



NYSATA

Fall 2009

Save the Date

EATA Annual Meeting
Boston, MA, January 8-11, 2010

NYSATA Conference
Syracuse University, June 4-5, 2010

NATA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA, June 22-25, 2010

**NYSATA/ESG Sports
Medicine Symposium**
Buffalo, NY, July 20-21, 2010

Empire State Games
Buffalo, NY, July 21-25, 2010

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The President's Report

John Cottone, EdD, ATC

I hope that everyone is having a good fall season in spite some parts of the northeast experiencing an early snowfall. Since the last newsletter over the summer, typically things do slow down a bit. However, this fall, business has been fairly busy. Following the annual business meeting and conference held in Syracuse this spring, I am happy to report that our association donated \$6000.00 to the Kevin Everett Foundation from the proceeds from this year's golf outing. The Executive Committee also approved a gift to the Edward J. Pillings Scholarship and Research Endowment. Edward Pillings, NATA Hall of Fame member was the head athletic trainer at West Point for 24 years. We also contributed a gift to the Donald and Mary Lowe Sports Medicine Facility at Syracuse University. As many of you know, Don was a long time member of the NYSATA, served as president



from 1984-86, was the recipient of the Thomas Sheehan Award and a NATA Hall of Fame member. I was pleased that we were able to recognize two of our former colleagues in this manner.

It was great to hear that NATA and APTA have reached an agreement and settled the Fair Practice Lawsuit that was initiated back

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The mission of the New York State Athletic Trainer's Association shall be to advance, encourage and improve the profession of athletic training by developing the common interests of its' membership for the purpose of enhancing the quality of health care for the physically active in New York State.

in 2008. We should commend our association leaders for their tireless efforts to advance our profession. As NATA President, Marje Albohm said in the recent NATA News, that the association was "vigilant in protecting our member's ability to practice to the fullest extent of their scope of practice and qualification" (NATA News October 2009, p. 16). A joint statement of cooperation was signed by both organizations on 9/22/09.

It is that time of year again to begin considering making nominations for our associations Executive Committee. This year, you will need to place into nomination, names of candidates for President-elect. This call for nominees is the opportunity to step into the arena and be part of state leadership. I encourage you all to consider your colleagues who you know are qualified to serve and would represent the association with distinction. Take a moment to consider someone.

Since 2007, the NYSATA has continued to review the issue of reimbursement. In July, Chris O'Brien, Chair of Governmental Affairs, attended the Board of Certification's Regulatory Conference. In sessions with the Chair of NATA's Governmental Affairs Council and Judy Pulice, our National Manager of State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, the opinion was that a good, updated practice act should be priority over attaining reimbursement. It was also recommended that states like New York with a practice act more than 10-15 years old should be updated.

Chris O'Brien and President-elect Chris Hobler have begun to review our practice act with the assistance and review by Pulice. Changes in the language are also consistent with recommendations made by our national associations Uniform Terminology Project Team. As I indicated in the last newsletter, it is now common belief that our practice act has a narrower scope of practice in comparison to the NATA's broader definition of a certified athletic trainer. In New York State, Certified Athletic Trainers are qualified to do more but are limited by our scope of practice.

Considering the amount of time, effort and necessary resources, the association will continue to weigh very carefully what the potential benefits would be to the association in moving forward with adopting any change. This issue will be discussed in greater detail at the EATA meeting in Boston in January.

As I indicated in the last newsletter, we were also able to meet with Walter Ramos, Executive Secretary to the NYS Board for Medicine during our Lobby Day meetings in late May. We asked Mr. Ramos for clarification of the distinction between being a licensed professional and being a certified professional, as is the case with athletic trainers. Although I did not get permission to print his letter, I did

indicate that I would provide additional information. The following is an excerpt from Mr. Ramos's letter to our lobbyist, Mary Ann Mclean earlier this year.

