



SEPTEMBER 2023

Annual MAATA Clinical Symposium Vice-President Scott Cook

Mark your calendars!! The 2024 MAATA Annual Meeting will be held **May 17-19, 2024** at the Founders Inn, in Virginia Beach. Make plans to attend and earn CEU's, enjoy social activities, fellowship and network with your fellow Athletic Trainers. Look for registration to begin in early January 2024. Further information will be forthcoming in future E-blasts and newsletters. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact me at maatameetingplanner@gmail.com.

Call for 2024 MAATA Annual Symposium Proposals: The deadline for submission is on **Friday, December 8, 2023**. We are strongly encouraging proposals from our D3 Members!

Submission Link can be found [HERE](#)

If you have any questions regarding this form or presentation requirements, please contact: maatad3education@gmail.com. Decisions on submissions will be made within 4 weeks after the deadline.

District President Steve Cole

I made it through another Pre-season...and now I am looking forward to the routine of Fall classes, practices, and athletic events. As many of you may know, I never preach the pursuit of Work/Life Balance because, especially during Preseason, it does not exist; it is just all work, long, hot days with early mornings and later nights for weeks! Instead, I pursue **harmony** in my daily life, enjoying small acts of nature and kindness, a breeze across the practice field, a thank you, the sunset, and getting to know the new students!

The Fall will bring many exciting events that I hope each of you will support. The election for the next MAATA President as well as nominations for Honors and Awards. I have started my monthly calls with the MAATA District Council and Committee Chairs. I encourage each of you to engage with your State Association leadership and find ways to get involved in our profession.

I hope each of you has a fulfilling Fall!

MAATA Honors & Awards

Bob Casmus

The MAATA Honors and Awards are officially open now and the committee is accepting nominations. The hard deadline for nominations is **November 1, 2023**. 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, 2023** to be considered for the award to which a nomination was made.

Scholarship

Sara Pittelkau

The Scholarship committee is working diligently to review the scholarships to ensure they apply to as many students as possible. We are also reviewing the rubric used to score scholarship applications to be sure we are continuing to do our best to be fair and thorough. If any program directors have feedback on the scholarships (who they apply to, eligibility criteria, etc.), please contact Sara Pittelkau, Scholarship Committee Chair with those no later than **September 30, 2023**. Scholarships will be accepted in the spring semester and are due by **March 15, 2024 by 11:59pm**.

Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee

Xavion Santiago

Happy Fall sports y'all! Let me first recognize the bravery during the tragedy of the UNC faculty, staff, students and family. NATA EDAC has touched on some important topics on their social media accounts. In August we highlighted ATs with a back to school theme with some a day in the life videos. If you know any athletic training educators who are making a difference in the AT world please email me D3EDACrep@gmail.com. EDAC featured a post on September being Suicide Prevention Month. For resources and more information check out 988lifeline.org.

September 15th - October 15th is Hispanic Heritage month! Be on the lookout for some social media features and resources. If you have any ATs in action shots please send them to me. Lastly if you are a minority AT and a business owner, EDAC would like to highlight you! Please contact me.

Young Professionals Committee

Kassy Mosley

The MAATA Young Professionals Committee is seeking applicants for the following positions: Member at large representative (early professional), Member at large (career advancement,) South Carolina and District of Columbia State 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
- Member at large representatives: manage YPC social medias and websites

Interested applicants should email an updated resume and letter of interest to d3sectry@gmail.com. **Deadline is September 20th**. Please reach out to Chair, Kassy Mosley at mosleyk18@ecu.edu with any questions regarding the position.

Nominations are now open for NATA's Career Advancements Committees National Distinction Award. This award is the highest honor to recognize a young professional athletic trainer who has made an immediate and definitive impact on the athletic training profession at the national, district, state or community level. The selection committee encourages the sponsor to review the award and it's criterion before submitting the nominee as an applicant. **Nomination period ends Oct. 14th**.

Please check out the links below for nomination form and nomination criteria!

[CAC Awards Form](#)

[Criteria and Eligibility Requirements](#)

Be on the lookout for the opening of nominations for the inaugural MAATA Distinguished Young Professional Award. The MAATA Distinguished Young Professionals Award is to honor and recognize high quality young professionals (YPs) that have made an immediate and definitive impact on the local, District (3), and/or national level of the athletic training profession and will be recognized at the MAATA symposium in May!

NATIONAL UPDATES

NATA Research & Education Foundation

Martin Baker

It's the start of another school year and this month I am reaching out to all Program Directors and athletic training students in DIII. In November the application window will open for the Foundation's student scholarships. Program Directors please encourage your students to apply [HERE](#). This scholarship cycle we want DIII to lead the way with the most recipients!

The 2024 Foundation Research Award Nominations are being accepted through **October 1st**. The MAATA has so many outstanding researchers that deserve recognition for their contributions to athletic training. Details are on Foundation website found [HERE](#).

For my \$ the Free Communications Program is always the highlight of our national meeting. 2024 Abstracts (to be presented in NOLA) will be accepted September 18 - November 1. For more information go [HERE](#).

Your Foundation is looking for volunteers in a number of leadership roles. Check out these openings [HERE](#).

