been appointed as the CATA Treasurer once he finishes as the Far West Treasurer to fill the remainder of Lisa's term.

## Nevada Athletic Trainer's Association

*Jason Roe, ATC, CMT, NV D8 Representative*

NEV-ATA state meeting in March. Check the website for time and location.

[www.nev-ata.com](http://www.nev-ata.com)

## Governmental Affairs Committee

*Michael Chisar, ATC, MPT*

### Spring 2009 FWATA Governmental Affairs Committee Update

FWATA members, prepare for an exciting year on the legislative front.

While no bill has officially introduced, look for a bill to be reintroduced in congress that would address the changes to Medicare that decreased patient access and hindered an athletic trainer's ability to practice in a manner consistent with their education.

California is hoping to have 2 bills this year. The first bill is AB 100, which is looking to create a pilot program to explore care of athletes in underserved communities. The second bill would be aimed at increasing the accessibility of AEDs for those participating in intercollegiate athletics at the high school level. Also look for a "hit the hill" day in Sacramento later in the spring.

Hawaii is looking to reintroduce legislation directing a completion of a sunrise review study in the hopes

of pursuing statutory regulation of athletic training in Hawaii.

Nevada, the only state in FWATA to have licensure for athletic trainers, was preparing a bill at the behest of the Nevada legislature, to look at regulating personal training, but the legislature then determined that it wasn't warranted at this time.

Please support these efforts with letter and email writing when requested (getting family and friends to contact their legislators as well is also very helpful) and participate in face-to-face meetings with legislators when possible (both within and outside of the "hit the hill" days).

### Political Action Committees:

An easy way you can help now is by contributing to the NATAPAC ([www.natapac.org](http://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](mailto:rbdrbob@cox.net)).

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions at [mchisar@dvc.edu](mailto:mchisar@dvc.edu).

## FWATA Student Committee

*Katye Smith*

The Far West Athletic Trainers' Association Student Committee has been very proactive in creating a foundation for the committee. Chris Gonzales is the new vice chair for the committee and has been in charge of creating a website to allow students to interact and get information easier. Chris Gonzales and Linda Duong are working with the Young Professionals Committee to have a successful student leadership breakfast at the Far West Athletic Trainers' symposium. The committee's secretary, Marissa Bonine, has created a student social during the symposium with the assistance of Alexander Lopez. This social will allow students to interact and have a voice in what they feel can help the profession grow. There will be openings on the committee for next term, if you are looking into being a part of the committee please email Katye Smith at [katye.lea.smith@gmail.com](mailto:katye.lea.smith@gmail.com) or call at 714-470-8981.

# Save the Date!

FWATA Annual Meeting  
*April 17-19, 2009*  
Town and Country Resort and Convention Center  
San Diego, CA

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