



SEPTEMBER 2024

**District Director– L. Ray Davis, Jr, MSS, LAT, ATC**

Dear Fellow Members, Happy Fall. Thank you for your membership in the NATA! Below are updates I want to bring to your attention.

- Please log into GATher for positions of interests to you and/or colleagues. The following positions are open in D3

• District 3 Positions	• Begins	• Status
• ATs Care Committee	• Jun-26	• Open to Sept 30th (1-Year Shadow)
• Convention Program Committee	• Jun-25	• Open - Appointment Needed by October
• EDAC Committee	• Jun-25	• Open to Sept 30th
• LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee	• Jun-25	• Open to Sept 30th
• Early Professionals Committee	• Jun-25	• Open to Sept 30th
• Governmental Affairs Committee	• Jun-25	• Open to Sept 30th
• Specialty Awards Panel	• Jun-25	• Open - Appointment Needed by October
• Student Leadership Committee	• Jun-25	• Open to Sept 30th

There are additional non-district positions available as well.

- Please encourage your students to become NATA Members **NOW** for 2025. This will allow students an additional few months through the end of 2024 for free.
- Don't forget to check for new courses in NATA EducATe.
- NATA 2024 On Demand is available until Oct 31st. Complete these sooner than later.

As always, I thank you for your support in my Leadership as your District 3 Director  
*Ray Davis, Jr*

Thank you to our sponsor:



### **District President – Matt Gage, PhD, LAT, ATC, CES**

I hope you are having a great fall. The MAATA Executive and District Councils are continuing to work on identifying strategic initiatives for the MAATA. These initiatives will be shared with the membership once they are finalized. Let me know how the MAATA can better serve you. Contact me at [d3maatapresident@gmail.com](mailto:d3maatapresident@gmail.com).

Have a blessed Fall,  
Matt Gage

### **District Vice-President – Scott Cook, MS, LAT, ATC**

Mark your calendars to attend the 2025 MAATA Annual Meeting on May 2-5th at the Founders Inn in VA Beach. Please note earlier date this year! Look for registration to open around Mid-January. The Educational Program will be announced at a later date. Make plans to attend to earn CEU's, meet with our vendors, attend the Quiz Bowl, socialize, network and meet new colleagues!

The Annual Meeting Site Committee is currently gathering submissions for the 2026 and 2027 MAATA Annual Meeting. If you have any comments or feedback, please reach out to Scott Cook, MAATA Vice President at [maatameetingplanner@gmail.com](mailto:maatameetingplanner@gmail.com). See you at the beach!!

### **District Secretary – Erin Cash, PhD, LAT, ATC**

Hello District 3, I hope you are having a wonderful start to the Fall! Huge thank you to Tom Campbell for filling in for me while I was on maternity leave! It has been a whirlwind - much love and support sent to all the ATC mama's out there!

As a reminder, we are recognizing our D3 members on Milestone years of NATA memberships in our next Newsletter! We will recognize those in each state who are in a milestone year in 2024 according to the NATA database. We are better together - thank you for supporting our profession at the national, district, and state levels!

If there's anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me at [d3sectry@gmail.com](mailto:d3sectry@gmail.com).

### **District Treasurer – Mat Lyden, MS, ATC**

Greetings District 3!

Happy Fall and happy football season! Hoping that all my fellow AT's, especially those in traditional settings, are off to a healthy start to the year. The Financial Advisory Committee is just getting underway with pulling together a budget proposal for the 2025 fiscal year. Our 2 largest challenges in preparing our budget will be; first - addressing the need to support educational efforts across the district in addition to our MAATA Annual Meeting and second – creating a source for funding the needs of governmental affairs activity that is occurring across our district at state levels.

Additionally, we are also reviewing opportunities to invest some of our district funds in different ways than previous to assist with funding the above-mentioned items in perpetuity. It is our hopes to maneuver funds to these investment products in early 2025 and to ensure there is financial stability for these efforts for many future AT's to come.

I am also happy to report that our current FY24 budget projections are looking favorable. While the fiscal year still has a full quarter remaining, we should be in good shape with hitting the target of our net operating income goal.

In final thoughts, although this can be a very busy and challenging time of year for a lot of us, make sure you are budgeting time for yourself and your loved ones to enjoy the new season (Autumn) by making some great memories. It is a small investment of carving out the time for a huge return on investment for yourself!

Warmest Regards,  
Mat Lyden  
MAATA Treasurer

### **District Past-Director – Katie Walsh Flanagan, EdD, LAT, ATC**

Last Call! Members can self-nominate for the office of **MAATA Vice President** by emailing me ([KatieWFlanaganAT@gmail.com](mailto:KatieWFlanaganAT@gmail.com)) by close of Business **Friday, September 27**. Please refer to the E-Blast [FOUND HERE](#) that was sent on **Friday, September 6** for details including qualifications and duties.

### **Educational Program Committee – Claire Adkinson, MS, LAT, ATC**

I am excited to share that the Call for Abstract Proposals is open! All submissions are due by November 25th, 2024!

