



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NDATA Membership,

We are currently working on setting a date for the NDATA state meeting in Fargo. It will probably be April 17 and 18 at a venue to be announced soon. I would be delighted to hear from our membership if they have any topic suggestions for the program.

I am encouraging our membership to nominate a fellow athletic trainer into the NDATA Hall of Fame or for any other award they may deserve. We are also looking for persons interested in becoming our Nominating Chairperson or Research/Education Chairperson. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in the NDATA as a chairperson, please contact Jon Darling at: darlinj@fargo.k12.nd.us

I would like to thank George Judd for his time and efforts with the NDATA as our past Research/Education Chairperson. George had to give up his position as he is currently experiencing some health issues. On behalf of the NDATA BOD we wish George the very best during these trying times.

I hope to hear from you with any ideas for our state meeting. We will keep the membership informed on dates, venue and topics for our meeting.

Enjoy the rest of your fall season,

JD, President NDATA

ELECTION NEWS

Members, please consider running for office for the upcoming election.

This fall, the Vice-President position for the NDATA will be up for election. Anyone interested in running for Vice-President please contact Jeff Bjerke via e-mail or phone by December 5, 2008.

Jeff Bjerke - Nominating Committee Chair

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NORTH DAKOTA UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS RE-ACCREDITED

The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) has voted to award Continuing Accreditation to the Athletic Training Education Programs at the University of North Dakota and the University of Mary. The decisions are based on a comprehensive evaluation of Athletic Training Programs, including a self-study and on-site visits that occurred during the 2007-2008 academic year. Both programs were found to be in substantial compliance with the nationally recognized Standards for Entry-Level Athletic Training Education. The next ATEP comprehensive review for both programs is scheduled to occur during the 2012-2013 academic year. Congratulations UND and UMary!

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JOB VACANCY NEWS

**National Athletic Trainers' Association
Career Center**

Search for positions, or expand your options and add your personal Candidate Profile so that you can apply online and potential employers can locate you (you can keep your confidential information confidential, of course).

Employers: You may post your position listings.

Members: Employment information and resources.

www.nata.org

You can also check out the "Job Openings" page on the NDATA website.

Trinity Health – Minot, ND

Position: Out-reach Athletic Trainer, Trinity Sports Medicine

Trinity Health is seeking an energetic Certified Athletic Trainer to provide sports medicine services. Areas this person may work in would include high school and university sports, as well as additional athletic training coverage as assigned. The successful candidate must have a team oriented work ethic as well as a passion for providing quality medical care to athletes of all ages and skill levels. This person must be able to work independently at the outreach sites. This position is supervised by the Sports Medicine Coordinator and is a full-time year round position.

New Grads welcome to apply!

Apply online at www.trinityhealth.org <<http://www.trinityhealth.org/>>

Contact Robyn Gust at (701) 857-3486 with any questions.

Trinity Health is an equal opportunity employer.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

2009 NATA DATES AND LOCATIONS

It's not too early to make plans for the 2009 NATA Annual Meeting. It's slated for June 17-20 in San Antonio, TX. Keep watching the NATA website for more information.

NATA FUTURE SITES AND DATES

2010 June 22-26 Philadelphia, PA

MAATA DATES AND LOCATIONS

2009 March 27-28 Omaha, NE
2010 TBA Topeka, KS

Information

MAATA Annual Meeting Chairperson is Doug West. Please contact him at Douglas-west@hawkeyesports.com
Vendors interested in participating may contact Scott Winslow at sawinslow@skaggs.net

2009 NDATA STATE MEETING NEWS

The 2009 NDATA State Meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 17-18 in Fargo.

Watch for more details on the NDATA website.

www.ndata.org

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN QUICK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER!

Congratulations to Karissa Larter from the University of North Dakota. Karissa was the 2008 John Quick Scholarship Award Winner.

NORTH DAKOTA iLEAD STUDENT REP SELECTED

Congratulations to Laura Luick from North Dakota State University. She has been selected attend the iLead NATA Leadership Program February 21-23, 2009, in Washington, DC. iLead was developed by the NATA as a program looking for students who want to increase their leadership skills and get involved in the legislative process. Laura has agreed to speak at the NDATA State Meeting in Fargo April 17-18 about her iLead experience.



SPORTS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

Dear NDATA Members,

“Sports for Special People” started in the year 2000 by the North Dakota Athletic Trainer’s Association (NDATA) to assist the North Dakota Special Olympics. This fundraiser is held in conjunction with National Athletic Trainer’s month. Initially, new and used sports equipment was collected for the athletes. To enable the Special Olympics to better meet their needs, the direction of the fundraiser changed to raised funds through the sale of gold medal medallions. These \$1 medals have been sold in athletic training rooms throughout the state of North Dakota. Total sales from 2001-2008 has resulted in over \$5,200.00 in donations to the North Dakota Special Olympics from the NDATA. The NDATA Board of Directors would like to thank every athletic trainer who has helped with “Sports for Special People”.

