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The President's Report

Todd D. Hirsch, MS, ATC

Well as I sit here to write this message for the newsletter I am faced with my last weekend before I officially go back to work. And for me it marks a pretty big time in my Career as a Certified Athletic Trainer. After 8 Years at Clarkstown High School North, I will be making a move to a new job, new challenges and new surroundings. I will be the Certified Athletic Trainer at Governor Livingston High School, in Berkeley Heights, NJ. Rest assured, with the blessing of the Executive Council, I will be fulfilling my obligation to the NYSATA and finishing out my term as President and Past-President. I am excited for the upcoming year. I will be attacking it with great fervor as I look to make sure I am serving the membership to the best of my abilities. I will be working with the Executive Council and our Committee Chairs on making sure the NYSATA is being proactive in all areas of importance for the ATC's in New York.



For me, the past few months have been quite a whirlwind. From exploring job opportunities, to being faced with a decision to make that change, to finally packing up 8 years of clutter in my office, and cluttering up a whole NEW office, it has made me go through a wide range of emotions. What was amazing to me is how surprised people were, both inside and outside the profession that I was considering a change. While I was

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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.

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blessed with a lot of success for the past 8 years, there were a few things that I was unhappy with at work. Now mind you, if you surveyed 100 ATC's and said are you completely happy with your current job situation, my guess is at least 60-70 of those people would find at least a few things they were unhappy with. That being said, changes in my district and school's administration got me thinking...what else is out there.

It is a big decision to leave the comfort zone of the known for the unknown. After careful consideration, I decided to make the change. My wife keeps asking me if I am nervous. My reply is not nervous, but rather anxious. I am excited and ready to go. The thought of the new challenges ahead is invigorating. Which brings me to my request to you...

MAKE A CHANGE! No, I am not suggesting everyone change jobs. However, try something new. Take on a new challenge. See what will get you excited and anxious. Add to your already impressive array of skills. Create a new and exciting program. Show your colleagues and those outside the profession what you are capable off. Keep yourself interested and intrigued.

Not sure of what to do or how to do it? Well allow me to make a suggestion. There is an organization that is looking for energetic, bright, and dedicated professionals that care passionately about Certified Athletic Trainers. Getting involved with this organization just might be that new challenge you are looking for. This organization can benefit from your unique insight and ideas. Here is your chance to be heard and share. Of course, I am talking about the NYSATA. We are in need of our membership to get involved. Whether our have years of experience, or you are a young professional just getting started, we want you to get involved.

I wish you all a great year with nothing but success and happiness. As always, if there is anything the NYSATA can do for you, please contact myself or any member of our executive council. And of course...**MAKE A CHANGE!**

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd D. Hirsch, MS, ATC
President

Membership/Nominations

By Rebecca Petersen, ATC – Chair

Decision 2008!

It's that time again. Start your fundraising and campaigning..... Okay, it's not quite the same, but Executive positions will become available next year for President-Elect and Secretary. If you would like to do more for New State Athletic Trainer's Association or know someone that would make an excellent leader, nominate them! All nominations for candidates can be sent to my attention at rebecca.petersen@liu.edu. When sending the potential candidates name, please include contact information as well. More details to follow, so be sure to check your emails!!

Wounded Warrior Project

By Christopher Jones, ATC - Treasurer

In August, the NYSATA was proud to make a \$5000 donation to the Wounded Warrior Project. The Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) is a non-profit organization that was founded on the principle that veterans are our nation's greatest citizens. The WWP seeks to assist those men and women of our armed forces who have been severely injured during the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other locations around the world. The donation was made possible by the participants and sponsors of the NYSATA 2nd Annual Golf Tournament held at the West Point Golf Course at the United States Military Academy. This donation would have not been possible without the continued support of our members, sponsors, and golf participants. Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

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NYSATA Account Balance

By Christopher Jones, ATC, Treasurer

M&T Checking Account	
Balance (as of August 6, 2007)	\$ 11,740.57
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	
Account Value (as of August 6, 2007)	\$ 10,841.87
Vanguard STAR Fund	
Account Value (as of June 30, 2007)	\$ 75,989.32
Vanguard Wellington Mutual Fund (Admiral Shares)	
Account Value (as of June 30, 2007)	<u>\$103,501.81</u>
TOTAL NYSATA ASSETS	\$202,073.57

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

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Hall of Fame Committee

By Marty Erb, ATC, Chair

Marty Erb has retired as Chair of the Hall of Fame committee after serving in that position for the past 10 years. Deanna Errico will be assuming the role of Chair. Please contact Deanna with any nominations for the Hall of Fame.

3rd Party Reimbursement Committee

By Chris Hobler, ATC, Chair

On the Reimbursement front, I have sent out letters to insurance companies who do NOT reimburse ATC's for their services, and am awaiting response. I will be making further contact with these insurance companies in September.

If anyone has insurance companies that do NOT reimburse for ATC services, they can email me (ckhobler@yahoo.com) the company names, and I will send them a letter and ATC information.

