



Jerry Weber Inducted in the NATA Hall of Fame



Jerry Weber now wears the honorable green jacket as a 2011 inductee of the NATA Hall of Fame. Weber was inducted at the NATA annual meeting in New Orleans, LA in June.

Weber is the head athletic trainer at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. He has been very active at the state, district, and national level.

The NATA Hall of Fame induction compliments the honors of being a member of the MAATA and NSATA Hall of Fame. Congratulations Jerry Weber!

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MAATA Members receive NATA Awards

The MAATA was well represented in New Orleans with numerous members receiving awards from the NATA.

Athletic Trainer Service Award:

Diane Bartholomew	Robin Ploeger	Doug West
Jody Brucker	Michelle Padgett	

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award:

Greg Gardner	Craig Holz	Jeff McKibbin
Bernadette Olson		

CUATC Athletic Trainer of the Year Award

Mark Coberley of Iowa State University as the NCAA Division 1 Head Athletic Trainer of the Year.

Robert Carmichael of Culver-Stockton College as the NAIA Head Athletic Trainer of the Year.



MAATA Hall of Fame Class of 2011

Denise Fandel

Denise has spent her entire professional career serving District 5. She is the former Assistant and Head Athletic Trainer at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. While there she served as President of the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers' Association and also served on the NATA Board of Certification and as President of the BOC. In 1997 Denise became the Executive Director of the Board of Certification. Under Denise's leadership the BOC has become a highly respected organization that provides exemplary service to all athletic trainers throughout the country. MAATA welcomes Denise as a member of the newest class of the MAATA Hall of Fame

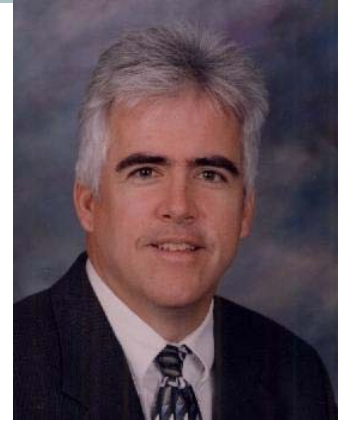


MAATA 2011 Hall of
Fame Class



Jeff McKibbin

Jeff has served the state of Oklahoma, District 5, and the NATA throughout his career as an athletic trainer. Since 1980 he has served in several capacities at the University of Central Oklahoma with the past seven years as the Program Director of the Graduate Athletic Training Education Program. Jeff's services to his profession within his state include, Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Association Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President and President working hard on legislative issues within the state. Presently, Jeff is the Chair of the MAATA Governmental Affairs Committee serving on the NATA Governmental Affairs Council. MAATA welcomes Jeff as a member of the newest class of the MAATA Hall of Fame.



Letter from MAATA Past Director Terry Noonan, ATC

Dear MAATA Members,

The NATA BOD has met since our District Meeting in Omaha and those minutes have not been formally approved. When they are approved they will be posted on the web for all to view, so instead of taking up too much space in the Newsletter I will focus on the highlights.

As you know, I will formally step down as Director of District V during our business meeting in New Orleans. The twelve years of service as President and then District Director have been very educational and enjoyable at the same time. During the District Director's report at the district meeting I informed the members that I consider our district one of if not the best in the NATA. In virtually every NATA BOD meeting I sit a listen to other director's voice concerns of problems they are dealing with in their districts and how their members just don't understand what the NATA BOD is trying to accomplish. I have never felt that our district did not understand the issues and we were always supportive. It is one thing for me to see this; however each president that has attended our district meetings as made the same comment and complimented me on how we conduct business and the response of our members.

The May NAATA BOD meeting agenda was made up of mostly issues dealing with items taking place at the national convention in New Orleans as well as some financial and organizational issues. The main financial issue was, and continues to be, the presentation of the increase in dues membership by the NATA BOC and how it might impact the NATA. The NATA will keep the estimated \$14.00 dollars from dues that we would normally give to the BOC from each member's dues. Please note that we have not had a NATA dues increase in 4-5 years if not longer. Hopefully this strategy will allow us to maintain current financial policies and as a result not propose a dues increase in the near future.

Vision Quest and the planning process relating to organization of goals and objectives to implement the Vision Quest information were also discussed. The NATA BOD will be taking a more active role in the process and not relying as much on staff and committee chairs to run the process. In the past with the Strategic Implementation Team (SIT) the larger group of members slowed down implementation of ideas and at times the long range goals were lost in discussion, resulting in little implementation of strategies. Please pay attention to Vision Quest information as it is presented in the coming months, this is the plan that will outline the future goals and objectives of the NATA.

