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## News from the District Director, R. T. Floyd

I hope the fall season has been a winning one for you, if not on the scoreboard, at least in terms of injury/illness prevention and care. In addition to being a busy time for us all on the field, court or in the clinic, we have a number of items keeping us busy at the NATA and SEATA levels. I encourage you to keep up with the current issues and events through regularly reviewing the related websites as well as the eBlasts, newsletters and email you receive. Please set aside some time at least weekly to stay abreast of the profession and respond when appropriate to make a difference. For us to do our job in representing you, we need your ideas, suggestions, concerns, and feedback.

Please take a few moments to nominate deserving members for both the NATA and SEATA Awards which have Nov. 15 and Jan. 1 deadlines, respectively. If working with students, please encourage their active involvement and encourage those who are eligible to apply for the NATA Foundation and SEATA scholarships.

Regarding NATA Board action, we were pleased with the attendance and financials from the Anaheim convention and will discussing future conventions in the

west in May. We will also be looking at reviewing proposals for the 2011 NATA convention very soon and there is a possibility that District IX could be hosting this annual meeting. As you hopefully have read, the NATA Fellows program is up and running and we encourage those District IX members who are eligible to apply. We approved the Governmental Affairs Committee's request to name a legislative award after the late Dan Campbell, a former District IX member. New evaluation forms for committee members and chairs are being implemented. In an effort to improve member awareness of NATA Board action, we have begin posting summaries of our meeting and conference call minutes on the Members Only Web site at <http://www.nata.org/members/login-members.cfm> Simply log in, click on NATA Documents on the left side of the page, then go to BOD Summary of Minutes. To avoid confusion, this will be the only location of these summaries.

We are excited about the growing success of Capitol Hill Day and have approved additional funding to support increased attendance in 2008. The College & University Athletic Trainers and the Second

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## News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski

Hello – I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying this fall season. You may have noticed the SEATA eBlasts and Newsletters that arrive in your email. Many thanks to our District Director R.T. Floyd for all his time and efforts in helping keep our SEATA members informed. Log onto our SEATA website to see more information about the many SEATA activities.

Your SEATA Executive Board continues to meet throughout the year via conference calls. Please contact your State President or any officer on the SEATA Executive Board if you have questions or suggestions to enhance SEATA activities.

Recent activity of the Executive Board included a meeting of the Finance Committee in Atlanta; appointing Lindsay McLean to the Finance Committee; additional discussion on the revisions to the SEATA By-laws; selection of four sites for review for future SEATA Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meetings; approval of several SEATA members to various SEATA committees; and approval of funding for the 2008 Capitol Hill Day. I encourage you to review activities of the SEATA Executive Board by reviewing minutes of the meetings on our website.

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**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting**  
**February 28-March 2, 2008**

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## Thanks for Making a Difference! Keep it Going: H.R. 1876, Medicare Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act?

Thanks to all of the SEATA members who have taken the time to call and write their members of Congress to urge their support of **H.R. 1876, Medicare Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act**, the NATA-backed Medicare legislation. Your continued efforts and those of ALL athletic trainers AND those students, parents, coaches, administrators, allied health care professionals with which you have influential contact can and do make a difference. Please keep up the great work until we have every possible Representative signed on as a co-sponsor. We are in the

relationship building phase and a continued effort and persistence are critical.

Visit the [Legislative Alert Center](http://www.nata.org/members/documents/alert_center.cfm) at [http://www.nata.org/members/documents/alert\\_center.cfm](http://www.nata.org/members/documents/alert_center.cfm) and send your letters today! It is a very easy process and will take you less than five minutes.

Go to [http://www.nata.org/members/gov\\_affairs/access\\_act/2007\\_docs/bill\\_school\\_settings.pdf](http://www.nata.org/members/gov_affairs/access_act/2007_docs/bill_school_settings.pdf) to read how and why this affects athletic trainers in schools.

Have your supervising physician to send a letter as well! Members of Congress want to know that physicians

care about this issue.

Physician involvement is critical to the success of H.R. 1846. Please check your 4/17/07 email from NATA and print out the attached letter, have your physician sign and complete their address, and fax it back to the NATA office (214.637.2206). We'll take care of sending it to the correct members of Congress; we'll fax it to both Senators and the Representative.

**Questions?**

Contact Amy Callender at 1.800.879.6282 ext. 153 or [amyc@nata.org](mailto:amyc@nata.org).

Thank you!



## NATA Capitol Hill Day 2008

Capitol Hill Day 2008 is set for **Monday, Feb. 25, 2008**. Registration is now available at <https://www.nata.org/capitolhillday/08reg.htm>.

Please register today to help us get an early estimate of

attendance. Our goal is to have at least two members from each state this year! By popular request, the host hotel will be the Crystal City Hilton is one Metro stop from Ronald Reagan Airport (DCA). The room rate is \$159, and mem-

bers are responsible for booking their own hotel and flight arrangements. NATA will coordinate your Congressional appointments. Questions? Contact Amy Callender at 1-800-879-6282 or [amyc@nata.org](mailto:amyc@nata.org)

## News from the Treasurer, Jim Mackie

- Current Bank Balance as of 09-28-07 is \$61,370.28
- Investment Balance as of 09-30-07 is \$288,057.90
- Request made to the SEATA Executive Board for the approval of a donation for out going NATA Staff Member Sandy Ward who has made significant contributions to our profession. Sandy left the NATA in August to pursue desire to return to teaching elementary school. All districts have been asked to make a contribution if they would like to so we can

send her something at our January 2008 Secretary – Treasurers Meeting.

- Memorial resolutions: we received a thank you from family of Doc Fontenot of Louisiana.
- Any other notices of deceased members from your state, please notify John Anderson and Jim Mackie. Only other one noted for '07 is Brady Greathouse of Florida.
- The Finance Committee, consisting of Jim Mackie, Treasurer, MaryBeth Horo-

dyski, Donna Wesley & Heloise Jones met last weekend Oct. 6-7 in Atlanta to make recommendations for the 2008 SEATA Budget as well as reviewing policies and procedures. The meeting was productive and material will be forwarded to the SEATA Executive Board for review prior to the November Conference Call.

- Registration is now live for the SEATA Student Symposium & Educators Conference.