Something else that may be of use to some ATCs: as of 9/1/07, ATC's who bill for their services will have to use the HCFA 1500 (08/05) form, instead of the HCFA 1500 (12/90) form.

Scholarship Committee

By Tim Neal, ATC, Chair

The NYSATA presently awards four annual scholarships. They are sponsored by the Buffalo Bills Football Club, NATA District II, NYSATA and MEDCO Supply Company. Each is given to an outstanding undergraduate 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. Scholarship packets are due by November 1st, and are available for download on the NYSATA website.

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Regional Reports

Region 1

Jayne Kitsos, ATC

Long Island University has hired **Kerri Krasnow, ATC**, and **Kyle McMinn, ATC**, as Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainers. LIU alums **Joe Abruzzo** and **Steven McElligott** were hired at One-on-One PT and **Adela Igniska** was hired at Sleepy Hollow PT. We also wish Good Luck to **Scott Gomez** as he moves out to California!



Hofstra University is pleased to announce the hire of **Mr. Robert "Bobby" DiMonda, ATC** as assistant athletic trainer.

Stony Brook University announces the hiring of two assistant athletic trainers. **Mary Tovornik, ATC** joined the staff in February and is assigned to Football; **Donis Gil, ATC** is a June graduate of Stony Brook and has accepted the intern position also working with Football.

Region 2

Glenn Marinelli, ATC

Jim Gossett, ATC, Columbia University reports many Athletic Training staff updates: **Jason D'Amelio, ATC** is leaving Columbia University to join ARC Athletics in New York. **Jumpei Harada, ATC** joins the Columbia staff from Penn State. **Anthony Piegaro, ATC** joins the staff from Philadelphia Eagles Football Club. **Neila Jacobson, ATC** has been promoted to Associate Head Athletic Trainer.

From Tim Kelly, ATC at West Point: **Nate Postma, ATC** recently left W.P to return to his ala mater, Iowa State. **Bob Murphy, ATC** recently wed **Josephine Lee, ATC**. He will assume the duties as head athletic trainer at Georgia State U. Best wishes to both. **Matt Smith, ATC** recently accepted a position at West Point. He was formerly a GA at the Citadel. **Matt Renner, ATC** also joins the staff. He recently completed his Master's at Eastern Michigan. **Samantha Visco, ATC** also joins the West Point staff. She recently completed her Master's at Georgia State.

Glenn Marinelli, ATC at Marist College welcomes a new Graduate Assistant, **Danielle Bradford**

Region 4

Deanna Errico, ATC

Lake Placid Olympic Training Center has a few changes. After 25 years at the USOC, Head Athletic Trainer, **Kevin Moody, ATC**, has resigned. His position was replaced by **Peter Toohey, ATC**, previously the head athletic trainer at the Marquette, Michigan USOC facility. **Joe Cygan, ATC** will be transferring from Lake Placid to fill an opening at the Colorado Springs USOC facility. His position is currently opening and applications are being accepted. Lake Placid USOC has two new interns, **Bryan MacMunn**, a recent graduate of Auburn and **Adam Perreault**, a recent graduate of the University of Virginia.

Ray Mead, ATC is now the Program Manager at the Work-Fit Center at the GM plant in Massena, NY.

Hillary Battles has left the Massena area and that leaves an opening at Alcoa Massena Operations Work-Fit® Center. If interested, please contact **Nicole Sanford, ATC** at 315-764-4917 for more information. In May Alcoa Work-Fit hired another full time athletic trainer, **Danielle Woodruff, ATC**. She was previously an assistant athletic trainer at Green Mountain College and assistant women's ice hockey coach at Castleton State College.

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Athletic trainers, **Chris Scuderi, Jason Pachter, Reggie Mungrue, Kevin Joyce, and Deanna Errico** represented the region at the Empire State Games.

Region 5

Courtney Gray, ATC

Rebecca Osier, a recent Cortland graduate, has been appointed as Athletic Training Intern for Hamilton College.

John Cottone, ATC Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Program Director for Athletic Training, was the recipient of the 2007 State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.

Marty Erb, ATC Coordinator for Sports Medicine Services at Colgate will be inducted into the Colgate Athletics Hall of Honor on September 28, 2007. He is the first athletic trainer recognized with this honor at Colgate, and will be beginning his 35th year this fall.

Kathleen Chaney, ATC, Assistant Athletic Trainer was hired on the Syracuse University Sports Medicine Department.

Region 7 News

Karl Kozlowski, ATC

Matthew Hamilton, ATC has accepted an assistant athletic trainer position with Canisius College replacing **Jason Reed, ATC** who has moved to Presbyterian College in South Carolina. Matt completed his undergraduate at SUNY Cortland and his Masters at Canisius.

Amanda Wood has accepted the two-year graduate assistantship at Canisius. Amanda is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

Pete Koehneke, ATC, Professor and Director of Athletic Training Education at Canisius was elected Vice-President of the Board of Certification effective July 15, 2007.

