



OATA Messenger

A online newsletter for members of the Ohio Athletic Trainers' Association

Winter 2004

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the OATA shall be; to advance, encourage, and improve the athletic training profession by developing the common interest of its members for the purpose of enhancing the quality of healthcare for the physically active.

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OATA College Quiz Bowl Completed

On Saturday January 17th, the student trainer committee of the OATA held their fourth annual college quiz bowl



Marietta College student Quiz bowl winners with sponsor Sam Crowthers, ATC (far right)

competition. Eleven schools entered the competition. Despite the nasty weather, the quiz bowl was another success. Three schools made it to the finals; Marietta College, Miami University, and the University of Cincinnati. Each made it to the finals by winning a preliminary round. Marietta College came out on top this year and will move on to represent the OATA at the GLATA winter meeting in Chicago in March. Marietta College was represented by advisor Sam Crowther, ATC and students Julie Stobierski, Justin Thibeault, Robert Jonath, and Kevin Bates. Congratulations to Marietta College and Good Luck in the GLATA Quiz Bowl.

The student trainer committee of the OATA would like to thank Ohio State University for providing the facilities for this year's events and members Angie Beisner, Pat Troesch, Pat Graman, Bonnie Goodwin, and Jeff Cassella for all of their hard work in putting together this year's quiz bowl. Please attend the GLATA quiz bowl and cheer on Ohio.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Bill Kulju

Dear OATA members,

As many of you may know the OATA executive committee had it's winter meeting yesterday. Among many other agenda items, two things came up that I wanted you to be aware of. First, We seated the new board at the beginning of new business. The board consists of;

Elected board

President – Bill Kulju
President Elect – Kim Peer
Past President – Jeff Will
Internal Vice President – Becky Bower
External Vice President – Hollie Kozak
Secretary – Stephanie Dasher
Treasurer – Allen Passerallo

District Representatives

Mike Medich – District Board Chair
East – Todd Foraker
Central – Ric Fail
Southeast – Jason Crawford
Southwest – Pat Graman
Northeast – Bob Collins
Northwest – Neil Thompson
Pro at Large – Chris Mizer

I'm look forward to working with this great group of individuals.

Secondly, as you may have noticed we have had a change in the Past President position. As you may or may not know Todd Keasling has moved out of state. He felt that that it was in the best interest of the association that he resign his position. According to the constitution, Article VIII Section 4 D.1. Vacancy in the office of Past President shall be filled by appointment by the President. D.2. Candidates for this appointment are to be drawn from former officers not currently on the executive committee.

My appointment for the vacancy caused by Todd's move was Jeff Will. This appointment was not taken lightly with the vast number of highly qualified candidates. I feel that Jeff brings a great knowledge of both the constitution and bylaws, which is important for the position of Past President. He also has the most recent history with the board. His tenure on the board spans over the past 10 years. These key points are my reasons for his appointment.

The board also approved the committee lists that were presented to them so the committees are now official. If you were appointed to a committee you should be expecting a call for the chair of that committee so you can continue the work of the committee. I received several UIF in the last few days; hopefully I will be able to get these individuals placed in the next couple of weeks.

As the start of the new year all persons that submitted a UIF have been placed on a committee. I feel good that we were able to place everyone, but on the other hand somewhat dismayed that with a membership of over 1800, only a small percentage step up to donate some of their time to the association. Please consider what you might do for our association.

The deadline for OATA awards is approaching. There are many qualified individuals deserving of an award. Please consider nominating someone. You can access the awards, and who to contact to nominate someone online at www.oata.org

The high school committee is presenting to the Ohio Department of Education on January 13, 2004 to gain access to PPSL for athletic trainers in the state. I hope to have good news as to our acceptance in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and this great association and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Bill

Message from the Secretary – Stephanie Dasher

The website has been updated with the current members as of 1/20/04. Please check your information and update it on the web or email me with the corrections at dashers@oata.org. Also this is the first e-newsletter. If you would like a hard copy, please contact me to request one. The minutes from the executive meeting held in December 2003 are on the website. A copy of the current membership report is also there. Those of you who have paid your dues through the NATA, please use that membership card until you receive the OATA one. Those that have paid OATA directly you will receive your card shortly. Thank you for your patience.