## SEATA allocates another \$7,000 to assist members to participate in Capitol Hill Day

The SEATA Executive Board has again allocated \$7,000 to be used in assisting members from each state with travel expenses to attend NATA's 5th Annual Capitol Hill Day on February 25, 2008. All expenditures must be approved in advance via the application process outline below.

1. **Contact your state presidents** as they are assisting in the selection process to ensure appropriate representation for contacting the most influential legislators.
2. Download the SEATA Funding Request Form from <http://www.seata.org/SEATACapHillFundReq.doc>, then complete and submit as
3. As part of the SEATA approval process, all applicants will need to register online by Feb. 1 via the NATA Capitol Hill Day registration form at <https://www.nata.org/capitolhillday/08reg.htm>.
4. Application does not insure approval. Please wait for approval from SEATA President MaryBeth Horodyski before committing to expenditures you are not prepared to pay yourself.
5. Expenses will be reimbursed as per the process detailed on the form upon submission of the required docu-

the form indicates by Jan. 25, 2008.

mentation.

There will be a "How to Lobby" and briefing on specific issues important to NATA the evening before.

NATA will coordinate Congressional appointments for you and others from your state. We'll prepare you with an insider's briefing from NATA's Washington, DC representative ... and arm you with the latest talking points for discussion with members of Congress.

Please register to attend today. For more registration information, please contact Yvette Robinson at 800.879.6282 ext. 149 or [yvetter@nata.org](mailto:yvetter@nata.org).

## "You And Your Representative"

We've produced four videos designed to show you – the athletic trainer – what to

expect when you meet with your Congressional representative. Go to [http://](http://www.nata.org/members/1/meeting_representatives.cfm)

[www.nata.org/members/1/meeting\\_representatives.cfm](http://www.nata.org/members/1/meeting_representatives.cfm) to watch them.

## NATA News

Dear NATA Members,

I'm writing in regard to the NATA News. We want the magazine to be a helpful resource, and we do our utmost to be timely, accurate and interesting every month.

Although our online version has remained on time, in recent months we have been caught in a series of incidents that delayed print production:

- NATA's first elected president, Bobby Gunn, passed away this spring when our magazine was at the printer but not yet on press. We elected to pull back that issue in order to include a memorial tribute. This has set back production on subsequent issues, and we are working very hard to catch

up in the wake of the Annual Meeting and the Change the World initiatives.

- An electrical surge at our printer's plant caused a fire, which not only delayed the mailings already on press but also has led to subsequent equipment malfunctions, particularly in the bindery. They are working diligently to overcome these ongoing machinery challenges and clear up residual backlogs.

I know you want your association and member news in a timely manner, and that's a reasonable expectation! We want to meet it. Rest assured, this slowdown is not acceptable, and we have implemented measures to bring all NATA

News deliveries back in line by the end of the year. In the meantime, please visit the NATA News online edition, which has not been slowed. It's at <http://www.nata.org> in the Members section. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

On a related note, look for some innovative changes in the spring when we unveil a completely re-designed NATA News and NATA News Online. In the meantime, thank you so much for reading!

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### NATA begins new trial membership for students

Do you know any athletic training students that aren't currently NATA members or are thinking of joining NATA? If so, please let them know about our brand new trial membership for students. From now until the end of 2007, trial members will get access to all of the same great benefits as our regular student members – **for FREE!**

Go to [http://www.nata.org/student\\_trial](http://www.nata.org/student_trial) for complete information

### Wanted: Students

NATA actively supports student members' involvement in our efforts. We've added a box at the top of the student members Web page at <http://www.nata.org/members/student> to alert students about various opportunities to get involved. As projects arise that target students, we'll be adding info to this page.

### Call to action: NORA needs your help!

NATA requests all eligible Athletic Trainers to participate in the National Outcomes Research Analysis project. NORA will provide scientific outcomes research to demonstrate the clinical value, cost effectiveness and improved outcomes provided by athletic trainers to patients. Go to <http://www.nata.org/members/documents/NORA/index.cfm> for more information.

## Renew & Use Your NATA & SEATA Membership

### Renew your membership for 2008

You'll soon be receiving printed material in the mail with easy-to-follow steps to renew your NATA membership online for 2008. Look for some exciting new membership options, with possible ways to save you money! (And yes, free CEUs will again be included with your membership.)

When you renew, please consider making a contribution to NATAPAC. NATA's political action committee is an important piece of our legislative efforts. A donation in any amount is helpful and appreciated! Remember, if every NATA member would donate just \$5, NATAPAC would raise over \$150,000

Also, please consider Building your Foundation by making a contribution to the NATA Research & Education Foundation when renewing your membership. Only through your support can we advance the profession through research and education.

Remember when submitting your dues, your state dues are included as part of you district dues. You are receiving the benefit of three professional organizations with a single dues submission. As a result, you receive the following member benefits:

#### Are you using all your Membership Benefits?

**NATA News.** As an NATA member, you receive 12 issues of this award-publication each year. It's available in both printed and online editions. <http://www.nata.org/members/natanews.cfm>

**NATA Web site.** More and more, members rely on the Web site to keep them up to date with athletic training information. You get exclusive access to the Members-Only

section of the site, containing much info that isn't available elsewhere. <http://www.nata.org/members/members.cfm>

**NATA Career Center.** The state-of-the-art resource for you to find an athletic training job (free access to the Career Center job listings is included with your membership), or post a job. <http://www.nata.org/employment>

**Journal of Athletic Training.** NATA's award-winning scientific publication is published quarterly, and is available in print form to certified members. <http://www.nata.org/jat>

**Regulatory and Legislative Initiatives.** Your NATA staff works daily to assist you in your state and national efforts to improve state practice acts and to positively affect important issues nationally. <http://www.nata.org/legislators/index.htm>

**Free CEU maintenance.** Your Board of Certification fees for maintaining your CEUs are paid by the NATA as part of your membership. In addition saving you the time and worry, this is a much lower fee than you would have to pay as a non-member.

**Unique, innovative programs and events that give members the opportunity to earn valuable continuing education.** Several programs are provided including Homestudy Courses, Weekend Workshops, One-day Workshops, Educators' Conference, Practicum by Design, CIE Seminars, Speakers Bureau, NWCA Assessor Training, and the popular Virtual Library where you can receive up nine (9) free CEUs annually.