... "The New York State Education Department recognizes and treats athletic trainers as licensed professionals, notwithstanding the designation of "certified". Certified Athletic Trainers satisfy specific education, experience and examination requirements established by the Board of Regents and are subject to the standards of professional conduct applicable to all licensed and certified professionals regulated by the New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions..."

In August, as part of my attempt to re-establish the role of the Secondary Schools Committee, I sent a letter to Nina Van Erk, Executive Director of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. I indicated that our association would like to re-establish an affiliation with the NYSPHAA. With both our association's missions dedicated to providing safe and healthy environments for student-athletes, I indicated that we can advance the quality of safe sport. I envision our associations mutually serving as resources to each other in the advancement of a safety and risk management to all high school athletes across the state. She supported this cooperative effort and has invited me to serve as a member of their Health and Safety Committee. As soon as we solidify a few more members to our committee, I will charge this group with their role as detailed in our by-laws. Please consider membership on this important committee.

I continue to remind all of our members of the importance of service and taking an active role in our association. We still will need to fill key vacancies on various committees as well infuse new ideas and initiatives. Each of you should decide how you may want to contribute and get involved in our association. The NATA "Involve and Evolve" campaign initiative has created a new level of involvement. Please feel free to contact me with any issues or concerns you may have. As always, if it means advancing our association and its mission, then it's important.

Respectively submitted,

John Cottone, EdD, ATC
President - NYSATA

Governmental Affairs Committee

Christopher O'Brien, MS, ATC, Chair

There has been much activity on the governmental affairs front, both nationally and on a state level. Nationally, the NATA and the American Physical Therapy Association have announced a settlement in the federal court anti-trust lawsuit which was filed by the NATA over a year ago. Quoting NATA President Marje Albohm, MS, ATC, "This settlement will allow us to continue to advance the profession while ensuring patient safety.

This success means that we can put the Fair Practice Lawsuit behind us, knowing we have made great strides through it." More details can be found at www.nata.org.

On the state front, one of the questions commonly asked is about our state credential. In New York State, athletic trainers obtain a certification from the New York State Department of Education's Office of the [Professions per Article 162](#) of the Education Law. However, in general, under Title VIII of the Education Law, all of the professions are considered "licensed," even those with a certification title. However, in a "2006 Implementation of Statute" for Article 165 regarding Clinical Laboratory Technology, the following explanation is given on the Office of Professions' website:

In general, under Title VIII of the Education Law, all of the professions are considered "licensed," even those with a certification title. Under professional licensure laws, the term "licensed" usually refers to persons whose profession has a restricted scope of practice. This means that someone may only engage in the practice of the profession if he or she is licensed in the profession or in another profession that includes the practice activities within its scope of practice, or is exempt under the terms of the law. "Certification" usually refers to professions where the title and the specific terms of the profession

are protected, so that no one can use these titles or terms, alone or in combination with other words and phrases, unless the person is licensed in the profession. The practice of the certified profession, however, would not be protected. For example, while anyone may claim to be an interior designer, only a person licensed in that profession may use the title, "certified interior designer" when describing his or her practice.

*In this law, however, the profession of "clinical laboratory technician" has a defined and restricted scope of practice, as well as title protection, so the more traditional use of the term "certification law" would not apply. **This is similar to the profession of "certified athletic trainer" where the title and practice both are protected, i.e., restricted to those who are licensed or legally exempt from licensure.** Source: www.op.nysed.gov/clpques-ans.htm, Retrieved October 21, 2009.*

So, what does this all mean? It means as Certified Athletic Trainers in New York State we have protection of both title and practice as far as the government of the State of New York is concerned. If you know of someone violating this protection, please let your NYSATA leadership know immediately. It also means that New York is amongst 39 states with licensure for athletic trainers. NYSATA has requested from the executive secretary that oversees the State Board for Athletic Training a standalone document clarifying and stating the information presented in the aforementioned Implementation of Statute regarding Article 165.