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Hall of Fame Members

1994 Inductees

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Charles Cramer
Cramer Chemical Company

Frank H. Cramer
Cramer Chemical Company

Oliver J. "Ollie" DeVictor
University of Missouri

Arthur D. Dickenson
University of Northern Iowa

James Henry "Doc" Johnson
Oklahoma State University

Bruce Melin
Washington University in
Saint Louis
Kansas State University

Laurence "Porky" Morgan
Kansas State University

Dean Nesmith
University of Kansas

Kenneth Rawlinson
Kansas State University

Paul Schneider
University of Nebraska

Continued Letter from Terry Noonan

The Federal legislative efforts have been revised to take on a more comprehensive approach to gain support from other entities in the federal government for support. We need to address any economic impact of our proposed legislation and are currently research the impact of Social Security and Department of Education codes will have on health care legislation and proposals we make in the future.

Thanks to the work of our President Elect Doug Long, we have 10 members in our district receiving awards at the national convention:

Athletic Trainer Service Award:

Diane Bartholomew	Robin Ploeger	Doug West
Jody Brucker	Michelle Padgett	

Most Distinguished:

Greg Gardner	Craig Holz	Jeff McKibbin
Bernadette Olson		

Hall of Fame Member:

Jerry Weber

Congratulations of all of the District V members receiving awards and especially to Jerry Weber for his Hall of Fame honor. He has been an outstanding member of District V and represented well in the NATA.

Last but not least I informed the membership of my intentions to run for President of the NATA. Three eligible members of the BOD made presentations to the BOD on Sunday in New Orleans. Of the three candidates two will be chosen to run for president. I bring this up now to remind you to vote for president when you are contacted by the NATA for your ballot. All candidates making presentations to the election committee would make outstanding candidates, but please vote when you get the chance. Remember during the last election we had more individual vote on the logo change than we did for the presidential election. I hope in the next election we can do better than the last and have more members vote.

In closing it has been an honor and privilege to serve as District V President and then as Director.

Terry Noonan
Director District V
NATA



Hall of Fame Members

1995 Inductees

Warren G. Arial Jr.
Iowa State University

Roland E. "Duke" LaRue
University of Nebraska

Ronald "Kickapoo" Logan
University of Kansas

Al Ortalani
Pittsburg State University

C.F. "Frank" Randall III
Iowa State University

John Dudley Rockwell
University of Colorado

Wayne Rudy
Kansas City Chiefs

George F. Sullivan
University of Nebraska

Fred Wappel
University of Missouri

NATA Presidential Candidate Terry Noonan Answers Three Questions

Question 1: What would your goals be if you were elected President?

Terry Noonan:

- A. We are a very broad based profession and one of my main goals would be to unify all segments of Athletic Training, promoting the value of our profession in the health care vocation. Once we establish our value as health care professionals, then issues we face in our various settings and quality of life issues will improve. My unique experience in many areas of athletic training allows me to understand the issues we deal with and help bring individuals together for a common goal of proving the value of athletic training as a health care profession. Too many times we take for granted what we do and what our education allows us to accomplish. We need to take pride in our profession as a whole and promote it in the work place, at the state and national level. We cannot continue to rely on someone else to do it. We need to take responsibility for letting people know what our education is and what we can accomplish.
- B. The BOD has a plan for the future of Athletic Training called Vision Quest and as a result we have established recommendations for future strategic initiatives. We need to continually communicate with the membership and make sure they understand the plan, as well as how the plan affects the future of the profession of athletic training as a whole. In order to accomplish this plan and have it be successful, we will need acceptance from all the different clinical and educational areas of the Athletic Training profession. The new president, members of the BOD, and members of our various committees will need to get the message out so the membership is united and sees the total picture.
- C. My third goal would involve change in how the NATA BOD currently functions. We need more exposure to our membership in the District Meetings as well as the National Convention. We need to improve the communication between the NATA BOD and the membership so we can understand all clinical areas in which we practice. This will allow the BOD to persuade the membership to take a more global view of all the areas we currently work in as well as new areas that might present themselves in the future.



Hall of Fame Members

1996 Inductees

James Booher
South Dakota State
University

Denis F. "Izzy" Israw
North Dakota State
University

1997 Inductee
Dr. Ronald VanDam
Central Missouri State
University

1998 Inductee
John A. Baxter
Emporia State University

1999 Inductees
Clint Thompson
Truman State University

Wayne Wagner
University of Nebraska -
Omaha

Three Questions with Terry Noonan

Question 2: What are the most pivotal issues facing our profession?