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<http://206.211.148.195/~cec/> & <http://www.nata.org/members/quizcenter/freeceus07.cfm>

**NATA Foundation.** Members are provided scholarship, research grants and educational opportunities through the Foundation. Close to 4 million dollars has already been awarded. <http://www.natafoundation.org/>

**Extensive public relations efforts.** The NATA Publication Relations Committee along with NATA Staff and our public relations firm are making significant strides in getting our message to the public in a variety of media venues. <http://www.nata.org/inthenews/>

**Regular NATA e-Blast Newsletters.** A timely update on the latest news and events affecting you and your profession is sent monthly to the email address you provide to the NATA. <http://www.nata.org/members/documents/eblast/index.cfm>

**Bimonthly NATA Research & Education Foundation eBlast News.** Look for the latest news regarding the Building of your Foundation for your professional future. <http://at.uwa.edu/nataref/eb.htm>

**Honors and Awards** Both the NATA and SEATA have numerous awards programs that honor outstanding individuals in the field of athletic training. <http://www.nata.org/honors/index.htm> & <http://www.seata.org/Awards.htm>

**Committees and Task Forces.** Your understanding of the NATA, SEATA and state committees and participation

## Renew & Use Your NATA & SEATA Membership (cont. from Page 4)

when possible is essential in meeting the needs of the profession and your fellow members. Take advantage of the opportunity to serve in whatever way you can best serve your profession. [http://www.nata.org/about\\_NATA/committees.htm](http://www.nata.org/about_NATA/committees.htm) & <http://www.seata.org/Committees.htm>

**Opportunities to vote on officers & important professional issues.** Your vote does count. Take the time to research the candidates for office and the other issues so that you can make a difference with your vote.

**SEATA Newsletter.** This newsletter is published four times annually (January, April, August, & October) and is emailed to all current SEATA members and maintained online on our regularly updated web site. <http://www.seata.org/news.htm>

**SEATA eBlast News.** SEATA publishes and emails all current SEATA members a monthly eBlast to keep everyone current on issues affecting you in District IX. SEATA eBlast News are archived on our web site. <http://www.seata.org/news.htm>

**Salary Survey information.** The data from our comprehensive athletic training salary survey is invaluable for both job seekers and employers. <http://www.nata.org/salarysurvey2005>

**Brochures.** NATA produces a variety of relevant, attractive brochures. Your membership entitles you to up to 25 free brochures per year. <http://www.nata.org/brochures>

**Membership Directory.** Offered in both print and online editions, it's your source

for contacting fellow athletic trainers nationwide. <http://www.nata.org/members/documents/membdirectory.cfm>.

**Annual Meetings.** You get substantial savings at the NATA Annual Meeting (the premier live event for athletic trainers) as well as district & state meetings. <http://www.nata.org/annualmeeting> & <http://www.seata.org/Meetings.htm>

**NATAPAC.** The NATA Political Action Committees is working on behalf of all certified athletic trainers and the people they treat. The goal is simple: we want to enhance health care, both for those who practice and those who receive care. NATAPAC will work to effect change by supporting candidates for public office whose views and intentions mesh with our own goals. <http://www.natapac.org/>



National Athletic Trainers' Association

**Affinity programs.** You're eligible for discounts on high-quality products and services such as professional liability insurance, financial planning, legal services and home/auto insurance. <http://www.nata.org/members/benefits.cfm>

The NATA has several affinity programs in place for members. These programs give you the opportunity to purchase quality products and services at a discount, while supporting your association at the same time. While the NATA does not endorse these

products and services, we realize they may be of value to you in your personal life and professional life.

- Credit card application at <http://s0b.bluestreak.com/ix.e?hy&s=5068553&a=5744476>
- Financial planning services at <http://www2.waddell.com/index.php?wdrd=www>
- Home/auto insurance at <http://www.libertymutual.com/lm/nata>
- Legal services and identity theft shield at <http://www.prepaidlegal.com/info/nataassoc>
- Office supplies at <http://www.nata.org/members/documents/affinityprograms/officedepot.cfm>
- Professional liability insurance at <http://www.natainsurance.com>
- Travel at <http://www.ytbtravel.com/natatravel>

**Networking.** The opportunity to interact with thousands of your colleagues about issues that are important to you. Some online networking opportunities include the NATA Blog, CAUSE, & CHATS. Many members say the networking opportunities alone make their NATA membership worthwhile. <http://www.nata.org/members/blogs/>, <http://www.nata.org/members/cause.cfm> & <http://www.nata.org/members/chats.cfm>

... and much more.

**Remember:** *When people band together into an association, it becomes possible to accomplish things on behalf of the profession that would be hard to accomplish individually.*

We appreciate your NATA & SEATA membership!

## New - NATA Fellows Program

NATA has just established the NATA Fellows Program to recognize 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. Go to <http://www.nata.org/members/documents/fellows.cfm> for more information and to apply.

## New! Young Professionals Blog

Last month we told you about the new NATA President's Blog, available just to members. We've just launched another blog for members: the Young Professionals Blog. Check it out at <http://www.nata.org/members/blogs/>



### Want free info on physical activity and more?

The National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity (NCPA) publishes an e-newsletter twice a month. It features news stories on physical activity and related issues, funding opportunities and more. Sign up for this free newsletter at [http://www.ncppa.org/email\\_news\\_signup.asp](http://www.ncppa.org/email_news_signup.asp).

### NATA Honors & Awards nominations for 2008 close November 15, 2007

Go to [www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm](http://www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm)

### SEATA Executive Board Minutes

All Minutes of the SEATA Executive Board Meetings and Conference Calls are posted to the SEATA website as soon as possible after being approved. Go to <http://www.seata.org/OrgInfo.htm>.



## 2nd Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference

The 2008 SEATA 2nd Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference will be held Feb. 8-9 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA. To qualify for the 2nd Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference pre-registration NATA member cost of \$150, pre-registration forms must be completed online at <http://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT25E> by Friday, January 25, 2008. NATA members who have not registered by this date must register on-site for \$195. Non-NATA member pre-registration is \$200.00 and \$250.00 for on-site. Registration will be limited to the first 175 registrants

due to meeting space capacity. Early registration packet pickup is Thursday from 8:00 pm - 10 pm in Ravinia Lobby.