The coming year of 2010 promises to be an active one on the governmental affairs front. I look forward to speaking with any and all of you at the upcoming NYSATA session to be held in January at the EATA Convention in Boston.

Nominations are OPEN for President-Elect

Do you want to make an impact as an Athletic Trainer? Are you interested in getting involved with NYSATA? Do you have lots of great ideas?

Or do you know of someone with great leadership and vision for the future of NYSATA and Athletic Training? Then it's time to get INVOLVED!

Nominations are now being accepted for the office of President-Elect.

Commitment time: 2 years as President-Elect, 2 years as President, 2 years as Past President

All nominations can be sent to:

Rebecca Petersen, MS, ATC, Chair of the Nominations and Election Committee via [email](#)

Please include the nominee's name and contact information. If you would like more information about the responsibilities of the position, please inquire!

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Regional Reports



Region 1

Jayne Kitsos, ATC

*Hofstra University Athletic Training Education Program would like to congratulate our December 2009 graduating class: **Cynthia Perry, Christopher Napoli, Kaitlin Griego, and Jessica Obiedzinski.***

Region 2

Glenn Marinelli, ATC

*Columbia University is excited to have **Elias Levanway** join their staff from Iona College. He had served as the Head Football Athletic Trainer, worked with the baseball team, and also assisted with men's basketball. Levanway is from Dobbs Ferry, New York, and will be with Columbia's Cross Country, Tennis, and Men's Basketball Teams.*

*Columbia University also congratulates former staff member **Tony Testa** on his newly appointed position of Head Athletic Trainer at Seton Hall University.*

***Jim Crawley** would like to announce the re-accreditation of the Athletic Training Education Program at *Dominican College*. He has also been named the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative for Dominican.*

Region 3

Karen Balter, ATC

Congratulations to Jack Koelmel!

On October 9th, 2009, The University at Albany inducted Jack Koelmel into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Jack retired in 2006 after serving as the Head Athletic Trainer for 32 years. Celebrating Jack's big night, along with his family, were several



Pictured from left to right: Greg Dashnaw, Jay Geiger, Lisa Cantara, Jack, Karen Balter, Anthony Ortolano, Marci Murphy, and Stu Balter.

CDTA (Capital District Trainers Association) members: Tom Fashouer, Anthony Ortolano, Karen and Stu Balter, Marci Murphy, Greg Dashnaw, Jay Geiger, Lisa Cantara, Joe Tegnander, Anthony Benyarko, and Kim Doyle.

The Sage Colleges is proud to announce the return of **Jessica Horan**, (2005 grad) as the assistant athletic trainer to work with the men's athletic program on the Albany Campus (Sage College of Albany). Jess brings with her a wide variety of experiences and a strong rehabilitation background. Some of you may remember Jess when she was the assistant athletic trainer at Siena College or from her recognition as a recipient of the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Undergraduate Scholarship Award and the NATA and NASM Pursuit of Excellence Award in Athletic Training Scholarship. Welcome back Jess!

Region 4

Deanna Errico, ATC

*As you may have read in the last newsletter, the North Country Athletic Training Symposium was quite a hit. The organizers (**Chris Scuderi and Deanna Errico**) have intentions to donate funds raised through the NYSATA to an organization related to safety in youth athletics. While you may have missed the Symposium in July, some of our dynamic speakers, such as **Jonathan Hewitt**, have been asked to speak again at the NYSATA meeting in June.*



Nicole Sanford, ATC married Kevin Latreille on October 3rd.

Both Jonathan and Nicole work as athletic trainers at Massena Alcoa Work-Fit.

Region 5

Courtney Gray, ATC

Maiko Shigeeda, ATC, joins SUNYIT after spending the last two years as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she graduated with a Master of Science degree in kinesiology this past spring. She also worked as an athletic training intern at Villanova University during the 2006-07 seasons. Prior to her internship, Shigeeda received her Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training from Minnesota State University, Mankato, where she was also a member of the swimming team.