Terry Noonan:

The pivotal issues affecting the profession have not changed much over the last five years. The issues like favorable state and national regulation, quality of the work environment and recognition of the athletic trainers as a qualified and valued health care professional have remained constant. We (members) need to start promoting what we do and demonstrate confidence in what we can accomplish as an Athletic Trainer. The issues won't change.

We need to educate the public about who we are and what our education allows us to do. There will always be individuals or other health care professionals that because of ignorance will try to devalue our status as a health care professional and diminish our stature in the health care setting. Unless we start standing up for ourselves things will not change, and they haven't in the past eight to nine years. When I think of this topic and how things have not changed I always come back to Einstein's Definition of Insanity, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results". We need to take a more active role in solving our own problems.

We are all stake holders in our profession and as such we need to not only help mold the future of our profession, but understand the history of our profession and the sacrifices made by the people before us. In order to understand where we are and where we are going we need to understand how we got to where we are today. If we can accomplish this I truly believe we can address the issues of a favorable work environment, and favorable state and federal legislation, allowing us to practice to our fullest extent, resulting in recognition of Athletic Trainers as valued health care providers.



**Three Questions with
NATA Presidential
Candidate Terry
Noonan**

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Question 3: Why do you want to be President?

Terry Noonan:

I believe if you talk to many individuals that know me they will tell you I have a passion for the profession of athletic training. I believe I can instill that passion in many of our members, starting with students. My leadership experience in District V, six years on the NATA BOD, including four years on the Executive Committee as Secretary Treasurer, have allowed me to develop a great perspective of the past and present issues effecting the profession. I believe my work experience in the secondary school setting, college setting, and outreach setting as well as Physician Extender setting has provided me an understanding of the problems each of these areas deals with day to day. The president needs to listen and address the problems athletic trainers have in all settings. I believe my experience provides me with a unique opportunity to understand the problems in each of these areas, and how they affect our initiatives thus allowing me to better understand how to put it all into perspective for the betterment of the profession as a whole.

Listening is a key factor to leading and I believe listening is one of my stronger traits. I pay attention to the content, listen and evaluate everyone's point of view and then listen to my heart when I make my decision. I urge people to tell me what I need to know and not what they think I want to hear. In prepping for one of my leadership classes I read that "as a leader you have to be willing to make things right not just smooth them over." I take this to heart when making decisions. One of my stronger traits is the ability to have a vision of the future, a plan to get there, and an inordinate passion for the profession of Athletic Training.

In closing, I believe a good leader is selfless and almost invisible as they take on the roles of the organization to transform dreams and ideals into reality. I have the vision, character, leadership, and integrity to become your new President.



Hall of Fame Members

2000 Inductee

Danny Foster
University of Iowa

2001 Inductees

Keith Fritzpatrick
Mitchell High School

Kathy English

University of Nebraska -
Kearney

2002 Inductee

Jeff Fair
Oklahoma State University

2003 Inductees

Craig Holz
Midland Senior High School

Jerry Weber

University of Nebraska

2004 Inductee

Ed Crowley
University of Iowa

Letter from MAATA Past- President/Director D. Eric McDonnell



Dear MAATA Membership:

Wow! What a great meeting in Omaha this spring. We set another record attendance this year at 626 attendees. Mark your calendars' for next year in Topeka, Kansas. It is going to be another great meeting. The program committee is already working on topics and speakers.

I would also like to congratulate 2011 Hall of Fame inductees Denise Fandel, and Jeff McKibbin. I also want to congratulate Phillip Vardiman, PhD, ATC, LAT at the University of Kansas who was awarded the District V MAATA Research and Education Grant, and MAATA Scholarship Award winners Alison Vandergift, Luther College, Emily Wahrman, University of Tulsa, Michael Atkinson Truman State University (TOSA Medical Undergraduate Scholarship), and Post Graduate winners Scott Allen, North Dakota State University (TOSA Medical Post Graduate), and Joshua Lamment, Northwest Missouri State University. One last congratulation goes out to the Quiz Bowl team winners from South Dakota. The quiz bowl was great this year.

