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President's Update

James R. Scifers, DScPT, PT, SCS, LAT, ATC

For many of us who work in the secondary school and collegiate settings, August signals the beginning of another busy academic year. I hope that all of you made a smooth transition back to the field after enjoying some time to rest, rejuvenate and spend time with family and friends this summer.

The summer has been a busy and productive one for the NCATA. July marked the second year for the NCATA to host the Summer Symposium. This year's event was hosted by Greensboro College. The event was a success for the organization as more than 75 members gathered to learn from experts from across the state and region. Speakers included physicians, clinicians and educators from North Carolina, as well as David Klossner from the NCAA and Jack Doornbos from Hibiclens.

On a legislative front, the 2009 legislative session ended with no action on the three bills that most greatly impacted the NCATA and the athletic training profession. The bills introduced by the NCATA (HB 1006 and SB 864) calling for a funded mandate for athletic trainers in every North Carolina public high school did not having a sub-committee hearing. This was not a surprise to anyone involved in the organization given the economy and the state budget cuts. The good news for the profession is that the introduction of these bills generated a significant amount of conversation among legislators and the media regarding the need for improved athletic training coverage of secondary school athletes. We will continue to push for approval of this legislation and, as the economy improves, have reason to be optimistic about the bills' potential.

The other house bill of interest to the NCATA was HB 1374: Bill to Update and Modernize the Physical Therapy Practice Act. Despite multiple meetings with a leadership group from the NCPTA, we were unable to reach a compromise that would have lead to NCATA support of this bill. HB 1374 did have a hearing in the House Health Committee but was not voted on by the committee before the 2009 session ended. We expect to see a version of this bill introduced again in 2010 and the leadership of the NCATA will continue to work with the NCPTA leadership in hopes of finding compromised language that is acceptable to both groups

As we begin gearing up for the 2010 Spring Symposium and Business Meeting, we have prepared several changes that I believe will improve the annual meeting.



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The first change is a call for submissions to present at the March meeting. This new approach will open the opportunity to a greater percentage of the membership to present at the annual meeting. Look for a call for submissions to be posted on the NCATA website in September. Additional changes include continued growth of the student symposium and additional opportunities for hands-on learning for attendees.

As we plan for the future of the organization and the future of the profession in North Carolina, we welcome your input and involvement. The Board of Directors is working to fill committee assignments and we will be making a call for nominations for President, Treasurer and District Representatives. If you would like to become more involved in the NCATA, please contact me to express your area of interest.

Jay Scifers

Athletic Trainers of North Carolina PAC Update

North Carolina Governmental Affairs Update

Bill Griffin, MA, LAT, ATC, CEAS

The Annual ATNC-PAC fundraiser at the annual meeting exceeded our best projections. With donations of Charlotte Bobcats memorabilia, Carolina Hurricanes Memorabilia and game tickets, a Duke Men's basketball poster and others we had cash and in-kind contributions of nearly \$3000.00. We were not planning on making any contributions until late 2010 or even 2011 but now we will be making our first contributions this year. If you are interested in servicing on our PAC Advisory Committee to help us plan our contributions please contact me. I would also like to thank Melanie Raines for her hard work in getting the PAC up and running over the past couple of years as our first PAC Treasurer. We could not have done it without her. She also worked hard to help our new treasurer, Scott McCall, hit the ground running and get his first report completed this summer. Welcome Scott! If you would like to make a midyear donation, please contact myself or Scott McCall (scott.mccall@bsnmedical.com).