Chris Hobler, ATC recently passed his Orthopedic Physician Assistant Certification exam, and will continue to work with Dr. Dirk Dugan in Ithaca, NY as an OPA-C and ATC.

The Section III High School Athletic Trainers will be meeting again this Winter and Spring. Please contact **Kelly Hoke, ATC** at khoke@romecsd.org for more information.

Region 7

Karl Kozlowski, ATC

Bob O'Malley, ATC reports that Buffalo is all but signed for the city of Buffalo to host the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Convention in 2013, marking the EATA's return to New York State.

Congratulations to **Pete Koehneke, MS, ATC** who was recently elected President of the BOC Board of Directors. Way to go Pete! (So now we all better get to submitting those CEU's!)

Pete reports that **Brenda Dean, ATC** has been appointed as the Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer at Canisius College.

About the NYSATA Newsletter

This electronic newsletter is published quarterly by the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association Newsletter Committee to the NYSATA member. For information contained in this newsletter or to submit articles/ideas, please contact the NYSATA Newsletter Committee Chair:

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Program Directors!

Nominate your student for a NYSATA Scholarship!

The NYSATA presently awards four annual scholarships. They are sponsored by the Buffalo Bills Football Club, in the name of long time athletic trainer, Ed Abramowski, NATA District II, NYSATA and MEDCO Supply Company. Each is given to an outstanding entry-level athletic training student, who excels both Academically and Clinically and is a member of NYSATA. Scholarships are presented each year at the State Meetings during the Eastern Athletic Trainer's Association's Annual Meeting in January.

Download the [scholarship application](#) from the NYSATA website, and submit to Tim Neal, tneal@syr.edu by November 18.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Christopher O'Brien, ATC, Chair

In July I was able to represent you at the 2009 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. Jennie Petrone, ATC from New York, the District Two GAC representative, was also in attendance. Besides gathering much information that will be useful in the coming year for us in New York for governmental affairs, it was good to see successes from other states that were able to climb mountains as steep as we are currently ascending in New York. Additionally, at the end of July several New York legislators were able to meet with Judy Pulice, our NATA National Manager, State Legislative & Regulatory Affairs.

I see the rest of 2009 and 2010 as being very active for the governmental affairs committee. I look forward to working with you and for you in the coming months.

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Hall of Fame

Deanna Errico, PT, DPT, ATC - Chair

There will be two new inductees to the NYSATA Hall of Fame during the January NYSATA meeting at the EATA conference. **Jill Walker Dale** and **Steven Norman** were both undergraduates at SUNY Cortland and will join their Mentor, John Sciera in the NYSATA Hall of Fame.

These are two very familiar faces in NYSATA as Jill and Steve both contributed strongly to NYSATA, holding various positions on the Executive Board as well as on committees. Each has served as a member of the New York State Department of Education Committee for Athletic Training and each was greatly involved in the development of certification in New York State. Additionally, Jill has been a leader with the Board of Certification Examination process in multiple capacities, and Steve spent many years as a site examiner for the certification exam.

These are two very deserving individuals who continue to support and contribute to NYSATA. We look forward to having a great turnout for their induction on Saturday, January 9th, at the Copley Marriott. The meeting will begin at 4pm, currently scheduled for the Arlington/Berkeley Room. Please come to support our newest NYSATA Hall of Fame members!

2010 NYSATA Conference

Christopher Hobler, ATC - Chair

The 2010 NYSATA Conference will be held at Syracuse University on June 4-5, 2010. The 5th annual NYSATA Golf Outing will be held on Friday June 4, 2010 at Drumlins Golf Course, from 1:30-6:00 pm. Proceeds from this year's golf outing will be going to the *Operation Hero Support*.

Also, on Friday June 4, 2010, Sports Medicine Concepts will be providing a Head/Neck Injury Workshop at Manley Field House. The workshop will be from 1:00-5:00 pm.