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INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT NEWSLETTER REPORT – Rebekah Bower

BY-LAWS:

The current version of the by-laws is posted on the web site. However, this version is in the process of being retyped and reformatted for easier access and usage by the membership. The revised document will also reflect changes recommended by the Legislative Committee and approved by the Executive Committee at the December meeting.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The chair and subchair of this committee will be meeting later this month to organize efforts to secure team approval of an Ohio athletic trainers' CISM team affiliation. The committee will then meet early spring to coordinate the development of a response team.

CODE OF ETHICS:

Still pending review by Legal Counsel.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is February 22nd, 11:00 a.m., at Upper Arlington High School Athletic Field House.

Notes from the President-Elect – Kim Peer

As I transition from External Vice President to President-Elect, I would like to thank the membership for their confidence in my leadership abilities. I am excited to embark upon this new adventure and have all the faith in the world in the officers you have serving this organization. We had an excellent meeting in December where the new officers officially took office and old officers stepped down taking a well deserved break from an excellent job of serving this association.

As President-Elect, there are two key issues that are up-coming. Obviously, the annual meeting in Dayton is well underway with Lisa Kluchurosky at the helm. She has a fantastic committee working with her and the local committee has worked diligently as well to prepare an outstanding educational meeting. The PEC is meeting here in the next week and will be finalizing the conference. Make sure you register early – there will be many educational and social activities planned for all members.

The second issue pressing with the office of the President-Elect is that of the Research Committee. Ms. Kitty Newsham has been named the sub-chair of the committee and has been working with me and her committee to enhance participation in the poster presentations for the annual meeting. This year, there will be awards for Professional, Graduate, and Student posters presented at the annual conference. This incentive will hopefully encourage members of the association to present their research – and the research they may be doing with students – to colleagues in attendance at the conference. A Call for Proposals will be posted on-line at www.oata.org. Additionally, several educational sessions in both the professional and student program will focus on the role of research in athletic training and how to get involved in it at all levels. Lastly, the Executive Council approved Research Assistance grants for the upcoming year. This grant program will provide opportunities for members to seek financial assistance for research projects if approved by the Research Committee. The guidelines and deadlines for applying for these grants will be available on-line.

As you can see, there are many exciting events happening in Ohio. As part of the Executive Board, it is an honor to serve the membership and I look forward to working closely with many of you in the future. Thanks to all who have served on committees in the past and who are currently on committees, it is the strength of our members that makes this organization the best in the nation.

Kim

External Vice President Report – Hollie Kozak, ATC/L

I hope that everyone had a happy and safe holiday season!

I am excited to begin working with the members of the executive board, various State Settings Committees, as well as working as your State representative to GLATA.

It is an exciting time for our profession and the State of Ohio. The Association is only as strong as its members. Please take advantage of the various sub-committees set up to represent your setting and voice your concerns, needs and desires.

The High School Committee has been active over the past year. They have been facilitating communication regarding the Professional Pupil Services License (PPSL) initiative. Legal counsel are preparing a proposal for the ODE meeting in January. The committee is also investigating a SOP manual and its role in athletic health care. The committee is also working to educate school board members at the OSBA meeting. HIPAA remains a concern for this committee. They are looking into the implications at the High School level. The committee will also be presenting at the OATA Annual Meeting in Dayton. Kim Stercula will be the chair for this committee.

The Clinical/Industrial/Corporate Committee had a big year with OBWC. There may be one road block regarding billing OBWC for those facilities that are CARF accredited. I will be working with Terri and the committee to help clarify this. They hope to ride the momentum and approach additional insurance companies. A sample letter for 3rd party payors is on the website. Terri and I will be presenting at the OATA Annual Meeting and provide updates regarding reimbursement. OBWC will be presenting at the meeting in Dayton as well "The ABC's of Worker's Compensation". Terri Angelo will be taking over as the chair for this committee.

