

## A Message From the President

Fellow Members:

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delayed release for this newsletter. I trust that each of you had a restful Christmas holiday season and many of you have dealt with some stormy winter weather in the past few weeks.

This newsletter brings some very important information to you. As you are aware, this March will mark the first election under our new procedures approved at last year's business meeting. For the first time, you will know in advance, the candidates for the various offices and will have the opportunity to vote at the annual meeting in Hickory. Please take time to read the biographical information on each candidate and come to Hickory prepared to cast your ballot. Refer to the information in the newsletter to inform yourself of the election procedures.

This year's symposium will be held in Hickory at the Holiday Inn-Hickory on March 15-17. The symposium committee has worked hard to present another fine symposium. Please make plans to attend your state association meeting. Your Board of Directors will be meeting in High Point on January 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be an extremely important meeting. At our last meeting the board discussed whether the NCATA should continue to sponsor the "Symposium for Students". Please contact your district representative and express your feeling on this important matter.

As the needs of our association grow, we too must be in a position to meet those needs. We will also be considering more changes in our policy and procedures to enable our association to function in the best possible manner. We will bring any changes to you at our meeting in Hickory.

I look forward to seeing you in March.

Sincerely,

Craig Baker, ATC-L  
President

## **NCATA Symposium and Annual Business Meeting**

***March 15-17, 2002  
Holiday Inn—Hickory  
Hickory  
North Carolina***

## 2001 NCATA Elections

### ELECTION PROCEDURES

- ❑ **Election of President/Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer & District Directors**
- ❑ President / Treasurer / Districts 2,4,6,8: Even years:
- ❑ Vice-President / Secretary / District 1,3,5,7: Odd years:
- ❑ Nominations for the offices will be conducted by mail and closed on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❑ Nomination and requests for absentee ballots shall go to Webmaster.
- ❑ Candidates will send in biographical information to the newsletter by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❑ Mail-in ballots can be requested following the newsletter introduction of the candidates. Mail in ballots must be postmarked by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be counted.
- ❑ Voting for the officers of the NCATA will be conducted at the annual meeting in March by written ballot.
- ❑ Results will be announced at the conclusion of the state meeting.

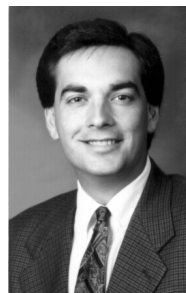
### Presidential Candidates

***Kevin Allran, Paul Plummer & Mark White***

**Kevin Allran, MS, ATC-L** received his bachelor's degree in sports medicine from Pfeiffer University in 1987. He

received his master's degree in exercise science from Appalachian State University in 1989. After finishing a one-year appointment at ASU he was certified and became the Head Athletic Trainer at Bandys High School in 1990. In 1991 he became director of sports medicine at Moretz Sports Medicine in Hickory. In 1993 became the Head Athletic Trainer at Charlotte Latin School where he is currently serving in his ninth year. He was district director from 1994-1998.

In 1998 Kevin was named NCATA High School athletic trainer of the year. Kevin served on the committee that brought licensure to the state through the NCATA and was a member of the first licensure board of athletic trainers in North Carolina. Kevin is married to Teresa and has 3 children, stepdaughters Cassie and Jessie, and his son Austin.



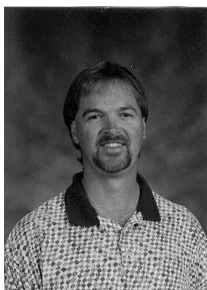
**Paul Plummer, MA, ATC-L** has been the Program Director and Head Athletic Trainer at Campbell University since 1995. He graduated from Southern Illinois University @

Carbondale and Michigan State University. Paul has guided the Athletic Training Education Program at Campbell successfully through the CAAHEP Accreditation process.

Paul has served in several roles on national and district level activities. He has been a site visitor for the JRC-AT, an Examiner Trainer for the NATABOC Examination, and North Carolina's representative to two District 3 (MAATA) committees: the Site Selection Committee and the Research and Education Foundation. In addition, Paul has consulted with several North Carolina Colleges and Universities on Athletic Training Curriculum Development.

Paul has given numerous educational presentations to area high schools, colleges/universities, and civic organizations. He believes strongly that education is the best way to promote our profession.

"I am honored to be nominated for the position of President of the NCATA. I am fortunate to have an opportunity to carry on the outstanding professionalism that this position requires. I will bring my enthusiasm, dedication, and organizational skills to this task. My goals are to continue to elevate the level of professionalism and the perception of all licensed athletic trainers in North Carolina."



**Mark White, MS, ATC-L** is currently the Vice-President of the NCATA and has held that position since 1999. He has been involved with the association since 1989.

Mark became the District 5 Representative in 1991 and held that position until 1999.

The NCATA has made great strides over the past ten years. As an association, we have grown to more than 700 members. This association has been very active working to bring athletic training to the public and has made athletic trainers the "go to" individuals for athletic health care. Through the hard work of the past presidents, board of directors and various committees, this association was able to pass a licensure bill and have given athletic trainers in this state something to be very proud of. This winter the NCATA will induct our first Hall of Fame recipients in the new arena on the campus of Appalachian State University, the By-laws and Policy & Procedure manual has been constantly updated and committees have been organized to award scholarships to worthy students at the high school and college level. These are just a few of the things this organization has been busy doing. The hard work of athletic trainers has brought about dramatic change and very positive influences. Work continues to be done in our organization and I would like to move the association forward. If elected, I believe the current makeup of the board of directors and the district representatives will allow us to make good decisions and move the NCATA in a direction that will benefit athletic trainers at all the various levels in this state.