Following the golf outing and workshop, there will be an evening social at the Inn Complete. On Saturday June 5, 2010, we have a tremendous group of speakers for our annual conference.

Cost for the conference will be \$60.00 for Certified Athletic Trainers and physicians; \$25.00 for student athletic trainers. Cost for the workshop will be \$65.00 for Certified Athletic Trainers and physicians; \$25.00 for student athletic trainers.

I hope that our conference, golf outing, and social can become bigger and better. The NYSATA Conference is, for the money, probably the best deal for CEU's available and is meant to be a good time for all involved. It is a great opportunity to get together, network, have some fun, and earn some CEU's.

If anyone has any suggestions or would like to volunteer for the conference or golf outing, please feel free to contact me at ckhobler@gmail.com.

NYSATA Account Balance

Christopher Jones, Treasurer

(as of October 23, 2009)

Mutual Funds

Blackrock Global Allocation Fund	\$ 44,181.87
Calamos Global Growth and Income Fund	\$ 42,178.50
Franklin Income	\$ 29,910.90

CD's

American Exp Bk	\$ 26,067.34
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Corporate Notes & Bonds

National Rural Utils	\$ 20,112.60
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US Federal Agency Notes & Bonds \$ 15,086.70

Money Market Account \$ 786.10

Checking Account \$ 15,676.73

Total \$194,991.74

If you would like a complete NYSATA balance sheet, please contact:
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2009 Reimbursement Committee

Christopher Hobler, ATC - Chair

The reimbursement process continues to be a very important issue to the athletic training profession, not only at the state level, but nationally.

In July 2009, Christopher O'Brien (NYSATA Government Affairs Chairman) attended the 2009 BOC Regulatory Conference, in Omaha, NE. It was recommended at the conference that practice acts over 10 years old should be updated. With this recommendation, NYSATA is working with NATA (Judy Pulice) on updating our practice act. This will not be an easy proposition, and it will be a tough battle. With support and commitment from our membership, we should be able to update our practice act in the near future. A strong, updated practice act will lead to reimbursement.

It is also equally important to contact your congressmen and senators to support and sponsor the *Athletic Trainers' Equal Access to Medicare Act (HR 1137)*, which was introduced by Congressman Ed Towns on February 23, 2009. We need to get senatorial support of our legislation and get this legislation passed; so contact Senator Charles Schumer and get his support for our legislation and let's get this legislation passed. There are letters available on the NYSATA [website](#).

Anyone interested in becoming more involved with the Reimbursement Committee can contact me at ckhobler@gmail.com.

More photos from the North Country Medical Symposium!!



Chris Hobler, Chris Enk, and Deanna Errico



Gennaro Manocchio instructing local coaches



Kevin Joyce



The Secondary School Athletic Training Panel made up of high school athletic trainers, the previous executive for NYSPHSAA, a NYSPHSAA regional director, and a high school principal.

The Summer Empire State Games are BACK...

2010 Games are scheduled to “shuffle off to Buffalo”...
Wouldn't YOU like to join a dedicated staff of sports medicine volunteers?

Are YOU an energetic,
enthusiastic and passionate
athletic trainer?

Student OR Certified?

Then WE want YOU!

Know any Physicians who
might also be interested?

How about a presentation at
the symposium???



Save the Date:

**EMPIRE STATE GAMES
BUFFALO
July 21-25, 2010**

**NYSATA/ESG SPORTS
MEDICINE SYMPOSIUM
July 20-21, 2010**

- Full ESG program is ready to go for Buffalo
- Everything will be the same with the exception of a nominal registration fee for open/scholastic participants and a housing fee for open participants
- Sports medicine will need to trim some services and operate more efficiently
- Other than that, we are looking forward to the 2010 Games in Buffalo!

Mark your calendars and watch for more information coming in January 2010!

Questions now? Contact:

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Continuing Education

Do You Know Your CE Reporting Schedule?