The College / University Committee will have a new chair with Mark Merrick taking over in January. The committee will begin examining the funding inequities between other healthcare education programs and Athletic Training Education programs at State Colleges and Universities. Feel free to contact Mark (merrick.29@osu.edu) with any College / University related issues you'd like to see the committee address.

Student Athletic Trainer Committee will be headed by Jeff Cassella. The Ohio Quiz Bowl was on January 17 at The Ohio State University. The committee has also worked on the creation of the student senate as a part of the OATA and as a liaison to the GLATA student senate.

GLATA UPDATE:

Grants for \$1000 awarded to Ohio for: Communications grant; Educational grant to help defray costs of a speaker for OATA Annual Meeting; Public Relations grant

Our initial student senator for Ohio is Courtney Dolphin. We are looking to fill the second position. Please contact Courtney if you are interested at crtadlph@otterbein.edu

The GLATA newsletter is now on-line in the member's only section. The password is D4member and it is case sensitive.

I encourage each of you in the Association to take an active role in helping the profession advance in ALL SETTINGS. If you are currently on a committee, thank you. If you are not, please consider it in the future.

Sincerely,

Hollie

NorthEast District Report:

Greetings. Another year has passed and we embark on another. I guess time flies when you having fun or over worked and no time for anything else.

I have been appointed for a 2nd term and I am looking forward to serving again. I would like to extend this invitation to one and all to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or to chit-chat.

The new Executive Board was seated at the December meeting. For those of you who did not hear, Todd Keasling resigned his Past President position. Bill Kulju, in accordance to the OATA Constitution, appointed Jeff Will to this position.

Some items of importance:

-The OATA Newsletter will be going electronic here in the near future. The membership will be mailed a post card to notify them of the membership password.

-Awards the deadline has passed for the NATA and GLATA Awards as well as the Hall of Fame for the OATA. The deadlines for OATA Honorary/Special Consideration, Trainer of the Year, Scholarship and Team Physician Award are rapidly approaching. Please take the time to nominate any individual you see worthy. If you are unsure of whom to contact, please look on the OATA Website or contact myself.

-The 2005 OATA Meeting will be held in Canton. If you are interested in assisting with this, please contact Lisa Kluchurosky, Kim Peer, or myself.

In closing, take the time to get involved. I was encouraged to receive many Universal Interest Forms and to have NE members placed on Committees.

Keep them Healthy,

Bob Collins

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SouthWest District Report:

Greater Cincinnati Athletic Trainers' Association (G.C.A.T.A.):
February 9th – 7 p.m. meeting @ Paul Brown Stadium

May 21st – CEU Program.
GCATA & Spectrum Institute Bi-annual Conference
The Christ Hospital Auditorium
8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

May, 16, 2004 – NATABOC Examiner Workshop Training @ Princeton High School. Check NATABOC website for complete details. Any questions contact Pat Graman – 513-556-0576.

For membership information contact Tony Horton (THorton@princeton.k12.oh.us)

Greater Dayton Athletic Trainers' Association (G.D.A.T.A.):
January 30, 2004 – C.E.U. program @ WSU Nutter Center.
"The Athlete's Shoulder"
8:00 am – 3:30 pm

March 8th – 7 p.m. meeting @ Wright State University Nutter Center.

O.A.T.A. College/University Scholarship

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicant must be currently enrolled as a full time student in an Ohio College/University pursuing a degree with the intention of becoming a certified / licensed athletic trainer.

More than one applicant from the same College/University may apply for this scholarship.

CRITERIA:

Applicant must currently be a Junior or Senior in good standing in that College/University.

Applicant must have a minimum of two years experience under the supervision of a licensed ATC.