## Secretary Candidates

### Jim Bazluki & Tom Lemley



**Jim Bazluki, MAEd, ATC-L**, a Greenville resident of 15 years, grew up in Charlotte, NC and first came to

Greenville to attend school at East Carolina University. He has received an undergraduate degree in Health and Physical Education, a master's degree in Health Education from ECU, and is in the process of finishing a doctorate in Adult Education from North Carolina State University. He is a nationally certified teacher for K-12, a nationally certified and state licensed athletic trainer (an allied health profession), and has over 10 years of experience teaching in higher education. Mr. Bazluki is involved in the community by teaching CPR and first aid classes for various community groups and volunteers as the Activities Director for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Summer Camp in Charlotte.

He currently serves the NCATA as the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, and a representative on the public relations committee. Jim has also served the association by serving as the secretary/treasurer (when it was a combined position), treasurer, secretary, district director, member of the licensure task force, annual meeting coordinator, and an instructor at the Sports Medicine Symposium for Students. Jim also serves

the MAATA as the exhibits coordinator for the annual meeting.

Jim has been the recipient of the NCATA's 1997 College/University Athletic Trainer of the Year. Jim has won a national award from the NATA for his development of an educational video on helmet and shoulder pad removal. Jim has published 13 articles and made over 60 professional presentations at local, state, regional and national levels. Currently in the dissertation phase of his doctorate, Jim is investigating the relationship of personality characteristics and athletic training.

Jim feels that the NCATA is on the verge of becoming a force in athletic health care in the state of North Carolina. As an association, the NCATA needs to continue to move forward and position itself in a manner to influence the decisions being made in this area. However, as an association, we must stay true to our mission and not forget the roots from which this association came. The association must continue to build on the strong foundation on which it was built.



**Tom Lemley** has been a member of the North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association since August of 1993.

A graduate of the University of Iowa, Tom came to North Carolina to attend graduate school at the University of North Carolina in Chapel

Hill. Upon completing his master's degree, Tom began his professional career at the University of Cincinnati in 1991. In 1993 Tom joined the staff at Wake Forest University as an assistant athletic trainer. In 1995 Tom became the Head Men's Athletic Trainer at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and was elevated to Director of Athletic Training in 1996. During his tenure at UNC-Wilmington Tom has not only directed the athletic training service but served as the interim athletic training program director from August 1999 to January of 2001. Currently Tom serves a split appointment as the Director of Athletic Training and the Clinical Coordinator for the athletic training education program. Tom joined the board of directors in March of 2000 as the district representative from district 2. Tom is involved professionally with the JRC-AT as a site visitor. Tom and his wife Julie are the proud parents of two little girls' ages 3 years and 21 months. Tom's interests outside the profession include involvement in his local church, and spending time with his family at the beach.

### **District 2 Representative**

Kirk W. Brown, Ph.D., ATC/L, is the Athletic Training Program Director at The University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He received his doctorate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and his masters' degree in Health/Science and Athletic Training from Ohio University. Prior to moving

to North Carolina Dr. Brown served as the Head Athletic Trainer and Program Director at a small college for ten years. Dr. Brown has worked, as a consultant to develop accredited athletic training programs, has been instrumental in many seminars and presentations to help educate colleagues and inform community leaders of the importance and role of the certified athletic trainer. Dr. Brown has a wide background of experiences, including serving as a trainer in the National Football League and working as a volunteer at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Dr. Brown has published research in a refereed sports medicine journal and several newspaper articles relating to athletic injuries. He enjoys gardening, home improvement projects and spending time with his wife.

### **District 4 Representative**

**Ashley White, MS, ATC-L** received her Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Medicine from High Point University in 1993 and her Masters in Sports Medicine from Georgia State University in 1996. After receiving her Masters, she served as both a Graduate Assistant and Assistant Athletic Trainer at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta. While at Georgia Tech, she worked closely with the men's & women's cross country/track teams, as well as with softball, women's tennis, and volleyball. She served as the host athletic trainer for the 1996 ACC Volleyball Championships and the 1997 ACC Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

She also served as an athletic trainer at the Olympic Village Polyclinic Training Room during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. After leaving Georgia Tech in 2000, she became the Head Athletic Trainer and Intramural Coordinator at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA. She is an NATABOC Certified Examiner and a member of the Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association Public Relations Committee.

### District 6 Representative

**Fred Gardin, ATC-L** currently serves as District 6 director. He is the head athletic trainer at central Cabarrus High School. He previously held the same position at Myers Park High School in Charlotte. A 1999 graduate Appalachian State University with a BS in Health Education, he received his NATABOC certification in 2000. He also completed internships with NFL Green Bay Packers and Community Health Connection of Wilkes County. He is a native of Belmont, North Carolina and is a graduate of East Gaston High School. He obtained his CSCS certification in 2001. Fred is a member of the NATA, NCATA, NSCA, and NEA.

### District 8 Representative

**Van Whitmire, ATC-L** Van Whitmire, MHS, ATC-L, CSCS is the head athletic trainer for Brevard College located in Brevard, NC. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Sports Medicine from Pfeiffer University and a Master's Degree in Health Sciences from Western

Carolina University. Before coming to Brevard College, which is also his hometown, Van was the head athletic trainer at the University of North Carolina, Asheville and also served as an athletic trainer with Blue Ridge Bone and Joint Clinic located in Asheville. While in the clinical setting, Van was the athletic trainer for the Asheville Smoke Pro Hockey Team for their first two seasons in Asheville ('98-'00). Prior to an athletic training career, Van served in the United States Marine Corps. Van is a NC licensed athletic trainer and is also certified by the National Strength & Conditioning Association.