In district news the board met in Omaha and started the weekend with a finance committee meeting. All requests were reviewed and forwarded to the full board. The board will approve the final budget in June once all the revenue and expenses from the annual meeting are accounted for. The board elected Iowa President Diane Bartholomew to serve as Vice President of MAATA . With the changes in our constitution we held elections for District President and District Secretary. Lynn Bott, Past District Director served as the election chair. The election was held in January and Doug Long was elected District President and Rob Marshall was elected District Secretary. They will take office at the NATA Annual meeting in June in New Orleans. The board voted to accept the election results.



Hall of Fame Members

2005 Inductee

Kathie Courtney
South Dakota State
University

2006 Inductees

Randy Biggerstaff
Lindenwood University

David "D C" Colt
Northwest Missouri State
University

2007 Inductee

Dr. Kathie Courtney
South Dakota

2008 Inductee

Anton "Tony" Martinez
Nebraska

2009 Inductee

Lynn Bott
University of Kansas

2011 Inductees

Denise Fandel
University of Nebraska-
Omaha/NATABOC

Jim McKibbin
University of Central
Oklahoma

Continued Letter from Eric McDonnell

Each state reports on activity within their state. This year every state reported athletic safety legislation, except Oklahoma which had a bill pass last year. Mike Sloup, Newsletter/Website Coordinator will be rolling out the new web site soon and is staying with the twice a year newsletters for the membership.

I sent out a letter to each educational program director within our district explaining the fundraising for the District V Athletic Training Student Leadership Council Scholarship. There has been some confusion with some of the program directors as to why they have to raise funds for this scholarship. I hope this communication will help explain why the programs were asked to raise funds.

At the state meetings each state president passed the hat asking for contributions for the NATAPAC. As a district we raised \$745. Nebraska raised the most from within the states. Oklahoma was second in this year's efforts. In the business meeting Doug West made a motion that the board take action a develop a plan to get members involved in grassroots efforts in working on federal legislation. We are pleased to announce that the board has approved \$500 for each state to use to reimburse members for expenses to meet with members of congress in the district. Guidelines are being developed and will be out soon.

As always if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at (573) 882-2854 or at mcdonnell@missouri.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight Eric McDonnell, Med, ATC, LAT
MAATA Past-President /Director



Letter from MAATA President Doug Long



G'day MAATA membership:

I hope this letter finds you staying as cool as possible for your area in this summer season. It seems like we went from rain and cold spring right into the jaws of blistering heat for summer. Fortunately we have not had the rash of violent weather that has plagued some of the other parts of our district and the country. We did have short go around with flooding when the local river jumped out of a retaining bank. Over all we have been fortunate to have wet spring things have greened up well around the west central portion of Nebraska.

At any rate some items of interest for you:

Overhaul of constitution: We are in the process of finalizing the MAATA constitution. We have moved all job duties, election processes, etc out of the constitution and put them in the by-laws. You will have a chance to review the changes prior to our annual business meeting in Topeka.

Mission, Vision and Values statements: It has been several years since we developed our Mission Statement. I want to make sure it is still accurate for the state of our association. We are also looking at developing Vision and Values statements to give us a clearer direction for our association.

Convention sites: Doug West and his Annual Meeting Committee have done a great job getting future locations identified. Our future meetings will be in Topeka for 2012, Tulsa Downtown Doubletree in 2013, they are looking on the I-80 corridor for 2014. We are normally scheduled to be in the I-90 corridor that year. Since the NATA convention is in Las Vegas that year we thought it might be best to stay in a region where we have had traditionally higher attendance.

Our friend, colleague and mentor Jerry Weber of UNL was inducted to the NATA HOF in June. Please join me in congratulating Jerry on this lifetime milestone achievement.

Finally please note that nominations for NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer (MDAT) and Athletic Training Service (ATS) Awards open in September. You are welcome to submit nominations of qualifying, deserving athletic trainers you know who meet the criteria. I would love to see several names from our district appear as winners of those awards. We had nine people in our district receive one of these two awards.

Letter from MAATA
President
Doug Long



Letter from MAATA President Doug Long

Here are the criteria for the MDAT: The Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award recognizes NATA members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to leadership, volunteer service, advocacy and distinguished professional activities as an athletic trainer. MDAT recipients have been involved in the service and leadership activities at the national and district level. **Award Eligibility:** NATA member in good standing, 20 years BOC certification, 20 years membership in NATA.

Here are the criteria for the ATS: The Athletic Trainer Service award recognizes NATA members for their contributions to the athletic training profession as a volunteer at the local, state, and district levels. ATSA recipients have been involved in professional associations, community organizations, grassroots public relations efforts and service as a volunteer athletic trainer. **Award Eligibility:** NATA member in good standing, 15 years BOC certification, 15 years membership in NATA, Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award recipients or members of the NATA Hall of Fame may not be considered for the Service Award.