Sheri LaShomb, ATC just returned from speaking at a joint conference of the American Chiropractic Association's Sports Council and the Oregon Athletic Trainer's Association in Portland Oregon. She gave a presentation on concussion and mild traumatic brain injury.

NATA Update

NATA now accepting nominations for national awards

The association has numerous awards programs that honor outstanding individuals in the field of athletic training. Do you know of a deserving candidate? [Go here](#) to read more about the awards and the nomination process.

ICD Sports Registry Seeks Participants

A new study is underway to determine the safety of sports for athletes with Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators (ICDs). [Click here for more information and to learn how your athletes can participate.](#)

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Empire State Games

By Kathy Koshansky, ATC, ESG Head Athletic Trainer

The 2007 Empire State Games held in Westchester from July 25-29 were a remarkable success considering a lean staff and distance between venues! This year there were 82 sports medicine volunteers: 36 ATC's, including 3 who were quickly put to the test as newly certified – congratulations to Brad Becker (Canisius), Donis Gil (Stony Brook) and Dineen Napier (Temple). The ATC's supervised 46 athletic training students and 3 medical transport operators. The staff represented not only New York, but Florida, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Ohio, Delaware, North Carolina, Nebraska, Vermont, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Virginia and Japan! Volunteer physicians assisted the athletic trainers and numbered just over 30. An amazing turn out from a variety of backgrounds and workplaces resulted in an experience to remember! The participation, professionalism and enthusiasm of all the volunteers made a fantastic difference at this year's Games!



*The group at ESG 2007 Opening Ceremony
Kensico Dam*

The Medical Support Staff is vital to the success of the Games and the over 6000 athletes competing at the scholastic, open and masters levels. Athletic trainers provided extensive services to 20 venue sites for the duration of the Games, treating more than 200 injuries and over 50 Medical Clinic/X-ray referrals. A hearty **THANK YOU** to all the sports medicine volunteers for a job well done! My motto is: "You are only as good as the people who surround you"! And I know I was surrounded by a fantastic staff! So thanks again for your hard work!

Special thanks to the "set up" and "break down" crews consisting of Chris Scuderi, ATC (SUNY Canton), Yoshi Shiratori, ATC (Stony Brook University), Wendy Crandall, ATC (Orange County Community College), Jason Pachter, ATC (SUNY Plattsburgh), Kevin Joyce, ATC (SUNY Plattsburgh), Reg Mungrove, ATC (SUNY Plattsburgh) and Aimie Sarkodie-Mensah, ATC (Altheus). Without their help organizing supplies, the Games would not run as smooth. This crew is a great group of talented ATC's and I owe them a huge expression of gratitude!

Thank you also to Barry Moriarty (Pace University), Scott McIver (Manhattanville College), Dr. Victor Khabie (Somers Orthopaedic Surgery, Carmel) and William Thorpe (NE Orthotics and Prosthetics) for coordinating the NYSATA/ESG Medical Symposium conducted at Pace University just prior to the Games. It was a huge success attended by over 80 participants. Many thanks are extended to Barry and his staff for developing a comprehensive educational program.

Volunteering for the Games is an opportunity for athletic trainers to gain valuable experience, work in a unique environment and enjoy a special camaraderie with friends and colleagues. In addition, it is a great networking showcase for athletic training students... Athletic training education program directors should keep this in mind! I encourage future participation as I am sure you will find this a very rewarding experience. Ask any "veteran" ESG Sports Medicine Staff volunteer! Please consider joining us in 2008 as the Games return to Binghamton...set aside the dates July 23-27th. Applications will be available in January 2008 through the ESG mailing list, on the NYSATA web site, in the NYSATA newsletter and at the NYSATA Meeting at EATA's in Valley Forge. If you are interested in coordinating and/or presenting at the NYSATA/ESG Symposium next summer, please contact me.

Chris Scuderi (SUNY Canton) has created an "ESG's ATC's" group on Facebook for ESG Sports Medicine volunteers. It will be used to network with each other and share pictures. Feel free to give it a view... Please remember to censor any photo's you might add... Thanks Scud!

Once again congratulations on a terrific effort and thank you for your support. Best wishes for a healthy, happy and successful year! See you in Binghamton in 2008!

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Empire State Games



Jay Pachter, ATC evaluating with Anthony Salvatore, ATS at Wrestling



Jim "Ghandi" Manocchio, ATC and Stephanie Dunn, ATS working on Track athletes



Anthony Ortolano, ATC "doing his thing" at men's Lacrosse (Missy Rahmsdorf, ATS, Matt Harrington, ATS, Yoshi Shiratori, ATC)



The Gymnastics crew (Dale Zulawski, ATC, Kristina Zhang, ATS, Monica Lorenzo, ATS, Nicole Williams, ATS, Joelle Kraft, ATC)



Rick Zappala, ATC evaluating at Judo



Roy Flores, ATC teaching Shantell Dustin, ATS at Rugby