



New York State Athletic Trainers' Association

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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.

LATE FALL 2004

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Important Dates

January 8th, 2005 (Saturday)
NYSATA Executive Council Meeting,
2:00-3:00 PM - Yarmouth room

January 8th, 2005 (Saturday)
NYSATA Business Meeting, 4:00-5:00
PM, Wellesley room

January 9th, 2005 (Sunday)
"Certification vs. Licensure in New
York", 1:00 PM, Yarmouth room

January 9th, 2005 (Sunday)
"Third Party Reimbursement in New
York" 2:00 PM, Yarmouth room.

Change of Address or E-Mail?

To those members who have moved....we need your help. Your corrected contact information is requested. Please go to the NATA website "Members Only" section www.nata.org/members1/members.cfm to update. Please be assured your information will not be given away. It will only be used for NATA membership communication.

Thank you, NYSATA Leadership

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President's Message *Andy Duncan, ATC*

I hope this issue of the NYSATA newsletter finds all of you having a healthy and satisfying fall season. The EATA's are coming up in Boston on January 7-10, 2005. It is also election time and the District 2 Director voting has begun. Please take the time to vote for those who have served with the best interests of the profession and NYSATA. Thank you to members who have already cast their vote.

I would also like to offer my thanks to the NYSATA members who took the time to write to CMS regarding "Incident to". The NATA fought a similar battle (and won temporarily) in 2003. At that time, CMS proposed changes in the payment rules governing outpatient therapy services provided "incident to" a physician's professional services. These proposals are back. This CMS proposal ONLY relates to the delivery of outpatient therapy services—exactly those services provided by certified athletic trainers. CMS proposes to establish minimum standards for individuals who can work "incident to" physicians.

The proposed change would only qualify physical therapists to perform these services. We were successful in having our voice heard. There was an article printed in the September 28th issue of the *Wall Street Journal*. The language in the article illustrates that we have much to do in terms of educating the media and the public regarding what a Certified Athletic Trainer is, and what he or she does.

Although the formal comment period ended on September 24th, 2004, CMS will still take comments on this issue. If no comments are able to persuade CMS to amend or retract this proposal, then it will be signed into law in 2005. **You must stand up and defend your professional credential and contact CMS and object to this change in the strongest terms possible.** This proposal has significant implications not only for our national health care system and patients but for the profession of athletic training as well. As Chuck Kimmel has expressed, one of our greatest strengths as a profession is our willingness to pull together to support our fellow members. Now, more than ever, we need that support. If you have not done so already, please take the time to act on this information regardless of your current work setting because, in the long run, it will impact all of us. Approximately 8000 Athletic Trainers nationwide could be negatively affected by these changes.

As I addressed in the last newsletter, a topic, which continues to come up, is licensure of Athletic Trainers in New York. I will be headed to Albany in November to meet with Tom Monahan of the New York State Office of Professions - Athletic Training Board. In this meeting we plan to discuss the licensure vs. certification

of Athletic Trainers in New York, as well as the recommendations for proper language that was presented at the NATABOC summit in Salt City in July. I will share the outcome of this meeting with the membership in Boston.

Since these topics are important to all of us, **Please take the time to register and attend the EATA meeting this year.** In addition to the NYSATA business meeting, I have scheduled two meetings / forums for NYSATA members during the EATA Convention in Boston January 7-10, 2005; **“Certification vs. Licensure of Athletic Trainers in New York” and “Third Party Reimbursement in New York”**. I invite **all members** to attend as we face these important challenges ahead. These meetings will be held in the Boston Marriott Copley Square:

- NYSATA Executive Council Meeting, Saturday January 8th, 2-3PM - Yarmouth room
- NYSATA Business Meeting, Saturday January 8th, 4-5PM, Wellesley room
- “Certification vs. Licensure in New York”, Sunday January 9th 1 PM, Yarmouth room
- “Third Party Reimbursement in New York” Sunday, January 9th 2 PM, Yarmouth room.

As your NYSATA President, I will work to achieve the mission of the NYSATA. I ask each of you to take action on these challenges that our profession is faced with, and I look forward to seeing you in Boston.

Andy

Service Recognition 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. For eligibility and qualifications, please refer to the NYSATA web site. To nominate a deserving ATC, please contact Tim Kelly at wt0112@usma.edu or at (845) 938-2174.



Andy is thanking Tim Henry PhD, ATC for his presentation.



Andy Duncan is presenting Lisa Cantara of SUNY Stony Brook an award for her lifesaving actions in the spring of this year.



Andy is thanking Robert Bronstein, MD for his presentation.

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They will be added to the newsletter mailing list.

Save the Date!!!!

Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th
The 2005 NYSATA Annual Conference in Rochester, NY

We are in the process of developing this year's program. If anyone would like to assist in this process or has suggestions on what they would like to see as a part of the 2005 Conference, contact President- Elect Todd Hirsch. (thirsch@ccsd.edu)

The New York Brain Injury Association has put together a conference "Heading for the Future: Managing Sports Injury and Concussion". It will be held on December 10th at Madison Square Garden. This group is very excited about working with the NYSATA. Check the NYSATA website to download a copy of the program and registration.

The Thomas J. Sheehan Sr. Award

This award is presented by the New York State Athletic Trainer's Association to the athletic trainer whose character, commitment and achievement 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 the NYSATA.

Nominations for the Sheehan award are now being accepted and can be sent to Tim Kelly, Chairman, at the United States Military Academy. Tim's email address is Tim.Kelly@usma.edu

Did You Know?

NYSATA Has a YAHOO Group!

We are trying one last time to get a NYSATA email group up and running for the benefit of exchanging information among NYSTATA members. Go to this link to sign up!!

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/nysata>

Attention NYSATA Certified Members, Certified Students and Certified Retired Members!!!!

Elections for District 2 Director will be held from 10/15/04 through 11/15/04 on the web @ www.goeata.org/district2

Please make every effort to vote during this important election.

National Athletic Trainers' Association

What's New?

Click here to link!



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Kent Scriber, ATC

Any NYSATA member is encouraged to submit a proposal for research funding. For further information, please contact Kent Scriber at Ithaca College. (*Kscribe@ithaca.edu* or 607-274-3178)

Secondary School Report

Dave Gattai, ATC

The Secondary School Committee is seeking any volunteers that would be interested in presenting information about the benefits of a certified athletic trainer in the secondary school setting. If you are interested in making a presentation please contact Dave Gatta *dgatta@hs.acsd.dcbooces.org* for a copy of the power point presentation.

NATA Scholarship Information

The NATA Foundation provides approximately 60 scholarships annually, each for \$2,000. **Eligibility Requirements**

- **Be at least a junior in college**
- Have a minimum 3.2 GPA based on a 4.0
- Be sponsored by a certified athletic trainer
- Be a member of the NATA

Complete scholarship applications (including transcripts) must be postmarked by February 10th annually. Only applications mailed from the Foundation or downloaded from the website will be accepted. For more information, follow this link to the NATA scholarship webpage - www.natafoundation.org/scholarship.html

NYSATA ACCOUNT BALANCE

as of October 25, 2004

Laurie A. Bitting, Treasurer

<i>M&T Checking Account</i>	
Balance	\$27,447.32
<i>Vanguard Wellington Mutual Fund:</i>	
ACCOUNT VALUE	\$ 74,512.61
<i>(includes \$20,000 transfer from checking)</i>	
<i>Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund:</i>	
ACCOUNT VALUE	\$ 4,176.05
<i>Vanguard Intermediate-Term Tax-Exempt Fund:</i>	
ACCOUNT VALUE	\$ 24,944.74
Total Vanguard Accounts Value	\$103,633.40
TOTAL NYSATA ASSETS	\$131,080.72

If you would like a complete NYSATA balance sheet, please contact:
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Region 4 Report

Glenn Marinelli, ATC

Arlington High School has hired a new physical education teacher and certified athletic trainer, **Michelle Taravella**. Michelle received her bachelor's degree from SUNY Buffalo and her Master's degree from University of Tennessee. For the past four years she has been employed as an outreach certified athletic trainer for secondary schools in Tennessee and physical education teacher for two years.



Region 3 Report

Karen Balter, ATC

Stuart Balter has resigned as the Head Athletic Trainer at Hudson Valley Community College after 19 years of service. He will be entering a new career as a pharmaceutical sales representative for AstraZeneca in the Albany area beginning in November. Stu will also be stepping down as the Head Athletic Trainer for the Empire State Games. He served in that role for 12 years. Stu would like to thank all the athletic trainers who volunteered over the years for the games. He still plans on volunteering to work the games every year!

Keith Thomas has been named Head Athletic Trainer at Hudson Valley Community College. Keith began this year as an assistant athletic trainer at Union College and served the previous two years as the GA at the University of Albany.

Russell Sage College has hired **Olivia Ybarra** as the Assistant Athletic Trainer. Olivia is replacing **Darcie Pucci** who left to pursue a career in Nursing. Olivia recently completed her master at Defiance College in Ohio and is a Sage alumni. Welcome back.

Region 5 Report

Mark Alderman, ATC

John Cottone from Cortland reports: SUNY Cortland has an opening for a full-time ATC starting in January. More information may be obtained from John.

Jim Grant from St. John Fischer reports: They have hired **Danielle Bifulco** at St. John Fisher as Assistant Athletic Trainer. She received her bachelors from Ithaca and her masters from West Virginia University.

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