Have a good rest of the summer. I will look forward to seeing you as our paths cross during the sports seasons or in Topeka if we have the chance.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our association

Doug Long
MAATA President
Great Plains Sports and Therapy Center
North Platte, Nebraska

Continued Letter from
MAATA President
Doug Long



News from the States

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Oklahoma

The University of Tulsa was the host of the state meeting in May. There was 125 members registered for the event.

The OATA has developed a committee to look at revising the constitution, by-laws and practice act.

Five scholarship recipients and four student athletic training aide students were honored by the OATA.

Alex Brown was inducted into the OATA Hall of Fame.

Iowa

Central College in Pella, IA was the host site of the IATS Annual Symposium and Meeting. A golf outing preceded the annual meeting.

Two scholarships were presented and Steve Knoche was inducted into the IATS Hall of Honor.

The IATS continues to conduct monthly conference calls.

North Dakota

Sports for Special People:

This year's annual NDATA fundraiser for Special Olympics of North Dakota raised \$918.00 to date with some additional monies to be collected. This annual fundraiser is done in conjunction with the National Athletic Trainer's Month. One hundred percent of these collected funds go directly to the Special Olympics of North Dakota. ND has raised approximately \$12,000 for SOND since we started this fundraiser in 2000.

Govt. Affairs:

ND legislation introduced a student athletic concussion bill on January 19, 2011 and this bill (SB2281) was signed by Governor Jack Dalrymple in April, 2011.

2011 State Meeting:

Our state meeting was held April 1st & 2nd in Grand Forks. We had 36 ATC's and 23 ATS's in attendance. We also passed around the NATAPAC envelope and raised \$245.



News from the States

Kansas

The Kansas Concussion Bill passed and has been signed by the Governor.

KATS is hosting the 4th Annual Golf Tournament (a legislative fundraiser). It is scheduled for early Fall. Details to come.

Elections for Executive Board will be held this fall to include: President-Elect, Treasurer, Public Relations Chair, Secretary. Term begins January 1, 2012. Still accepting nominations.

Still communicating with KS Blue Cross and Blue Shield regarding ATs to be eligible providers for members

Fall Conference in early November; date and location TBA

South Dakota

State meeting was held in May in conjunction with the Sanford Sports Medicine Symposium

Building a more dynamic website - hopefully be up by fall

Discovering how concussion legislation will be implemented

Plan to begin process of meeting with insurance companies

State awards have been announced - 3 iron will and AT of the year

Iron Will:

Steph Frohwein - Sioux Falls Lincoln High

Shanna Kindt - ATC, Sanford

Sami Smith - Sioux Falls Washington

Darred Nelson - Orthopedic Institute

Erika Olson - Sioux Falls O'Gorman

Terry Truex - Orthopedic Institute

ATC of the Year:

Rochelle Laruet - O'Gorman

Missouri

The Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association held its annual meeting on the first weekend in June, in Springfield, MO. This is a new location for the meeting. The association is attempting to move the meeting to various locations around the state in order to attract more registrants.



News from the States

Missouri

Missouri is taking nominations for the president-elect position.

The athletic trainers had 2 bills passed that have a direct effect on their practice.

- 1) A law, initiated by the Division of Professional Registration, was passed. This law will create stronger penalties for all health professions in Missouri that violate the practice act.
- 2.) The concussion law passed the MO House and Senate and is on the Governor's desk for his signature.

The NATA annual meeting will be in St. Louis next year. Missouri will be working hard to be a good host and find volunteers.

Nebraska

The NSATA held it's annual Summer Education Conference and Meeting in Lincoln on July 8th and 9th on the Nebraska Wesleyan University Campus. It offered 8 CEU's to members. The summer meeting was held in conjunction with the conference on the 8th. Other highlights of the conference will be the recognition of Jerry Weber as a 2011 inductee into the NATA Hall of Fame.

National Athletic Training Month- The NSATA received Honorable Mention for "Best State Association Effort." Special thanks goes out to Jessica O'Neel for her hard work and efforts in spearheading the effort!

LB 260 was signed into law on April 14th and will go into effect in July 2012. The associations efforts will now shift into developing ways to disseminate the information to Coaches, Parents, Student-Athletes, Physicians and Athletic Trainers across the state.

NSATA Executive Board Elections will be held in February, 2012.

