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INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Becky Bower

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE Fall 2007

AT SECTION OF THE OTPTAT BOARD (report from liaison Paul Miller):

1. Due to the newly established terms limits on the Board, Kurt McClurg has served for sixteen (16) years on the AT Section and was an original appointee. Please take the time to thank him for this tremendous service to our profession.

The AT Section will meet again on September 20th.

OAHPERD (report from liaison Pat Graman) – the last OAHPERD House of Representatives meeting was the same weekend as the OATA Annual Meeting. The next meeting will be early December.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

1. The committee had hoped to offer an additional CISM “individual in crisis” course in late July. However, with only a month to work out the details, it was decided to wait until November to offer this training in the Cleveland area.
2. During its meeting during the OATA annual meeting, committee members split into sub groups to address different concerns over the summer which included:
 - a. **Lessons Learned** – development of format and guidelines for a web page linked to the Members Only section of the OATA web site. This page would give examples of emergency situations and “lessons learned” in handling them.
 - b. **Emergency Action Plan Template** – to be posted on the OATA web site for members to use as a guideline in their settings.
 - c. **ATC/EMS Preseason Meeting Template** – suggested outline to be posted on the OATA web site for the membership.
 - d. **OATA 2008** – development and proposal of a presentation for next spring’s meeting.
 - e. The committee will meet again in early November. Date TBD.

Any incidents or concerns should be forwarded to Chair Becky Bower at rebekah.bower@wright.edu or Sub chair Perry Denehy at denehy_p@hotmail.com

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Leg Com met June 3rd to establish short and long term goals for the additional governmental affairs activities of this committee, to network with the committee Sub chairs from each practice setting (Clinical/Industrial/Corporate, College/University, Secondary School Athletic Trainers, Athletic Training Students), and determine action items for summer/early fall. Items included:



1. **Leg Com Duties & Responsibilities** – recent By-Laws changes were discussed.
2. **Ohio Legislative Reception** – David Parragas considering scheduling the reception in conjunction with the OATA Annual Meeting in Columbus this past May. However, it was determined that it would be better to wait until the PEL was re-introduced.
3. **HB 1846/Resolution Effort** – the bill was introduced in the House. However, we have not heard if the “twin bill” was introduced in the Senate. As specified in the letter from President Kim Peer, it is essential that members continue to send postcards to the House Reps and Senators, particularly postcards from non-healthcare providers such as parents and community members who are registered voters.
4. **Local Hit the Hill** – committee members will follow up with the District Reps in each of their areas to start collecting names of individuals in each district who would be willing to meet with local legislators.
5. **Hit the Hill 2008** – the Executive Committee is currently reviewing a travel grant to assist local members in attending the national Hit the Hill on February 25, 2008 in Washington, DC. A separate OATA eblast will provide specifics to members this fall.
6. **GLATA** – it was approved that Brian Hertz, Sub chair of the Legislation Committee, serve as the GAC representative to GLATA.

Next meeting – Sunday, October 21st from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Upper Arlington High School.



Congratulations to Mike Medich for receiving the Dr. Greg Brooks Memorial Award from the Columbus Medical Association Sports Medicine Committee this past August.

The award is presented annually to a Physician, Dentist, or Athletic Trainer in the greater Columbus area for outstanding service as a healthcare provider to Columbus area school age athletes.

Previous AT winners include Donna Hull & Bill Kulju.

Presenting the award to Mike Medich is Dr. Randy Wroble at the annual Kickoff Reception hosted by the CMA at the Huntington Club in Ohio Stadium. Thanks to the CMA for the photo.

GLATA Research Committee Research Assistance Awards

The GLATA Research committee is now accepting applications for research assistance funds of up to \$1200. To be eligible for these funds you must be a certified member of the GLATA and be employed full time as an athletic trainer (clinician or educator). One award is available annually for a certified student member. There are two award cycles annually with application deadlines of September 15, 2007, and January 15, 2008. Instructions and the online application can be found at <http://www.glata.org/researcheducation/researcheducation.htm>

GLATA Research Committee Call for Abstracts

Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Symposium

Original research and case study abstracts for presentation in the free communications sessions of the GLATA Annual Meeting are now being accepted. Both professional and student members are encouraged to apply.

The submission deadline is 5:00pm on December 1, 2007.

Electronic submission instructions and applications can be found at <http://www.glata.org/researcheducation/researcheducation.htm>



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