This year was quite busy; we introduced our first legislation since our licensing bill was introduced in the 1990's to try to put an athletic trainer in every high school in North Carolina. We knew this was going to be an uphill battle due to the state of the economy and budget shortfalls, but the Board felt it was necessary to get this legislation introduced and work to remind our legislators that we can impact the health and well being of secondary school athletes and that they deserve the protection we can provide. This bill will be studied over the recess between now and next May and hopefully if the economy begins to improve we can look to push hard next year and in the future to get this legislation passed. We also spent a great deal of time working with the North Carolina Medical Association and the North Carolina Chiropractic Association to get needed compromises in HB 1374 from the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association. This bill is to modernize and update the physical therapy practice act in North Carolina but potentially could have impacted the jobs of 40% of our members. We had numerous meetings, e-mails and conversations with the PT Association and we had the opportunity to provide testimony to the House Health Committee of the legislature and to a subcommittee charged with addressing the multiple concerns over this legislation. We will be back at it again next May to protect the rights and jobs of our members that choose to work in the clinical setting alongside our physical therapy colleagues.

Whether we are working to protect the athletes of North Carolina or protect the jobs of our members, we need your help. Please either give of your time by contacting your district rep to volunteer for the association or contact the PAC treasurer and support our agenda financially.

ATCs in the News

A tragedy was averted this preseason by the actions of three Wake County Athletic Trainers. On August 14, 2009 a Cary High School football player collapsed on the sidelines during a multi-team scrimmage at Wakefield High School. The situation required the administration of CPR and the use of an AED. Kudos to the quick actions of Certified Athletic Trainers Eric Hall (Cary High School), Brent Dorenkamp (Wakefield High School) and Marc Mooney (East Wake High School), and the Wakefield HS team physician Dr. Rosenblum for recognizing the situation and providing medical assistance until EMS arrived. The sophomore high school athlete was successfully revived, transported to the hospital and is expected to make a full recovery. Hall credits the education, practicing for emergency situations and yearly recertification in CPR/AED that he and his colleagues' receive as Certified Athletic Trainers in handling the situation professionally. "I guess you're so trained for it, and then when it happens, you just kick in and do what you're supposed to do," Hall explained. Not only do these three athletic trainers work within the Wake County School system; Eric Hall '98, Brent Dorenkamp '98, Marc Mooney '04 are all East Carolina University Alumni!

District III Quiz Bowl Team Places 2nd at Inaugural National Quiz Bowl

The NCATA would like to congratulate the District III Quiz Bowl Team from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill on their 2nd place finish at the Inaugural National Quiz Bowl. The Bowl was held at the 2009 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The team received \$500 and other prizes for their performance. The team earned the right to compete in San Antonio by winning the inaugural student quiz bowl competitions at March's NCATA Spring Symposium in Concord and May's MAATA Annual Symposium in Virginia Beach.



*Pictured left (L-R),
Jeanne Graf,
Craig Oates,
Elizabeth Dameron*



North Carolina & Arkansas win 2008 Dan Campbell Legislative Awards

Congratulations to the Arkansas and North Carolina Athletic Training Associations for winning the 2008 Dan Campbell Legislative Awards!

The Class I Award for legislative effort goes to Arkansas. In 2007, a new law created a legislative task force on athletic training. The AATA leadership and members worked hard to assure that the task force report, finalized last fall, properly addressed the issues. As a result, the AATA was able to sponsor legislation in the 2009 session which, though unsuccessful, is keeping the issue in front of policymakers.

The Class II Award goes to North Carolina. The Class II award is for efforts to keep the profession and its issues visible in the minds of policymakers. As a result of the tragic deaths of 5 student athletes in 2008, the public and press turned its attention to the safety of secondary school sports. NCATA contacted all major media outlets, every member of the legislature, and secondary school administrators regarding the importance of athletic trainers. As a result, NCATA is well placed to influence the ultimate action of the legislature.

These two deserving states were recognized at the State Leadership Forum in San Antonio.

NCATA District 2

Dan Duffy, LAT, ATC

All of the District 2 NCATA members would like to send a big THANK YOU to Jim "Doc" Strickland. Jim retired this year with 31 years of experience in the New Hanover County School System. We will all miss working with Jim but on a larger scale, the athletes and coaches will certainly miss Jim and his faithful, loyal work ethic. Jim has always been and will continue to be a good friend and one that can always be counted on. New Hanover High sports will not be the same without Jim on the scene. Jim, best of luck and HAPPY, HAPPY retirement, you deserve the best!!!!