Please use this form to submit a proposal: <https://forms.gle/wnaGsuDSAPHLVpvD7>

If you are aware of individuals who would excel as speakers, we kindly request that you share the form with them. Furthermore, we welcome any ideas you may have and encourage you to share them with us at [maatad3education@gmail.com](mailto:maatad3education@gmail.com).

### **Honors & Awards Committee – Bob Casmus, MS, LAT, ATC**

The MAATA Honors and Awards are officially open now and the committee is accepting nominations. The hard deadline for nominations is November 1, 2024. Please consider nominating and recognizing a deserving fellow athletic trainer for one of the MAATA Honors & Awards.

The MAATA Service Award is geared towards honoring individuals who have done service at the local, State, and district levels. The MAATA MDAT award is designed to recognize individuals for their service more so at the district and national levels. The MAATA Hall of Fame is focused on

recognizing those individuals who have or had a lifetime of service and impact at the state, district, and the national levels.

I urge everyone to submit nominations for the MAATA Honors & Awards. All information can be found on the MAATA website: <https://www.maata.org/honorsandawards> . All advocacy forms and/or letters of recommendation and the candidate profile/application information must be received by November 30, 2024 to be considered for the award to which a nomination was made.

### **LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee – Kirk Armstrong, EdD, ATC**

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee will be hosting a virtual town hall in early November. This event will be around the noon hour, with an emphasis on building community and connections, our drop-in session will be a time to engage with others from our district. More information will be coming soon!

### **Research and Grant Committee – Bonnie Van Lunen, PhD, ATC, FNATA, FNAP**

The Research and Grant Committee has extended the application deadline for grant applications to NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> to allow for more contributions to be made through the new MAATA Campaign for Research initiative ([MAATA Campaign for Research | maata](#))

This initiative is an opportunity to elevate the research presence within District III by providing additional funding support through targeted efforts. We have many types of research needs within the District, ranging from supporting doctoral student led projects to supporting pilot data collection efforts. Our intention is to increase the funding capacity for the district in order to be able to broaden our reach to all types of research projects. Due to the limited availability of funding for athletic trainers it is important that we find ways to support the work that leads to decision making for those we are educating and for those we are treating.

\*Maximum requests for funding for the 2024-2025 award will be in the amount of \$5,000.

We look forward to receiving your application!

### **Social Media & Young Professionals' Committee – Kassy Mosley, MS, LAT, ATC**

Young Professional Committee

Young Professionals!! We want to hear from you! Go to: <https://forms.gle/BtsAHKwJkxYvkruTA> and fill out the survey to help inform us of the needs of our membership for educational content!

Be sure to check out our social media accounts, IG and X: @maata\_ypc for the latest information on all things happening with our committee!!

We have committee openings for the following: District of Columbia Representative, North Carolina state representative and two Member at Large Representative. These positions are a one year, twice renewable term.

Candidates should be:

- Within 0-12 years of certification
- Able to attend monthly video conference calls
- Collaborate with other members to create YPC events at the annual district symposium.
- State representative: serve as liaison between the district and state YPC

Interested applicants should email an updated resume and letter of interest to [d3sectry@gmail.com](mailto:d3sectry@gmail.com). Please reach out to Chair, Kassy Mosley at [mosleyk18@ecu.edu](mailto:mosleyk18@ecu.edu) with any questions regarding the position.

Nominations for the NATA Career Advancement Committee's National Distinction Award (NDA) are open till November 26<sup>th</sup>. Go to: <https://www.nata.org/membership/honors-and-awards/cac-national-distinction-award-overview-and-criteria> for more information including how to nominate.

Nominations for the NATA The Early Professionals' Excellence Award are open till Nov. 30, 2024. Go to <https://forms.nata.org/early-professionals-excellence-award-nomination-form> to nominate a deserving early professional.

#### Social Media Committee

Be sure to follow us on our District social media handles for the latest up to date information on happenings, events and volunteer openings throughout the district! **Instagram:** d3athletictrainers **X:** @D3\_MAATA **Facebook:** Mid Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association

#### **NATA Connection & Engagement Committee – Jennifer Johnson, MS, ATC**

Happy Fall from the Connection & Engagement committee. We will be hosting a Town Hall style Meet & Greet called "Conversations that Matter" in conjunction with the NATA Student Leadership committee for all Athletic Training students on Wednesday 9/25 at 7:00 pm EST. Here is the link to register <https://www.nata.org/cec-students-meet-and-greet-sept-2024>. In November we will host another one for Veteran Athletic Trainers. Watch for more information to come. The CEC is hosting a membership renewal contest to begin October 1<sup>st</sup>. Weekly prizes will be given for one lucky winner who posts a picture of themselves renewing their membership on any of the CEC social media platforms or on Gather. #nata\_cec The winners will be drawn each Monday. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

## **NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee – Xavion Santiago, MS, LAT, ATC, FMT**

Happy Fall Ya'll!

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! From September 15 to October 15, we celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of US citizens whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Please check out @NATAEDAC social media as well as NATA Now to learn more about ATs celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. If you are a Hispanic or latinx AT or AT student looking for a mentor or mentee, please reach or to [D3EDACrep@gmail.com](mailto:D3EDACrep@gmail.com).