NSATA Members receiving NATA Awards in New Orleans:

Hall of Fame- Jerry Weber

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer- Craig Holz



MAATA Committee News

Young Professionals Committee

This year marks the inaugural launch the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Young Professionals' Committee (YPC) ATEP Outreach Project. The goals of this initiative are to interact with future young professionals (junior and senior athletic training students) while discussing leadership opportunities at national, district, and state levels. The YPC also hopes to encourage early and continued involvement with the NATA and its programs, and provide students with resources for success as an entry-level athletic trainer. In cooperation with the NATA YPC, the D5 YPC has conducted four ATEP Outreach presentations. Feedback for Program Directors and athletic training students has been very positive. Future presentations are currently being scheduled throughout the District, and requests are being taken. Our goal is to present to 50% of our CAATE-accredited programs in the district.



North Dakota Representative, Terrence Keller, and his co-presenter, Sean Degerstrom at North Dakota State University.



MAATA Committee News

Young Professionals Committee

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Committee News

Scholarships

There were 9 applicants for postgraduate scholarships and 11 applicants for undergraduate scholarships. These numbers are consistent with previous numbers of applicants.

Postgraduate scholarships have been awarded to Scott Allen and Josh Lamert, entry level scholarships have been awarded to Michael Atkinson, Emily Wahrman, and Alison Vandegrift

Scholarship applications were amended so that we now have entry level and post graduate categories. Other editorial changes have been proposed which will reflect current terminology from CAATE.

Thanks are extended to TOSA medical for their continued support of 1 undergraduate and 1 postgraduate scholarship.

Thanks are extended to all of the state presidents who graded the applications



Committee News

CUATC

We have continued to help and support help each state student group and the district gain visibility and leadership strength. Along with each member helping at the state level as aforementioned, we have been again focused again on gathering questions for the quiz bowl and reviewing student abstract submissions for presentation at the 2011 MAATA Annual Meeting and Symposia.

We have enjoyed more consistency and less learning curve stress. With the better sense of purpose and consistency the following must be mentioned.

1. We only had one change to the membership. Chris Viesselman took over in IA from Jody Brucker. When this happened in September the updated contact list was uploaded by the end of September. This updated list also included the current DV-ATSLC members. The last time the list was updated was in February 2010. We are hoping to update this list again in May 2011 once we receive information about the new student leadership in each state. Having this list updated sooner versus later should help those that are seeking contacts to ask questions. We would like to that Mike Sloup for keeping the past lists on the website and uploading the current lists when they are disseminated. Having the old lists still viewable helps provide a record of service for the DV-CUATSC and the DV-ATSLC.

2. Each member submitted questions for the quiz bowl based on the requirements set forth last year. Also, it seems that the DV- Quiz Bowl has gained momentum based on the conversations from the members that have stated the interest in each state and the increased number of teams competing this year. As described by the DV-ATSLC only 2 teams from each state can compete at district. With this many teams, it seems like the quiz bowl will grow to 3 versus one round. As discussed with some of the members it would be nice if the state quiz bowls could be held sooner. This concern has also been raised with the DV-ATSLC.

Last year we reviewed 31 abstracts and all were selected to be presented. However, this year we reviewed 22 abstracts, with 15 being selected to be presented. Those not selected were due to low rubric scores by the blind reviewers. This year it was suggested to the DV-ATSLC to have the submission deadline earlier (end of Jan.) instead of mid-February, which did happen. However, with low numbers of submissions the deadline date was moved to early Feb. Even though this change in deadline squeezed the DV-ATSC reviewers the members did complete the task cleanly and quickly, which again exemplifies their skills and importance of our retention. One factor that must also be noted is this year the MAATA Meeting and Symposia coincides with most university spring breaks. We will look to the DV-ATSLC to provide feedback from each state about the impact spring break has on attendance.



CUATC

Additional, items to look forward to for the upcoming year:

1. Having 2 conference calls, one each at the beginning of each semester, to increase sharing of ideas and concerns. These may lead into the following.
2. Having conference calls when needed to help identify and prioritize any actions, for example:
 - A. What actions should/can we take to help the DV-ATSLC increase the funding for the scholarship?

District Five needs a Quiz Bowl coach for the National competition. Jody Brucker can no longer serve in this capacity because he now is the District V representative to the National Quiz Bowl, replacing Pam Hansen. Plus, he didn't do that much anyway. Although, the decision making process should rest with the DV-ATSLC should this committee ratify the choice.