On January 1, 2006, the BOC implemented staggered CE reporting. The first three years of implementation required prorated CE submission. Now that the initial implementation is complete, every AT will have a 3 year reporting period. Please refer to the tables below for your CE reporting schedule.

CE Reporting Schedule for ATs Certified Prior to 2006

*Last Name Begins With	Number of CEUs Required	Date CEUs Due
A-G	75**	December 31, 2009
H-O	75**	December 31, 2010
P-Z	75**	December 31, 2011

*Last name on record as of November 1, 2005 (NOTE: A name change will not change your reporting period)

CE Reporting Schedule for ATs Certified During or After 2006

Year Certified	Number of CEUs Required	Date CEUs Due
2006	75	December 31, 2009
2007	75	December 31, 2010
2008	75	December 31, 2011
2009	75	December 31, 2012

Please contact the BOC at CE@bocatc.org or (877) 262-3926 ext. 118, 119 or 120 if you have any questions.

Thomas J. Sheehan Award

The Thomas J. Sheehan Award is named after a man whose character, commitment and excellence in the field of athletic training was unsurpassed. Tom always had time for others. A good-natured and class individual, Tom was one of the most popular and respected men in the athletic training profession. Tom was the Head Athletic Trainer at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) for 27 years. His dedication and integrity was such that he became the only non-athlete to be inducted to the colleges' Athletic Hall of Fame. An extremely hard worker, Tom was one of the founders of the Eastern Athletic Trainer's Association. He served as its president from 1949-1951 and was also its treasurer for four years. In 1972, he was given the Cramer Award for Distinguished Service by the E.A.T.A. Tom Sheehan was one of the men responsible for laying the ground work for the formation of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. The contributions made by Thomas Sheehan are ones we are all grateful for. The profession would not be where it is today if it were not for his efforts. It is for these reasons that the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association honors the memory of Mr. Thomas J. Sheehan with the Sheehan Award.

This award is presented by the New York State Athletic Trainer's Association to the athletic trainer whose character, commitment and achievements in the athletic training profession clearly exemplify the traits of Thomas J. Sheehan Sr. Tom was the long-time Head Athletic Trainer at RPI and is one of the founding fathers of the Athletic training Profession and NYSATA.

To nominate an athletic trainer for this award, please contact [Andy Smith](#).

2010 NATA Annual Meeting Call for Proposals

NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia in Philadelphia is now open! [Click Here](#) for more information.

Joseph Abraham Award

The award is given annually by the New York State high school that has provided outstanding athletic injury care to the student - athletes of their school.

History of the Award

Joe Abraham was a pioneer during his 40 years as an athletic trainer. Joe was one of the first professionals to recognize the need for quality athletic training programs at the high school level. During his career, Joe served his profession as NATA District Director, EATA Secretary-Treasurer for 17 years and played a strong role in NYSATA. He served as an athletic trainer at both the 1968 Mexico City Olympics and at the Lake Placid Games in 1968. As a result of his outstanding career, Joe was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 1970.

To nominate a high school for this award, please contact [Steve Norman](#).

John Sciera Service Award

The NYSATA added a Service Recognition Award that will recognize members and supporters of the association for their service and/or outstanding contribution to the profession of athletic training in New York State. Nominees must have demonstrated dedication, loyalty and service to the profession of athletic training and the NYSATA. Their contributions may have directly or indirectly impacted all members of the NYSATA. Nominees must be a member of the NYSATA or sponsored and nominated by NYSATA with a minimum of 5 years working in New York State.

The award has been named after the long time Head Athletic Trainer at SUNY Cortland, John Sciera. John founded NYSATA in 1976 and served as the first president. John's landmark efforts were in quest of licensure for Athletic Trainers in New York State. He is a National Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame member, NYSATA Hall of Fame member, a recipient of the Cramer Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award, and a member of the Cortland State University Hall of Fame.

To nominate an athletic trainer for this award, please contact [Andy Smith](#).