We are hoping 2009 will be a year to remember for the NDATA and Special Olympics of North Dakota. We raised \$1,550.00 last year with the least amount schools and colleges participating since we’ve began. That told me if we can get everyone involved in “Sports for Special People” throughout the state we could raise over \$2,000.00 for Special Olympics.

Hopefully many of our members will be contacted in January or February and asked to help the NDATA raise money for the Special Olympics of North Dakota by selling gold medals for \$1.00. Please consider helping the NDATA with this great cause.

Thank you,

Jon Darling, ATC
President, NDATA

"Special Thanks" to the following schools and organizations who graciously help the NDATA support the North Dakota Special Olympics.

American Gold Gymnastics
Fargo North High School
Fargo South High School
West Fargo High School
Discovery Middle School
North Dakota State University
University of North Dakota
Minnesota State University of Moorhead

Grand Forks Central High School
Grand Forks Red River High School
Devils Lake High School
Fargo Shanley High School
Wahpeton High School
Minot High School
University of Mary

Donations to Date

2001 – No record
2002 - \$847.00
2003 - \$535.00
2004 - \$881.00
2005 - \$1,178.00
2006 - \$1,195.00
2007 - \$1,289.00
2008 - \$1,550.00





CONTINUING EDUCATION

Free CEU Articles & Quizzes For BOC Certified Athletic Trainers



Approved Providers Accredited by The Board of Certification, Inc.

Bledsoe Brace Systems

<http://bledsoebrace.com/education.asp>

Receive up to 3 Scientific CEU's at home!

Gatorade Sport Science Institute

http://www.gssiweb.com/continuing_education.aspx

On-line articles with on-line quizzes

Medco Sports Medicine

<http://www.medco-athletics.com/Service/CEUs.asp>

12 CEU Articles & Quizzes

Virtual Library/Online Courses

The NATA has been working hard to expand their line-up of online courses and quizzes Earn CEUs from the comfort of your home, any time of the day or night. Don't forget, as a reward for **renewing your membership for 2008**, you have access to **ten free CEUs**. NATA's courses combine audio, video, graphics and text to create a dynamic online learning experience. You choose the courses you want to take. Go to www.natacec.org and click "Virtual Library" to get started today.

Earn CEUs with ATT!

Athletic Therapy Today (ATT) is a bimonthly journal (available online or in print) containing regular columns related to the daily challenges facing athletic trainers and athletic therapists. These columns offer tips for counseling athletes, injury-management techniques, prevention strategies, alternative and complementary concepts, athletic trainer education, functional rehabilitation, clinical and corporate perspectives, clinical evaluation and testing, and sports nutrition. Each issue of *ATT* includes a continuing education assessment quiz that can be completed for 3.0 BOC! For more information or to order call (800) 747-4457 or visit the website at www.HumanKinetics.com/ATT

BOC NEWS

Continuing Education

Last Name P-Z: Recertify by December 31, 2008

As shown in the table below, Certified Athletic Trainers who were certified prior to 2006 and whose last name on record in November 2005 began with P-Z must report continuing education (CE) by December 31, 2008.

*Last Name Begins With	# of CEUs	Date CEUs Due	CEUs Due Next
A-G	25**	12/31/2006	75 CEUs due 12/31/2009
H-O	50**	12/31/2007	75 CEUs due 12/31/2010
P-Z	75**	12/31/2008	75 CEUs due 12/31/2011

*Last name on record as of November 1, 2005

**If you received a sanction notice, please refer to your letter to see if additional CEUs are required.

The quickest and easiest way to submit CE is through the BOC website. Just go to www.bocatc.org and log in to BOC Central™ to enter and track CE. Please note that there is a \$25 processing charge for all paper submissions processed by the BOC. There is no cost to use BOC Central™. Please call the BOC if you have any questions:(877) 262-3926 ext. 118, 119 or 120

2008 Certification Fee Change

The 2008 certification fee will be \$50. The BOC works hard to keep costs to a minimum, and this is the first fee increase in more than ten years. Invoices for the annual certification fee will be mailed in October. A \$20 late fee will be charged if the BOC does not receive your payment by the December deadline.

Continuing Education Online!

Online CE is in the final stages of construction with the expectation this feature will be ready by 11/30/2008. Updates will be posted on the BOC website as it is available.

BOC Announces New Athletic Trainer Director

October 28, 2008 – The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) formally announces Frank E. Walters, PhD, LAT, ATC, as its newest Athletic Trainer Director-Elect. Frank's term will begin immediately following the July 2009 board meeting. Frank will replace outgoing Athletic Trainer Director Scott Street, MS, ATC.

BOC Reveals Updated Mission Statement

August 27, 2008 - In keeping with the strategic plan of the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) Board of Directors, the board created a new mission statement. During the July 2008 Board of Directors meeting, the board and BOC staff hosted a workshop to develop a BOC mission that has a deeper purpose and meaning for 2008 and beyond.