The Wild and Wonderful state of West Virginia is looking for an EDAC state rep! If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to me at [D3EDACrep@gmail.com](mailto:D3EDACrep@gmail.com).

The Professional Soccer Athletic Trainers' Society and MLS will award 3 DEI scholarships to their medical symposium. For more information go to [www.PSATS.net](http://www.PSATS.net).

There is an NATA EDAC career day Sunday 09/29/2024! 11am - 12:30 pm EST. Current students, recent graduates and young professions don't miss this! For zoom meeting details please email [D3EDACrep@gmail.com](mailto:D3EDACrep@gmail.com) or check out @NATAEDAC social media.

## **NATA Foundation – Marty Baker, LAT, ATC**

### **Submit Research Award Nominations by Oct. 1**

Our district has many outstanding researchers, if you know one, please consider nominating them for a Foundation Research award. Nominations are now being accepted for NATA Foundation's Research Awards, which include the Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research, The Dr. Freddie & Mrs. Hilda Pang Fu New Investigator Award and the David H. Perrin Doctoral Dissertation Award. The deadline for nominations is Oct.1. [LEARN MORE](#).

### **NEW! Research to Clinical Practice - Career Enhancing Series**

Quickly becoming one of your Foundation's most valuable resources, there is a new edition of Research to Clinical Practice! This 3-part series is tailored to help you build and enhance your career, featuring key topics identified by the NATA's EPC and CAC through their recent Needs Assessment Survey. Topics include salary negotiation, work-life balance, and mentorship—designed to support your professional growth. September's issue on Negotiation is now available [here](#). All past issues are available on our [website](#).

### **NATA Bridge Statement: Management of Sport-Related Concussion Webinar**

The NATA Bridge Statement: Management of Sport-Related Concussion course is now available on NATA educATe. Created through a collaboration between the NATA Foundation ERC and NATA, this webinar offers resources to help clinicians, educators, and future professionals implement position statements into practice. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Call for Free Communications Abstracts**

Abstract submissions for the NATA Foundation Free Communications Program are open through November 1. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Journal of Athletic Training supplement and presented at the 76th NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo via oral or poster presentations. Submission guidelines and instructions are available on the NATA Foundation website. [LEARN MORE.](#)

### **Open Call for Committee Vacancies**

The NATA Foundation is currently seeking volunteers to fill multiple positions. If you're passionate about advancing the athletic training profession and want to make a difference, apply now! Available positions include: Free Communications Committee Chair, Free Communications Committee Member, Pronouncements Committee Chair, Student Writing Committee Member. Details about the positions and how to apply can be found on our website <https://www.natafoundation.org/who-we-are/fdtn-committees/>

A huge thank you to those of you that support the initiatives of your Foundation. No gift is too small, and its impact is so meaningful. If you don't already, please consider a gift...you'll be glad you did. For ways to give [Click Here](#)

### **NATA Political Action Committee – Steve Cole, MEd, LAT, ATC**

The NATAPAC Sweepstakes Returns!

The NATA Political Action Committee is holding its 4<sup>th</sup> annual sweepstakes Sept. 11-30 for the chance to win one of three prizes. This year's prizes are: \$500 Amazon gift card, \$500 Airfare gift card and \$500 Apple gift card. Each winner will be able to choose the prize of their choice! The winners will be drawn within the first few days of October. Learn more about the NATPAC Sweepstakes, including the official rules, and purchase your tickets at [www.nata.org/natapac-sweepstakes](http://www.nata.org/natapac-sweepstakes).

Ticket prices are as follows:

- 1 ticket: \$15
- 2 tickets: \$25
- 3 tickets: \$35
- 4 tickets: \$45
- 5 tickets: \$50

This is a fun way to contribute to the NATAPAC while also having a chance to win a GREAT prize! Let's all BACK THE PAC!

### **DCATA – Shannon Fooks, MS, ATC, CSCS**

It has been almost a full year for DC's licensure! Unfortunately, that means it is time to renew in December. The good news, this updated renewal will last two years.

We are looking for speakers (whether in person or virtual) in the topics of LGBTQA+ so that we can satisfy our CE's for licensure.

We are still looking for a Young Professional Committee Chair.

### **SCATA – Will Christman, MS, LAT, ATC**

SCATA will host the Annual Secondary School Workshop January 25, 2025. Registration will open November 1 and more details can be found soon at [scata.org](https://scata.org).

SCATA call for proposals for the 2025 SCATA Annual Symposium, July 9-11, 2025 are live at [scata.org](https://scata.org) under the events tab.

### **WVATA – Samantha Scarneo-Miller, PhD, LAT, ATC**

Save the Date! April 12, 2025 – WVATA Annual Meeting, Morgantown, WV. More details to come!

We are excited to interview potential lobbyists for the association in the coming weeks. A task force for fundraising for the WVATA has been developed, if you are interested in supporting this effort – please let us know.

In an effort to increase transparency with our members, monthly minutes will be shared with the membership after they are approved by the executive council.