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Message from the Treasurer

Ray Davis, LAT, ATC

Dear Membership:

I hope this newsletter finds you refreshed and ready for another long athletic season. To serve you and our environment better and to control expenses, you will be informed of future NCATA sponsored symposiums via e-blasts and newsletters. The card you received by mail notifying you of our meetings will no longer be sent. Therefore, the first notification of our 2010 Annual Symposium in March can be found in this and future newsletters. Furthermore, the application will be posted to the website sometime in December. We hope this change accommodates your schedule. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at ldavis@ecps.k12.nc.us. As always, I wish for you a safe and productive athletic season.

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NATA Foundation Update

Bob Casmus, MS, ATC

District 3 Board Member to the NATA Foundation

Sandra Shultz, PHD, ATC (UNC-Greensboro) was appointed to a second term on the Research Committee and Tricia Hubbard, PHD, ATC (UNC-Charlotte) was appointed to her first term on the Research Committee. Erik Zirkle, ATC (Hickory Ridge HS) was appointed to the Scholarship Committee of the NATA Foundation. The District III Master's Research Grant Endowment Project is entering its second year. I would like to encourage those collegiate athletic training education programs who have not joined this project to join with those already helping with this fund-raising project. Key dates to keep in mind for the future are that as of October 1st, 2009 the Master's Research Grant applications are due and December 1st, 2009 is the deadline for NATA Fellows applications as well as for the 2010 Free Communications Abstracts. The undergraduate poster winner for 2009 at the NATA Meeting in San Antonio was Jean Graf, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "Sex differences in balance and power among youth soccer players" and the Doctoral Level Oral Presentation was Lindsay J. Distefano, MA, ATC, PES, "Improvements in landing technique from an injury prevention program are retained in youth soccer athletes." The Western Carolina University Western Athletic Training Association was recognized in San Antonio, TX at the Pinky Newell Scholarship and Student Leadership Breakfast for winning the 2008-2009 NATA Foundation Athletic Training Student Challenge by raising \$3,123.50. Please consider making your annual gift to the NATA Foundation if you have not already done so. The pledge form can be found on the NATA Foundation website at: WWW.NATAFOUNDATION.ORG under the ANNUAL FUND heading.

NATA College and University Athletic Training Committee

Bob Casmus, MS, ATC

District 3 Representative

All collegiate athletic trainers involved directly in athletics are being requested to go to this [website](#) and complete a short ten minute survey. The CUATC and the Young Professional Committee are reviewing job satisfaction issues at the collegiate level. We are trying to identify areas that are crucial to our ability to provide proper athletic training services. As we all know are jobs have become increasingly demanding with new or changes in NCAA rules along with expanding programs and expectations from administrators along with shrinking or stagnant staffing. All of these issues affects each us professionally and our quality of life. **The survey deadline is 10/15/09.**

In addition, please go online to the NATA website and click on the NATA Honors and Awards heading. The 2010 College and University Athletic Training Awards are now open to receive nominations for Head Athletic Trainer of the Year for NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA and Junior/Community College settings as well as the Assistant Athletic Trainer of the Year. I encourage you to submit nominations for these prestigious awards.

Congratulations again to Mike Hanley, ATC (East Carolina University) for being awarded the 2009 Head Athletic Trainer of the Year for NCAA Division I and to Arianne Davis for being the New Horizon Award winner.

Congratulations!

Scholarship Winners from the NATA Foundation

Johna Register, Mihalik Doctoral level scholarship from UNC- Chapel Hill

Angela Arndt, Master level scholarship from Western Carolina University

Susan Hayes, Master level scholarship from Western Carolina University

Masahiro Takahagi, Master level scholarship from Methodist University

Jacquelyn Howells, Entry level scholarship from UNC- Greensboro

Daniel Brown, Entry level scholarship Western from Carolina University