#### Research

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is issuing a call for abstracts for poster presentations at the 2008 Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference. Individuals interested in sharing original research and or other scholarly works in any area of athletic training including, but not limited to, original research, didactic education, professional development, technology for the clinician/educator, and other areas related to the conference theme,

are encouraged to submit. Abstracts will be evaluated based upon relevance to Athletic Training Education, clarity, completeness, methods, results, and appropriateness of findings/conclusions, among other criteria. Go to [www.seata.org/CallforAbstractsEd-Conf2008.pdf](http://www.seata.org/CallforAbstractsEd-Conf2008.pdf) for more information.

#### Accommodations

The [Crown Plaza Ravinia](http://www.seata.org/CrownPlazaRavinia) is the host hotel. Room rates are \$102. Rooms must be reserved by Jan 16, 2008 to ensure this room rate. For reservations or information, call [Connections](http://www.seata.org/Connections) at (404) 842-0000 or (800) 262-9974.

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dary School Athletic Trainers Committees will also be participating this year. Please review the related articles in this *Newsletter* including the SEATA allocation to assist our District IX members attending and join us if you can on Feb. 25. In the past year we have made several improvements in member services and benefits and will be addressing even more related issues in our December Board of Directors meeting, particu-

larly those that relate to our students and young professionals. Please review the piece on NATA & SEATA membership to make sure that you are taking full advantage of your benefits and services. The merger of the Clinical/Industrial/Corporate Committee and Council on Employment is progressing and should be fully implemented with the June convention.

Finally, we hope to see as

many of you as possible at the Member Reception in Nashville on December 1 preceding our Board meeting on the next two days. Please let me know of any questions, concerns, and issues related to our profession. I look forward to assisting you if I can and wish you a joyous upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,  
R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

## News from the President, MaryBeth Horodyski (continued from Page 1)

As always, I ask that you become involved and promote our profession. Contact your State President about SEATA committee openings. Do you know someone that should be honored with an award? Look at the possibilities at the NATA site [www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm](http://www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm). SEATA also has scholarship opportunities - [www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm](http://www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm).

Encourage students to join the NATA and attend the **23rd SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium** which will be held Feb. 8-9, 2008 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

Plan now to attend the 2008 **SEATA 2nd Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference** which will

be held Feb. 8-9, 2008 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA and the **33rd Annual Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting on Feb 28 through March 2, 2008** in Cool Springs, TN!

Sincerely,  
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD,  
ATC, LAT

## 23rd Annual Athletic Training Student Symposium

The 2008 SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium will be held Feb. 8-9 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

### Education

Two simultaneous sessions will be offered, both beginning at 8:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8 and ending at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

9. The sessions are:

**Session I:** Foundations of Athletic Training Workshop (open to all athletic training students) Session I is separated into two concurrent tracks based upon the student's level athletic training. For questions about the Foundations of Athletic Training Workshop, contact: Ray Castle, PhD, ATC (225) 578-7175 or [RCASTLI@lsu.edu](mailto:RCASTLI@lsu.edu)

**Track A - Prevention, Evaluation, and Initial Management of Athletic Injuries** (designed for pre-athletic training & 1st year students) **Limited to 1st 170 registrants**

**Track B - Therapeutic Exercise, Modalities, and Professional Development** (designed for 2nd year athletic training students) **Limited to 1st 170 registrants**

**Session II:** Competencies in Athletic Training Workshop

(for senior and graduate students preparing to take the BOC certification exam) For questions about the Competencies in Athletic Training Workshop, contact: R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC (205) 652-3714 or [rtf@uwa.edu](mailto:rtf@uwa.edu) **Limited to 1st 240 registrants**

### Research

SEATA is calling for Case Study Abstracts **authored by athletic training students**. The student authors of the top four abstracts will be chosen to present. A faculty or staff person from the institution of the student submitting the abstract **must** be a co-author and must have been directly involved in the medical treatment/care of the clinical case. Submissions selected for formal presentation will provide a 5-8 minute summary of their case study at the symposium during a general session. [SEATA Call for Case Study Abstracts authored by athletic training students for 2008 Annual Athletic Training Student Workshop](#)

### Registration

Advance registration for the symposium is \$70. To qualify for the pre-registration price, online registration <http://www.signup4.net/public/>

[ap.aspx?EID=SEAT26E](http://www.seata.org/08atssreg.doc) must be submitted by Friday, Jan. 25, 2008. Please make every effort to register online. If you choose to send a check or register as a group, please register online and mail a list of the names registered or a copy of your registration confirmation with your check to Jim Mackie, SEATA Treasurer, 12133 Cheyenne Trail, Jacksonville, FL 32223. Mail-in registration forms at [www.seata.org/08atssreg.doc](http://www.seata.org/08atssreg.doc) must be postmarked no later than midnight, Friday, January 18. Based on availability, registration on-site will posted as "AVAILABLE" on the symposium's website, and will be on a first-come; first available basis at \$85.00 each. Early registration packet pickup is Thursday from 8:00 pm - 10 pm in Ravinia Lobby.

### Accommodations

The [Crown Plaza Ravinia](#) is the host hotel. Room rates are \$102. Rooms must be reserved by Jan 16, 2008 to ensure this room rate. For reservations or information, call [Connections](#) at (404) 842-0000 or (800) 262-9974.

## Gatorade launches new series of

### podcasts

Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI) has a new three-part podcast series on "The Vital Role of Sodium in Exercise" available at <http://www.gssiweb.org/Podcast.aspx>. The podcasts feature a panel of experts in the field of sports science and nutrition.



## Submit your News & Pictures to SEATA

Please submit any information you wish to be posted in the next SEATA Newsletter or to the SEATA website. Please include a caption with pictures.

Send to either

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## Committee Reports

### History and Archives Committee

Jim Mackie just donated a role of old underwind - "snakeskin" - 35 yrs old for the exhibit. Please send old artifacts of Athletic Training sup-

plies that might be worthy for the exhibit of SEATA housed now in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame located in Macon, GA to John H. Anderson, ATC -

3212 Veterans Stadium Drive,  
Troy University, Troy, AL  
36082.

### Memorial Resolutions Committee

Notify John H. Anderson ASAP of any untimely death of one of our SEATA members. John H. Anderson, ATC, 3212 Veterans Stadium Drive, Dept.

of Athletic Training Education,  
Troy University, Troy, AL  
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334-670-3722  
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The SEATA Memorial Resolutions page is at <http://www.seata.org/memorial.htm> and is linked from the SEATA pages via the News tab.