Applicant must have a Grade Point Average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The applicant must be sponsored by an O.A.T.A. member, either:

Category I - Ohio Licensed Category II - Ohio Licensed/NATA Certified

APPLICATION PROCESS:

An application may be obtained from the O.A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Chairperson or downloaded from the O.A.T.A. Web site.

Completed application form, including essay by the student.

Submit a letter of recommendation from the sponsoring athletic trainer.

Submit a second letter of recommendation from a Coach, Professor, Physician or another supervising athletic trainer.

Each letter will include references to the applicant's character, work habits, attitude, professionalism and contribution to the college program. These letters should also make reference to the applicant's aptitude for and interest in the profession.

An official transcript of all grades earned in college/university.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

March 1.

STIPEND:

\$1,500.00 awarded for one year only

Candidate may receive award one time. Candidates may reapply in subsequent years.

All applicants will be judged on his or her own strengths and merits that include: academic achievement, experience in athletic training, professional qualification and letters of recommendation.

OATA Family Scholarship

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicant must be the son or daughter of a current active member of the O.A.T.A. whose length of membership is a minimum of five (5) years.

CRITERIA:

Currently enrolled in at least the second year of post-high school education, not yet having completed a BS or BA Degree.

Applicant must be nominated by a current O.A.T.A. licensed member in good standing.

The applicant must be in good academic standing with a combined GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Application may be obtained from the O.A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Chairperson or downloaded on the O.A.T.A. website.

Completed application form, including essay by the student.

Submit two (2) letters of recommendation: These letters may come from a coach, teacher/professor, physician, etc.

Each letter will include references to the applicant's character, work habits, attitude, professionalism, and contributions to school and community.

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\$1000.00 awarded for one year only

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GLATA STUDENT *SENATE* Wants You!

Are you a leader?

Do you have goals of serving the athletic training profession outside of the athletic training room?

Are you a forward thinker?

GLATA Student Senate is looking for students that answer yes to these questions. If you would like to become part of this newly formed part of GLATA by representing your state, read on.

The GLATA Student Senate is comprised of 12 students who work collectively to develop, plan, and execute an annual program aimed at GLATA students' educational needs and desires. The Student Senate also serves as a springboard for students into the leadership ranks of athletic training organizations.

You are eligible if you are:

- A current student member of GLATA
- Not employed as an ATC or LAT

Duties would include:

- Serve a two-year term
- Work with other GLATA student senators to develop and carry-out the annual Student Educational Program

Deadline for applying is March 15, 2004

If you are interested in this unique and priceless opportunity or have questions, please contact your GLATA Student Senator, Courtney Dolphin at crtadlph@otterbein.edu

Call for Research- Kitty Newsham, ATC/L

Strategies to improve student learning have been explored in many allied health professions. A recent study conducted at the University of Cincinnati utilized survey questionnaires to evaluate the efficacy of participation in a clinical research study in enhancing didactic knowledge of dietetics students.¹ The result indicated that more than 90% of the students perceived the experience in a positive manner. One student identified the experience as negative because she discovered that she did not enjoy the clinical application of didactic knowledge, and felt that she should refocus her emphasis area. Other students identified the opportunity to refine or refocus as a positive outcome of participation in the research. Approximately 2/3 of the students felt that participation in clinical research provide a good opportunity for improving knowledge and skills.

The October (2003) issue of NATA News promoted student research as a means of improving student learning in athletic training education programs. Student research provides an opportunity for students to critically examine some of the tenets of athletic training. They may become interested in research and pursue that avenue, or they may simply become more sophisticated consumers of research.

Structured research studies may help to foster critical thinking, methodological approaches to problems, and a sense of accomplishment among our students.