Public Relations

District Public Relations Events since May 2010

Nebraska receives Best State Association Effort Honorable Mention for 2011 NATM PR Contest

Updated contact info for each state representative

Called each state rep to gather history and understand needs

Instituted, FYA*, FYA, FYI to facilitate returned communication with timely deadlines

2011 District V Public Relations Committee Goals

1-Create open and free flowing lines of communication between committee members

2-Submit District 5 content for the NATA News each month

3-Join together in March 2011 at our District Symposium to share ideas and materials from each state, create 3month (June 2011), 1yr, 3yr plan for our committee



Committee News

Governmental Affairs

Governmental Affairs Committee has been very active this year. District V is currently at the time of this report experiencing 6 or 7 states with active legislation.

Kansas Introduced a Senate Bill: Sport head injury safety bill –waiting for a hearing within the House. Bill has broad support (Kansas Medical Society, Kansas SAFE Kids, NFL)

In addition, the PTs have proposed two bills this cycle: 1. Title change allowing them to call themselves “doctor”; 2. Direct Access” bill – strongly opposed by the Medical Society
Iowa has a concussion bill that has been introduced by Iowa Brain Injury Association; at the time of this report, the IATS supports this bill. They do anticipate that the Iowa School Board Association will be against this bill. IATS has been in communication with their Lobbyist, and or Executive Committee is working on possibility of introducing a similar bill through a Lobbyist that we have been working with and IATS are also working with two House Representatives who sit on the on the Health and Humans Services Committee. They may also introduce a concussion (brain injury) bill. The wording is very similar to the Senate bill.

Missouri has several legislation bills on the house side related to Head Injury Legislation HB 300, HB 334, HB 387 are all bills that address Head Injury Legislation

All three of these bills have been referred to the Health Care Policy Committee with no public hearings scheduled at this time

On the Senate side they have Head Injury Legislation

SB 216 has been sponsored by Sen. Schaaf for Head Injury Legislation

Currently the language of bill states that only physicians can make return to play decision

Nebraska LB 260- “The Concussion Awareness Act” passed the Nebraska State Legislature.

Oklahoma with passing concussion legislation last year is the only state not currently supporting a sports safety bill. Legislation that is being monitored that could potentially affect our profession is:

HB 1777 Creates the Physical Therapy Practice Act; defines physical therapy as care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

We believe this is mostly to update language but we also believe that it will be a gateway to seek direct access. Oklahoma is one of four states that have prevented PT’s from gaining direct access. Similar bill from the Senate side is SB 675.

SB878 is 276 pages of legislation reforming Oklahoma Work Comp and section 27 defers to CMS and concerns the reimbursement issue restrictions similar on the national level.

North Dakota has a Concussion Management Bill Senate Bill No. 2281. This will require athletes to be seen by a physician. Requiring medical clearance to return to play from a physician has been in some bills (that is, no one but a physician may make that decision) but this is different from that.

South Dakota SB 149 passed through the Senate and has moved over to the House. The strongest objections came from a group of parent coaches from the Pierre, SD area. These individuals are also local attorneys and lobbyists and had gotten to several of the committee members about the need to remove the youth sports section of the bill.

****District V states cumulative have been awarded \$19,000 in Grants from the NATA.**



Committee News

NATA Research & Education Foundation

The NATA Research and Education Foundation has made a few changes in the past year.

The biggest change is hiring Rachael Oats as the Executive Director. Rachael has great ideas and will be a tremendous asset.

Another change is the publication of Clinical Building Blocks. Clinical Building blocks are 1 page “cheat sheets” to help athletic trainers put research into practice. The first 3 issues discuss skin diseases. The next issues will cover abdominal pain. Check them out on the Foundation website.

Steve Moore, In the Bleachers cartoonist, is in the process of developing a book of his best athletic training and sports medicine comics. He wishes to donate 15% of all profits from the book to the NATA Foundation

After researching common practices of other associations, the NATA board has voted to make an annual donation to the Foundation of \$240,000. This donation will be a tremendous assistance to the Foundation when funding the latest evidence-based research

The NATA Research and Education Foundation provides funding for research grants and for scholarships. There are general research grants and specific grants for Master’s and Doctoral students. This year, the Foundation awarded the following grants:

Masters Grants

1.Brandi G. Schwane, ATC (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) - \$1,000

Karen E. Ocwieja, ATC (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) - \$999

Chad Moeller, ATC (A.T. Still University) - \$1,000

General Research Grant

Principal Investigator: Steven Broglio, PhD, ATC

“Concussions Across the Lifespan: Persistent Effects on Brain, Neurocognitive Functioning , and Motor Control”
\$128,912.00 (3-year study)



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NATA Research & Education Foundation

Only 7 students from our district applied for scholarships last year. Please check out the Foundation websites (www.natafoundation.org) and apply for scholarships. In 2010, the Foundation awarded 69 scholarships at \$2300 each. McKenzie Dvoracek (Dakota Wesleyan University) and Hannah Grafe (University of Tulsa) were the 2010 recipients from District 5. Applications are due in Feb. One of these scholarships is sponsored by District 5.