## Need a career development

### resource?

#### CAN - WORC (Career Advancement Network & Workplace Resource Center)

**Advisor** will put you into contact with athletic training professionals from all settings with expertise in the business of athletic training and career development. Whether you are in a career transition, just starting out in the profession or looking for someone with management expertise, CAN-WORC advisors (more than 100 so far!) are ready to answer your questions. Go to <https://members.nata.org/source/Members/cMemberSearch.cfm?section=customer> to start your search for the advisor who can help you.

Do you want to become a CAN-WORC ADVISOR? Learn how at <http://www.nata.org/members/canworc/advisor.cfm>.

Get all of the SEATA & NATA News at the SEATA News page, <http://www.seata.org/news.htm>

**natapac**  
National Athletic Trainers' Association political action committee

## NATAPAC Committee

SEATA has formed a committee to support the NATAPAC. Here are some frequently asked questions about the PAC:

### What is NATAPAC?

- NATA's political action committee.
- Its purpose is to provide campaign contributions to approved candidates on behalf of the members of the NATA.

### What can NATAPAC do for me?

- Through NATAPAC, you can help elect candidates who help to shape the laws and regulations affecting the athletic training profession. Supporting federal candidates who will work on issues of value to certified athletic trainers will help strengthen the profession. Your support and financial contribution is an investment in your profession and your career.

### Can NATAPAC really make a difference?

- Yes! We cannot afford to sit on the sidelines and watch Congress make decision that negatively affect the athletic training profession. Nor can we allow aggressive competitors to be the only voice in the prevention, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation areas. Legislative success on the federal level helps our efforts on the state level.

### Who can contribute?

- Any member of the NATA can contribute to NATAPAC.

### How much should I give?

- ANY amount is welcome. Contributions are voluntary and you have a right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. Contributions cannot be deducted as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes.

### How can I contribute?

- You can make a donation with your annual dues renewal. You can also visit the NATAPAC web site at <http://www.natapac.org/> for more

information. You can also make a credit card donation there, download contribution forms, and hear about current fundraising efforts.

### What if I have questions?

- You can contact your state NATAPAC representative:
  - Chair: Keith Webster, Kentucky
  - Alabama: Heloise Jones, ATC
  - Florida: Matthew Glogowski or Larry Starr
  - Georgia: Thomas Bair, II
  - Louisiana: Bob Goodwin
  - Mississippi: Mike Wilkinson
  - Tennessee: Chris Snoddy, or Doug May

Contact information can be found on the SEATA website, <http://www.seata.org/natapac.htm> or you can contact Amy Callender at the NATA office at [amyc@nata.org](mailto:amyc@nata.org) or 1.800.879.6282. NATAPAC website: <http://www.natapac.org>

## Research & Education Foundation

### Start the Scholarship Application Process Now

2008 Scholarship applications are now available on the NATA Foundation website. There are three categories: Entry Level, Masters and Doctoral. Go to <http://www.natafoundation.org/scholarship.html> for further information on scholarships and links to the applications:

- [2008 Entry Level Scholarship Application](#)
- [2008 Master's Scholarship Application](#)
- [2008 Doctoral Scholarship Application](#)

Applications must be mailed with a postmark not

later than February 10, 2008 to be considered.

Over seventy \$2,000 scholarships will be offered. The basic criteria includes NATA membership (since February 10, 2007 for masters and doctoral and application for membership not later than November 1, 2007 for entry level students), 3.2 GPA on all course work and intent to make athletic training their primary means of livelihood. Specific eligibility requirements vary with each scholarship and are provided with the application.

The Scholarship Committee is composed of a member from each NATA district as

well as representatives from professional baseball, basketball, football and hockey.

For more information, contact Barbara Niland at the NATA office (1-800-trynata).

### BŪ / SHŪ Challenge

Boston University, Sacred Heart University and the NATA Research and Education Foundation are beginning the third year of the jointly developed BŪ / SHŪ Challenge. Athletic Training Student organizations should go to [http://www.natafoundation.org/pages/BU\\_SHU\\_Challenge08%201.htm](http://www.natafoundation.org/pages/BU_SHU_Challenge08%201.htm) for more information and to sign up by the December 31, 2007 deadline.

## Women in Athletic Training Committee

**Programming-** The District IX WATC will be sponsoring a session at the 2008 SEATA Clinical Symposium and Members Meeting. The session will cover pregnancy and athletics, so look for more information in the future.

**Awards-** We are in the middle of awards nominations, and we are always interested in learning about worthy women. If you know any female athletic trainers who deserve to be nominated for national, district, or state awards, make sure you

nominate them or let us know. If you need assistance with the process, contact your state rep, since we'll be nominating candidates, too.

**History-** A timeline of women in District IX has been posted on our district WATC committee page and in the SEATA history area. It has a lot of great information, so take a minute or two to check it out.

The WATC strives to provide resources to help all members of the association

regardless of gender. The SEATA and NATA websites are great places to find out what the committee has to offer and to find contact information for all representatives.

The WATC district committee is comprised of a chair and members from each of the states in the district- Mary McLendon (Chair), Sherry Kimbro (AL), Kristen Couper Schellhase (FL), Cheryl Ellis (GA), Cary Berthelot (LA), Sheri McNew (KY), Ruth Haugan (MS), and Peggy Bratt (TN).

## SEATA Exhibits Committee

Our 2008 SEATA Partner Plans will be mailed the first week of December. We are looking for another good year with our exhibitors as we had a very good turnout for the Franklin, TN meeting. I would like to get 55 booths this year. We want to attract more vendors, so please put the word out about this meeting to all of those sales reps who call on you. If you have someone who

may be interested in exhibiting at this year's Annual Meeting have them check out the website and go to Meetings and Education for more information or have them contact me.

Please support our exhibitors, especially our Corporate Partners, as they help in making our SEATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium the great success that it has become.

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## SEATA Hall of Fame Committee

The SEATA Hall of Fame Committee is very close to finalizing all of the nomination and application materials for

the 2008 SEATA Hall of Fame. Watch for this information on the SEATA website and eBlasts. All nomination and application

materials must be submitted by December 31.