As always thanks to those of you who support The Foundation!

NATA Connection & Engagement Committee

Jenni Johnson

Hi everyone! I hope everyone is having a great start to the fall season! The CEC will sponsor a virtual Meet and greet for AT students on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 pm CST. Please visit the NATA website for the link or speak with program directors. Also, if you haven't finished the KPI survey that was emailed to you, please take the time to do this. Membership renewal begins October 1st. Be on the lookout for contests and incentives!!

NATA Convention Program Committee

Michael Higgins

The CPC is looking forward to seeing you in New Orleans for the NATA Clinical Symposia and AT Expo June 25th-28th, 2024. Submissions for next year's meeting in New Orleans are under review. Themes for the convention are: Performance Recovery and Healthcare Administration. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding submissions or convention happenings please contact me at mjh7s@virginia.edu.

STATE UPDATES

District of Columbia Shannon Fooks

The DCATA is looking for a speaker to give a virtual presentation for our upcoming Winter business meeting which will occur in January. If anyone is interested in presenting with a virtual video, please contact Mike Walker at mwalker@stjohnschs.org with the topic(s) of choice. Our membership was polled, and the results showed that these topics were among the most requested. However, topics are not restricted just to this list and we will welcome any subjects of discussion.

- COVID and sports
- Business models for athletic trainers
- Groin injuries
- Chest/abdominal injury evaluation and treatment (pre-hospital and hospital)
- Joint dislocations and management
- Manual Therapy topics
- Emergency Response
- Mental Health Resources

Maryland Jean Perez

The MATA is celebrating its 40 year anniversary with a bull and oyster roast on Saturday, October 14 at the FOP Lodge in Catonsville. Please use the QR code in the image below to register and help us celebrate!



Congratulations to Sarah Molinaro (St. Paul's School), Melissa Read (Northeast High School), and Caroline Siebens (Mount St. Joseph) for receiving the NATA Safe Sports School Award!

We welcomed two new committee chairs to the Executive Council - Dr. Sierra Hobbs (ICSM) and Dr. Kelsey Tanler (Young Professionals). We are holding elections for a new Vice President and Treasurer - if you are interested in running or know someone who might be interested, please email Wes Robinson (wwrobi@yahoo.com) by Friday, September 29.

Reminder to anyone with a Maryland license that licensure renewal is due by September 30, 2023 and this year there is a required implicit bias training for all healthcare practitioners in the state of Maryland. Please see the [Maryland Board of Physicians](#) website for more information.

Lastly, one of the Baltimore news stations did a feature on youth sports safety and the importance of athletic trainers in all high schools in which they interviewed several of our members. Check out the three part series in the links below:

<https://www.wbaltv.com/article/athletic-trainer-shortage-maryland-schools/44938464>

<https://www.wbaltv.com/article/athletic-trainer-saved-students-life-maryland-shortage/44977300>

North Carolina

Nina Walker

The NCATA had a great summer of advocacy and meeting with our stakeholders. Our members Emily Gaddy and Dr. Katie Romano-Hanes continued their cross state tour of educating stakeholders about the importance of ATs, their lived experiences of critical incident care and shared the legality of not having appropriate care. They spoke at the NC Independent School Association Conference, NC Coaches Association, NC Athletic Directors Conference, CMS Coaches and Duke Sports Medicine! They will be at the NC School Board Association conference in November. So proud of their efforts!

Elections will begin from Sept 15-30th for our President and Secretary Positions, as well as a vote on our ballot. Please check your emails for the ballot and a newsletter for all the information.

We have highlighted our legislators Representative Laura Budd and Senator Natasha Marcus for their incredible support of teaching our future leaders and honoring our life savers on the Senate Floor respectively. They were honored with the NATA Friends of Athletic Trainers Award. Check out our video of the Senate event: [HERE](#)

DEI has had some great events. Our summer/fall series has started with a great talk from Brittney Ingram-Social Determinants of Health. Check this out and all our other videos on our YouTube page [HERE](#). Please subscribe so you don't miss any!!

South Carolina

Amy Hand

NATA Event: Timely Topics Series

The [NATA Timely Topics Series](#) provide members with an engaging, high-level introductory conversation about a hot topic in athletic training, giving attendees the chance to connect in real-time to thought leaders who have anecdotal success within these areas of interest as well as access to a library of related resources.

Join NATA and the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association as we present a panel to discuss how they recently completed the licensure process in the state of South Carolina. Each panelist will highlight the benefits of creating and leveraging a multidisciplinary network, their own advocacy

strategies for collaboration and how ATs can see increased success through participation of these connections.

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

1:00pm-2:00pm Eastern Time

Moderator

Deanna Kuykendall

Senior Manager of State Governmental Affairs

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Panelists

Amy L. Fraley, PhD, SCAT, ATC

Clinical Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina

President, South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

Jeremy R. Searson, PhD, SCAT, ATC

Health Science Technology Instructor, River Bluff High School

Past-President, South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

Zachery Richards, MS, SCAT, ATC

Head AT, Assistant AD, Pelion High School

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Click here to register: <https://forms.nata.org/nata-timely-topics-series-and-licensure>