At the District meeting 2 years ago, the District 5 Board of Directors agreed to endow a scholarship. The district has already made 2 payments of \$13,000 each towards this scholarship. There are 2 payments left. The District 5 Student Leadership Council agreed that student groups in the District would help support this endowment effort. The students have raised a total of \$10,089.02. 11 schools in our district raised \$5,831.02 since this meeting last year. The University of Nebraska-Omaha raised the most funds this year, \$1228! I would like to see more schools doing their part to contribute to this scholarship endowment.

At the National Meeting in June, The Foundation will recognize the recipients of 2011 NATA Foundation Research Awards:

Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research: Jay Hertel, PhD, ATC

New Investigator Award : Steve Broglio, PhD, ATC

Doctoral Dissertation Award: Jason Mihalik, PhD, ATC

SSATC

Right now the committee is focusing on concussion legislation in each state. Most importantly what is the definition of "appropriate healthcare provider" in each bill. We are in constant communication with the NFHS.

About this time last year the committee released a position statement on the proper usage of Athletic Training Student Aides at the High School level. Anybody working at the Secondary School level should review that.

There is a Grant Opportunity available through the secondary schools committee. If interested, please go to the NATA website or contact me for more information. It is a grant to be used to further Athletic Training at the Secondary School level.

We are also starting to prepare for the 2012 NATA convention Secondary Schools Session in St. Louis. Once a theme has been set, I will be contacting state presidents and representatives to find appropriate speakers/presenters from within District 5.



Committee News

Honors and Awards

2010 saw the first Honors and Awards Banquet that was followed by the MAATA Student Quiz Bowl. I was very pleased with the combination of these two events on the same night. It seemed to work really well.

At the 2010 meeting I and others pushed hard to get members to nominate individuals for all awards including the MAATA Hall of Fame. We did receive nominations for two candidates that were both approved by the MAATA Board of Directors. Denise Fandel and Jeff McKibbin will both be the recipients of the MAATA Hall of Fame award in 2011.

I have been directed by Eric McDonnell and the MAATA Board of Directors to look into the possibility of updating our current Hall of Fame application and scoring tool. Presently I am also serving on the NATA Hall of Fame subcommittee so I can use the NATA forms to try and update our own application and scoring tool. We will continue using November 1st as the due date for materials which some times cause confusion because NATA uses a December 1st date. Since our meeting is in March each year I want to continue to use that date so award winners can be notified in plenty of time to make plans for attendance.

Jeff Rudy continues to head up the MAATA Scholarship program. Each year two Post Graduate Awards are given and three Undergraduate awards. They are recognized each year at the Honors and Awards Banquet. W. David Carr continues to head up the MAATA Research and Education Grant program. Each year recipients are able to use their award to complete important research projects that enhance the profession of athletic training.

Other projects and Honors and Awards is working on include the establishment of a new award called the MAATA Distinguished Service Award. This is a work in progress and I will be discussing the future of this project with my committee in 2011.

EDAC

This year EDAC is celebrating our 25th year anniversary

EDAC sponsored Career Day in New Orleans, Tuesday, June 21

EDAC sponsored a Cultural Competence Free CEU as of Feb. 15, 2011

EDAC has two fully endowed scholarship (The John A. Mayes Scholarship and The Dave H. Perrin Scholarship) applications available on the NATA website,

<http://www.nata.org/EDAC>

NATA EDAC Ethnic Diversity Enhancement Grant application and guidelines are available at <http://www.nata.org/EDAC>

MAATA Newsletter



The MAATA Newsletter will be changing formats in the future. If you would like to see your information in the next newsletter, the deadline is October 1, 2011. Please send any information and photos to Mike Sloup at mjssloup@columbushosp.org.

Any and all comments and suggestions for the MAATA newsletter are welcome throughout the year. We thank everyone that submits information to be published in the biannual newsletter.

To comment on this newsletter or submit information and pictures for the next MAATA Newsletter, please send an e-mail to Mike Sloup, MAATA Newsletter Editor @ mjssloup@columbushosp.org be in the Fall 2011.