## SEATA Honors & Awards Committee

SEATA is now accepting nominations for the Jack C. Hughston, M.D. Sportsmedicine Person of the Year, Award of Merit, District Award, Backbone Award, High School Athletic Trainer Award, Clinical/

Industrial/Corporate Athletic Trainer Award, College/University Athletic Trainer Award, Professional Athletic Trainer Award, Education/Administration Award, and Sponsor's Award.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2008 SEATA Honors and Awards Program is Jan. 1, 2008 and should be done online at <http://www.seata.org/Awards.htm>.

## SEATA seeking exhibitors for Educators Conference & Student Symposium

SEATA is seeking vendors and graduate programs who may be interested in exhibiting at the [2nd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators Conference](#) and the [23rd Annual Athletic Training Student Symposium](#) which are both scheduled for Feb. 8-9, 2008 at the [Crown Plaza Ravinia](#) in Atlanta, GA. Please encourage potential exhibitors to review the [SEATA Corporate Partner Plan for Athletic Training Student Symposium](#) and/or contact Karen Lew as listed below:

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**Check the SEATA Calendar for all Deadlines and Dates related to all of the NATA, NATA Foundation, NATAPAC, SEATA and SEATA State Organizations at <http://my.calendars.net/seata/>**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium, Feb. 8-9, 2008, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA**

## BOC LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

October 8, 2007 - Omaha, NE - Today, the BOC is excited to unveil our new website design. The look has changed, but the address stays the same. Welcome to the BOC's website at [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org)!

The website navigation was simplified and content was reorganized to better meet the needs of BOC stakeholders. A "Market Your BOC Certification" section was added including press releases, media guide information and much more. A new "Comments" section gives stakeholders the opportunity to provide the BOC with feedback, and there is a "Public" section with news and information for the general public.

Another feature of the redesigned website is the user-friendly navigation structure. It allows visitors to view the site map without leaving the page they are on by simply clicking "Show/Hide All" in the navigation menu.

Denise Fandel, BOC Executive Director, says: "The changes to the website are the result of comments and suggestions from all of our stakeholders. You can Be Certain.TM that the BOC will continue to upgrade our services based on this and other feedback."

The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC), a national credentialing agency, has been certifying Athletic Trainers and identifying, for the public, quality healthcare professionals with certainty since 1969. More than 32,000 individuals have earned the ATC® credential worldwide. The BOC is headquartered at 4223 South 143rd Circle, Omaha, Nebraska 68137. For more information, call (877) 262-3926 or visit the BOC website at [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org).

## SEATA Research & Education Committee

The **SEATA 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clinical Symposium and Members' Meeting** at the Franklin, TN Marriott will offer another exceptional educational venue. The program will begin on Thur., Feb. 28, 2008 with a one-day NATA-sponsored workshop on Manual Therapy Techniques for the Lower Extremity. Mini-course offerings (Friday-Sunday mornings) will include: Knee Dissection; Emergency Planning, Evaluation of the Heart & Lungs; Orthotic Fabrication; and, An Introduction to Performing Arts Medicine. The research component of the program will consist of a series of oral reports interspersed with the poster presentations. The theme for the regular program will be on "Bone and Joint" featuring a variety of orthopedic topics on the spine and lower extremities. The tentative presentation topics for the regular program are as follows:

- Key Topic I: Family, Athletic Training and the Great Juggling Act
- Key Topic II: Pregnancy and Participation

- Patient Perceptions
- General Medical Conditions: Things You Cannot Afford to Miss
- New Innovations in Spinal Disc Replacement and Repair
- General Session I: Bone and Joint Series
  - Cartilage Restoration and Meniscal Repair
  - Rehabilitation Considerations Following Meniscal Repair
  - Subtalar Function: An Overlooked Link
- General Session II: Bone and Joint Series
  - Hip Labral Tears
  - Evidence-Based Hip Evaluation
- SEC Clinical Case Studies
- Patellofemoral Pain: Evidence and Clinical Practice
- Advances in Ankle Surgical Procedures

Look for the tentative agenda at [www.seata.org](http://www.seata.org) in Nov. In the meantime, rooms at the [Franklin Marriott Cool Springs](http://www.franklinmarriott.com) must be reserved on or before **Tuesday, February 5, 2008** to ensure the \$115.00 room rate by calling 615-261-

6100 or 888-403-6772.

### Call for Abstracts 33rd Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting

The SEATA Research and Education Committee is issuing a call for Abstracts for the SEATA Research Seminar at the 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting as detailed at [SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts 33rd Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](http://www.seata.org/ResearchandEducationCommitteeCallforAbstracts33rdAnnualClinicalSymposiumandMembersMeeting). Abstracts must be submitted to Carl G. Mattacola, PhD, ATC at [carlmat@uky.edu](mailto:carlmat@uky.edu) by January 14, 2008.

### Research Grant Request for Proposals, Guidelines, General Information &

#### Application

SEATA is now requesting grant proposals for 2008. See [SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals, Guidelines, General Information & Application](http://www.seata.org/ResearchGrantRequestforProposalsGuidelinesGeneralInformationandApplication). The deadline for submitting grant proposals to Carl Mattacola, Co-Chair, SEATA Research and Education Committee, [carlmat@uky.edu](mailto:carlmat@uky.edu) is February 14, 2008.

## SEATA Scholarship Committee

The SEATA Scholarship Committee invites applications for its 2007-2008 scholarships which are established to preserve the memory and accomplishments of deceased members of SEATA and to perpetuate the standards of excellence exemplified by athletic trainers. These awards serve to recognize and promote both high achievement and professional-

ism in athletic training. Starting November 15<sup>th</sup>, the SEATA Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications for ten available scholarships. Four undergraduate and three graduate scholarships are available to full time students pursuing a degree in athletic training. In addition, District 9 members who presently have a dependent enrolled as a junior

or senior in an accredited college or university are eligible for three family scholarships. Details and criteria related to each of the scholarships can be found at <http://www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm>. All potential candidates are asked to visit the SEATA website and complete the online application. The deadline for all scholarships is January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators Conference, Feb. 8-9, 2008, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA**