For more information, visit the BOC website at www.bocatc.org.

The Current Issue of the BOC Spring 2008 Certification Update Newsletter is now available on at www.bocatc.org



NATA HONORS AND AWARDS NOMINATIONS

In an effort to ensure our members are recognized for their achievements, a list of candidates in our state who are eligible for one of NATA's prestigious awards. We are hopeful this information will encourage you or other NDATA members to nominate deserving candidates. NATA awards include:

NATIONAL AWARDS

- **Hall of Fame** (prerequisite: 25 years certified membership) - Reserved for those who have had an exemplary career as a certified athletic Trainer.
- **Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer** (prerequisite: 20 years certified membership) - Career contributions at the state, district and national levels.
- **Athletic Trainer Service Award** (prerequisite: 15 years certified membership) - Reflective primarily of contributions at local and state levels.
- **President's Challenge Award** - Recognition of a physician or other health care professional that is an advocate of the athletic training profession.
- **Honorary Membership** - A non-athletic trainer who has contributed to the growth of our profession and association.

OTHER AWARDS

- Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished Educator Award
- Bill Chisolm Ethnic Diversity Advisory Council Professional Service Award
- Tim Kerin Award for Excellence In Athletic Training - Nominees and winner are selected by Gatorade;
- Gail Weldon Visionary Award
- *Journal of Athletic Training* Outstanding Research Manuscript and Outstanding Manuscript
- Continuing Education Award
- College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee Awards
- Governmental Affairs Committee Daniel L. Campbell Legislative Awards
- Public Relations Contest

NATIONAL HONORS

- Fellows Program

Details and nomination information for each of these awards can be found on the NATA web site, please go to:

<http://www.nata.org/honors/index.htm>

<http://www.nata.org/honors/criteria.htm#hof>.

Thank you for doing your part to ensure our members are adequately recognized for their contributions to the association and the profession!

NATA LAUNCHES REVAMPED WEB SITE

The NATA just launched the enhanced NATA Web site in October! It features:

- A [brand-new search engine](#), using Google technology. This new engine now shows search results from both the public pages and the **members-only** pages
- New drop-down menus on the home page, which accompany our new & very comprehensive list of main menus
- The new NATA logo & colors incorporated throughout the site
- The ability to stay logged in to the [members' section](#) indefinitely, using the new "Remember Me" function
- Useful "Did you know" factoids throughout the site

NATA's [new home page](#) keeps the dynamic components of the previous one, including timely info in the center of the page, the *NATA News* section and Flash videos. Watch as the site continues to evolve.



STUDENT SECTION

NATA Website Student Section

Check out the student section of the NATA Web site! This area can be used by current students to find information about preparing for the BOC certification exam, the benefits of being a student member of the NATA, employment and continuing education. In addition, potential students can find information about financial aid, education and the responsibilities of being an athletic trainer, in general. Visit the Student Section at www.ndata.org/student/

New for students:

‘Student Sneak Peek’ subscription

NATA has a brand-new offering for athletic training students! From now until the end of 2008, students can subscribe to Student Sneak Peek – it’s a great & affordable way to start the association experience. Visit <http://www.nata.org/studentsneakpeek/> for more details.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

John Quick Scholarship

The John Quick Scholarship Fund was established in memory of John Quick, ATC, who was a member and supporter of the North Dakota Athletic Trainers Association. John lost his battle with cancer in the summer of 2001. John was the athletic training coordinator for Dakota Clinic. We are honored that John’s family was allowed us to keep his memory alive by providing athletic training students with a scholarship.

Interested students must meet all requirements and guidelines.

Requirements:

1. Must be at least junior status during award period (2008-2009).
2. Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher.
3. Must want to work in the athletic training profession after graduation.
4. Must be a current North Dakota Athletic Trainers Association Member.

The John Quick Scholarship will be given at the 2009 NDATA State Meeting. Scholarship money must be used for the 2009-2010 academic school year. Applications are available on the “Scholarship Opportunities” page of the NDATA website. If you have questions, please contact Teresa Seefeld at 701-355-8206 or tseefeld@umary.edu.

Congratulations to Karissa Larter from the University of North Dakota. Karissa was the 2008 John Quick Scholarship Award Winner.

Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association (NATA District 5) Scholarships

Applications will soon be available for the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association (NATA District 5) Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Scholarships. Watch the “Scholarship Opportunities” page on the NDATA website and the “Student” section of the MAATA website for scholarship applications. Applications are accepted annually from October 1st to January 15th. The applicant must be a student member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and attend an educational institution in District V. Past winners are not eligible.





NATA Foundation Provides Scholarship Award Opportunities Annually

In 2008, the NATA Foundation awarded a total of 75 scholarships totaling \$150,000.00. Application Process - New Online Submission for 2009 – visit <http://www.natafoundation.org/scholarship.html> for more details

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

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If anyone has any news or ideas for future issues of the NDATA News, please contact Blaine Steiner, Public Relations Chair.