Your students do not need to reinvent the wheel or discover the cure for the common ankle sprain, but they might! When you see the call for posters for the OATA Annual Meeting, please consider how participation in research activities may enhance your students' learning. Additional information on athletic training research is available in Chris Ingersoll's "Research in Athletic Training" (Slack, Inc. 2001)

1. Brehm BJ, Rourke KM, Cassell C. Enhancing didactic education through participation in a clinical research project. J AM Diet Assoc. 1999; 99:1090-1093

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OHIO ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION 2003 END OF YEAR TREASURERS REPORT

<u>2003 Expenses- End Of Year</u>	<u>% OF 2003 Expenses</u>	
Athletic Trainer of the Year Awards	\$364.83	0.59%
Awards	\$557.39	0.90%
Bank Charges	\$178.45	0.29%
Convention Credit Card Service Charge	\$322.83	0.52%
Convention Exhibit Expense	\$1,106.21	1.79%
Convention Expense	\$14,683.21	23.80%
Convention Refunds	\$191.00	0.31%
District Board Expense	\$0.00	0.00%
Dues 2003 Refunds (Double Paid or Ex Brd)	\$595.00	0.96%
Hall of Fame Awards	\$103.90	0.17%
Insurance Cost	\$1,120.00	1.82%
Joint Advisory Committee	\$250.00	0.41%
Legal Counsel	\$12,227.18	19.82%
Legislation Committee	\$164.18	0.27%
Meeting Planner	\$0.00	0.00%
Memorial	\$94.78	0.15%
Newsletter	\$4,999.62	8.11%
Nomination	\$2,859.45	4.64%
Ohio Foundation - HOF	\$0.00	0.00%
Operations	\$2,262.56	3.67%
Presidents Account	\$281.76	0.46%
Professional Ed. Committee	\$180.00	0.29%
Public Relations	\$2,808.53	4.55%
Scholarship	\$2,500.00	4.05%
Scholarship- Golf Outing	\$4,321.10	7.01%
Special Projects	\$4,580.99	7.43%
Student Athletic Trainers Committee	\$495.00	0.80%
Technology	\$3,942.44	6.39%
Vice-President External Account	\$0.00	0.00%
Vice-President Internal Account	\$198.28	0.32%
Website	\$295.05	0.48%
Misc. Expense	\$0.00	0.00%
	\$61,683.7	
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OHIO ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION 2003 END OF YEAR TREASURERS REPORT

<u>2003 Income- End of Year</u>	% OF 2003 Income	
	\$1,600.00	1.98%
Convention Exhibit Income (Some funds located in Sponsorship Program)		
Convention Registration Income	\$17,668.00	21.81%
Dues 2003 (Minus Refunds)	\$40,636.70	50.17%
GLATA Communication Grants (used for Newsletter Publication/Mailing & Website Development)	\$1,066.71	1.32%
GLATA End of Year Profit	\$5,250.00	6.48%
Hall of Fame Donation	\$432.00	0.53%
Interest Income	\$900.55	1.11%
NATA Legislative Grant	\$3,847.64	4.75%
Scholarship Donations / Income	\$402.81	0.50%
Scholarship- Golf Outing (\$1000 from Sponsorship Program)	\$5,706.00	7.04%
Sponsorship Program 2003 (\$1000 Transferred to Scholarship Fund)	\$3,250.00	4.01%
Misc. Income	\$235.00	0.29%
Total Income YTD	\$80,995.4	
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Balances		
Checking	\$199.95	
Money Market Account	\$86,153.66	
Scholarship Zero Treasury Bonds (<i>Initial Investment In 1999= \$13,000</i>)	\$21,823.88	(Matures 2009 at \$26000.00)
Scholarship & Legal Reserve CD	\$0.00	
Scholarship & HOF Funds in Money Market Account	\$42,653.24	

2003 YTD Net Worth	\$150,830.	
	73	
Committed/Invested Funds	\$64,477.12	

Available Funds on 12/31/03	\$86,353.6	
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Prepared on 12/31/03

If you have questions please contact 2003 OATA Treasurer

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(Passing of Treasurer's duties will take place after completion of US Tax filing for 2003.)