## SEATA & State Organizations Deadlines & Dates

- November 1, 2007** Deadline for Abstract Submissions for 2nd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference. Go to <http://www.seata.org/CallforAbstractsEdConf2008.pdf>
- November 15, 2007** Acceptance period for SEATA Scholarship application begins. Go to <http://www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm>
- December 1, 2007** Deadline for electronic submission for 2008 Case Study Abstracts authored by athletic training students. Go to <http://www.seata.org/casestudy08.htm>
- December 1, 2007** NATA Member Reception in Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center Nashville
- December 31, 2007** All nominations and application materials for SEATA 2008 Hall of Fame must be submitted. Check <http://www.seata.org> in Nov. for details.
- January 1, 2008** Deadline for submitting 2008 SEATA Honors and Awards nominations. Go to [www.seata.org/Awards.htm](http://www.seata.org/Awards.htm)
- January 8, 2008** SEATA Scholarship Application Material submission Deadline. Go to [www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm](http://www.seata.org/Scholarshipdetails.htm)
- January 12-13, 2008** Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society State Meeting. Go to [www.tnata.org/](http://www.tnata.org/)
- January 14, 2008** SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts Deadline. Go to <http://www.seata.org/SEATACallforAbstracts08.pdf>
- January 15, 2008** Room Reservation Deadline for SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference & Athletic Training Student Symposium. Call Connections at (404) 842-0000 or (800) 262-9974
- January 18, 2008** 23rd Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Mail-in Registration Deadline. Go to [www.seata.org/08atssreg.doc](http://www.seata.org/08atssreg.doc)
- January 18-19, 2008** Georgia Athletic Trainers Association 2008 Annual Meeting & Symposium. Go to [www.athletictraining.org](http://www.athletictraining.org)
- January 19, 2008** Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society Symposium & Business Meeting, Northern Kentucky University. Go to [www.kyats.com](http://www.kyats.com)
- January 25, 2008** 2nd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference Registration Deadline. Go to <http://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT25E>
- January 25, 2008** 23rd Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Online Registration Deadline. Go to <http://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=SEAT26E>
- January 25, 2008** Submission deadline for SEATA Capitol Hill Day Funding Request Form <http://www.seata.org/SEATACapHillFundReq.doc>
- February 5, 2008** Room Reservation Deadline - 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting. Go to <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/bnacs>
- February 8, 2008** 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting Mail-in Registration Deadline
- February 8-9, 2008** 23rd Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium  
Go to <http://www.seata.org/08atss.htm> for more information.
- February 8-9, 2008** 2nd Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference  
Go to <http://www.seata.org/08atec.htm> for more information.
- Feb. 28 – Mar. 2, 2008** 33rd Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin, TN

## NATA Foundation Deadlines & Dates

- Dec. 1, 2007** 2008 Free Communications Abstracts due, <http://www.natafoundation.org/forms/2008CallForAbstractsMemo.html>
- Dec. 31, 2007** Submission Deadline for the BU / SHU Challenge 'Intent To Participate Form' [http://www.natafoundation.org/pages/BU\\_SHU\\_Challenge08%201.htm](http://www.natafoundation.org/pages/BU_SHU_Challenge08%201.htm)
- Feb. 10, 2008** Scholarships applications due (postmarked), <http://www.natafoundation.org/scholarship.html#wnload>
- Feb. 15, 2008** General Research Grant applications due, <http://www.natafoundation.org/grants/GeneralGrantIPP04.pdf>. Pre-Proposal Submission Form required.
- March 1, 2008** Doctoral Research Grant applications due, <http://www.natafoundation.org/grants/DoctoralGrant3PP704.pdf>
- Apr. 1, 2008** Spring Master's Research Grant applications due, <http://www.natafoundation.org/grants/MasterGrantIPP04.pdf>



### BOC establishes Award, recognizes Keith Webster

The Board of Certification recently established the Public Advocacy Award to recognize an individual, group or organization who has demonstrated leadership in protecting athletic training consumers. The Award Description states that recipients are leaders in the conception, construction and/or modification of Athletic Trainer regulation that protects the public and athletic training consumers. The recipients are, but not limited to, Certified Athletic Trainers, Athletic Trainer regulators, Senators, Athletic Trainer organizations or athletic training consumer advocates. We congratulate **Keith Webster, ATC** of the University of Kentucky for being chosen as the inaugural recipient.



### NATA's Career Advancement Network & Workplace Resource Center (CAN-WORC)

We've 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. Go to <http://www.nata.org/members/canworc/index.cfm>



National Athletic Trainers' Association



**Iota Tau Alpha Athletic Training Honor Society** now has over 440 members - please contact John H. Anderson, MS, ATC at [athtrain@troy.edu](mailto:athtrain@troy.edu) if your school is interested in joining.

## NATA Member Reception in Nashville

The NATA Board of Directors, President Chuck Kimmel, ATC and NATA Executive Director Eve Becker-Doyle, CAE will host a reception for NATA members prior to the December board meeting. The event will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 1 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Conven-

tion Center Nashville. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served, and the attire is business casual.

NATA members age 21 and older are invited, along with a guest. The reception offers a chance to meet and visit with the NATA Board of Directors. The Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention

Center Nashville is located at 2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214.

Those who plan to attend should RSVP by Nov. 21 to Cami Leal at 1.800.879.6282, ext. 110 or e-mail [Camil@nata.org](mailto:Camil@nata.org). If you are unable to attend, there is no need to respond.

## SEATA Membership News

We would like to extend a hearty welcome the 553 new members to District IX who have joined from January 1 through September 30, 2007. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and at other SEATA, NATA, and state athletic training activities. For a complete list, see the each of the SEATA eBlast News, April through October:

Please encourage every athletic trainer, athletic training

student, team physician, and related allied health professional in District IX to join AND become involved in the NATA and SEATA. For details on joining go to [http://members.nata.org/scriptcontent/CM\\_Application/CMA\\_Steps.cfm](http://members.nata.org/scriptcontent/CM_Application/CMA_Steps.cfm).

Our most recent membership statistics in District IX for September are provided in the table.

Regular Certified	2,894
Retired Certified	51
Student Certified	600
Military Inactive	1
Total Certified	3,546
Associates	80
Undergraduate Students	402
Graduate Students	32
Student Trial Members	246
Total Noncertified Students	680
<b>Total District IX Members</b>	<b>4,306</b>

## State Reports

### Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

#### Town Hall Meetings Begin This Fall

Want to become active in ALATA or just express suggestions to help improve athletic training in our state? Please join ALATA President, Heloise Jones and other members of the ALATA Executive Council in a Town Hall meeting in Northwest Alabama. In an effort to not only keep our members better informed, but also to provide a forum for Discussion and to give ALATA members an opportunity to have their voices heard, ALATA will conduct regional Town Hall meetings throughout the year around the state. We begin this plan with Sheffield, AL.

#### What: ALATA Town Hall Meeting - Northwest AL CEU's I

When : Nov 7, 2007  
Where: Helen Keller Well

Care Center, Sheffield, AL  
Time: 7:00 PM -8:30 pm Supper provided

If you can attend, please join other athletic trainers in your area November 7th. If you cannot attend and have something you feel needs to be brought to the ALATA Leadership, please contact Heloise at : [Heloise.Jones@ortho.uab.edu](mailto:Heloise.Jones@ortho.uab.edu).

#### The Results are In!!

ALATA would like to thank all who cast their votes in the recent run off for the vacancy of one of the non-officer position open with our

executive board this past month. ALATA extends gratitude to those who wish to be involved with out association and hopes membership continues to have such great desire to serve. After a close race, ALATA welcomes John Morr of the University of Alabama to the Executive council as one of the 3 non-officer positions.

We would also like to congratulate Bryan Combs at Birmingham Southern who will serve as Vice President, Jamie Gamber with the Columbus Cottonmouths Hockey Team, serving her second term at Secretary, and Laurie Fincher at the University of West Alabama as another non-officer position.

## Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society

The 2008 TATS Annual Meeting is set! Mark your calendar for January 11-13, 2008.

Our Annual Meeting and Symposium will be held in Nashville at the Airport Marriott. Go to

<http://cwp.marriott.com/bnatn/nathletictrainers/> for more information.

## Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

### Attention all ATAF members:

Elections for **Panhandle Rep**, **Northeast Rep** and **South 2 Rep** are coming up. Ballots will be mailed to the membership by October 26<sup>th</sup> and must be postmarked and returned by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please take a few minutes to

vote. Exercise your rights and responsibility – VOTE!

The application for the Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida Athletic Training Student Scholarship is now available at [www.ataf.org](http://www.ataf.org). Go to the "links" button on top of the page, and scroll down to "college student" to access the

application. This is a \$500 scholarship available to students enrolled in an accredited athletic training program in the state of Florida. Applications are due February 1, 2008. Requirements, details and contact information are all available on the application.

## Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association

The fall newsletter is available at <http://www.faculty.de.gcsu.edu/~phiggs/GATA/GATANewletter10-07.pdf>.

In this newsletter please find registration forms and other pertinent forms at the end. If you would rather register for the Annual Symposium in January online, please follow the links below. There are two links below, one for the meet-

ing registration and the other for any additional awards luncheon tickets only. You will receive one ticket for being a registrant of the meeting, not one additional ticket, just one for yourself.

<http://athletictraining.eventbrite.com>

<http://athletictrainingawards-luncheon.eventbrite.com>

For Hotel reservation please follow the following link <http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents-new/612georgiaathletic/main.wnt>

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me. See you in January!!!

David Florkowski

## Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society

The Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society Symposium

and Business Meeting will be hosted by [Northern Kentucky](http://www.uky.edu)

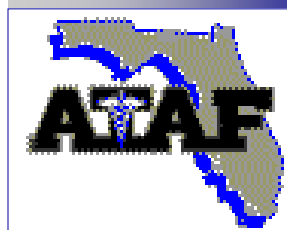
[University](http://www.uky.edu) on January 19, 2008. Check the KATS website at

## Athletic Training Education in Taiwan

The University of Georgia Athletic Training Education Program in association with the National College of Physical Education and Sport (NCPES) in Taiwan is offering a study abroad experience specifically designed for athletic training students. The dates are from May 18-June 6, 2008. The program is available to undergraduate and graduate students

in athletic training and will provide the student with classroom knowledge and clinical experiences. The academic program will focus on traditional Asian therapies to include acupressure massage, pain relief techniques, acupuncture, rehabilitation techniques and cranial therapy. The clinical program will provide athletic training observation with

Taiwan Athletic Trainers' Society certified athletic trainers with professional baseball teams, NCPES intercollegiate teams and at physician offices. The program is limited to 20 students. For more information and details about the program, go to <http://www.coe.uga.edu/atsat> or send an e-mail to [atsa@uga.edu](mailto:atsa@uga.edu).



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To subscribe to the listserve, send a blank email to [SEATA-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:SEATA-subscribe@yahoo.com). To set up full access to the listserve website, including online documents, member information, and an archive of past posted messages, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SEATA/>

### SEATA Honors & Awards nominations for 2008 close

January 1, 2008

Go to <http://www.seata.org/Awards.htm>

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## NATA Deadlines & Dates

**November 15, 2007** Nominations close for 2008 NATA Awards. Go to <http://www.nata.org/honors/faq.htm>

**November 15, 2007** World Congress on Neck Pain Registration Deadline. Go to <http://www.neckpaincongress.org/main.cfm?CFID=3811292&CFTOKEN=78596817>

**November 21, 2007** RSVP deadline to Cami Leal at 1.800.879.6282, ext. 110 or e-mail [CamiL@nata.org](mailto:CamiL@nata.org) for NATA Member Reception in Nashville

**December 1, 2007** Deadline for submitting supporting information for 2008 NATA Honors & Awards.

**December 1, 2007** NATA Member Reception in Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center Nashville

**December 2-3, 2007** NATA Board of Directors Meeting Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center Nashville

**December 11, 2007** NATA Manual Therapy Techniques for the Cervicothoracic Spine and Upper Ribs Early Bird Registration Deadline. Go to <http://206.211.148.195/~cec/weekend.html>

**December 15, 2007** NATA Fellows Program Application Deadline. Go to <http://www.nata.org/members/documents/fellows.cfm>

**December 31, 2007** NATA & SEATA Membership Renewal Deadline. Go to <http://www.nata.org/membership/joinnata.htm>

**January 11-13, 2008** NATA Manual Therapy Techniques for the Cervicothoracic Spine and Upper Ribs. Go to <http://206.211.148.195/~cec/weekend.html>

**January 20-21, 2008** World Congress on Neck Pain. Go to <http://www.neckpaincongress.org/main.cfm?CFID=3811292&CFTOKEN=78596817>

**February 25, 2008** NATA Capitol Hill Day 2008. Register at <https://www.nata.org/capitolhillday/08reg.htm>

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