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## **Annual MAATA Clinical Symposium Vice-President Scott Cook**

The 2023 MAATA Annual Meeting was held May 17-19 at the Founders Inn, in Virginia Beach. Almost 300 Athletic Trainers were in attendance. Attendees were able to attend a variety of educational topics and earn CEU's. They were able to cheer on their favorite school at the Quiz Bowl, see their colleagues be honored at the Honors and Awards Ceremony, enjoy social activities, including the Directors and Vendors Receptions and enjoy fellowship and networking with their fellow athletic trainers.

The MAATA has partnered with ICEU, to provide the program sessions to those members that were not able to attend the meeting. These sessions will be available for purchase through December 31, 2023, and are a great way to earn CEU's, prior to the reporting deadline. Please see the link below to log on and purchase ala-carte or all sessions: [MAATA D3 Annual Meeting CEU](#)

For those who attended the Annual Meeting a separate email was sent to you with a link and password to access the sessions. These sessions are available for access through September 5, 2023 [HERE](#)

Lastly, thank you to all members who participated in the survey regarding the future of the MAATA Annual Meeting. We have reviewed the results and are working on incorporating your input and comments regarding the future of the MAATA Annual Meeting. Look for more information to be shared in future E-Blasts and newsletters.

And finally - Save the Date for the 2024 MAATA Annual Meeting to be held **May 17-19, 2024** at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. Look for registration to begin in early January 2024.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact me at [maatameetingplanner@gmail.com](mailto:maatameetingplanner@gmail.com)

## **ELECTIONS**

### **Past District Director Katie Walsh-Flanagan**

#### **Call for Nominations!**

The MAATA is seeking nominations for the MAATA elected office of **MAATA District President**. Current President, Steve Cole, will be finishing his term in May 2024 at the MAATA meeting.

The newly-elected Officer will shadow the current Officer beginning in November and will assume the newly-elected role at the conclusion of the Spring MAATA Symposium in May, 2024.

#### **Eligibility to run for MAATA Office**

Eligibility to run for MAATA Office can be found in our Constitution (Articles 7 & 8) and Duties are found in the By- Laws (Section 3.3.) To access MAATA Constitution & By-Laws please refer to – [www.maata.org](http://www.maata.org) under “Member’s Only” tab – password “**MAATA2023**”)

#### **Select sections of the MAATA Constitution:**

##### **Article 7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

###### *Section 7.1:*

Any MAATA member shall be entitled to run for any elected office provided one meets qualifications set forth in the MAATA Constitution.

###### *Section 7.1.1:*

In order to run for and hold an elected office of the MAATA, the candidate must be a member of the MAATA, a Board of Certification (BOC) Certified Athletic Trainer in good standing, and if applicable, must be regulated as an Athletic Trainer according to applicable state law.

###### *Section 7.1.2:*

Individuals desiring to be a candidate for a MAATA elected office shall make a written application to the Election Committee Chair by July 1<sup>st</sup> in the year preceding the vacancy. A biographical sketch shall be included.

###### *Section 7.1.3:*

Elections shall be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup> in the year preceding the vacancy.

###### *Section 7.1.4:*

A candidate may run unopposed for District III offices. The candidate shall be considered elected unanimously if no other candidates are nominated by the close of nominations.

###### *Section 7.1.5:*

No candidate may run for more than one (1) office in the same election.

###### *Section 7.1.6:*

An individual cannot hold more than one elected office in the MAATA or State Associations within the District at a time or,

###### *Section 7.1.7:*

Cannot serve as an NATA committee chair concurrently while an elected officer of the MAATA Executive Board.

###### *Section 7.1.8:*

If no candidate is identified to run for an elected office, the Executive Board will appoint someone to fill one (1) term of the office until such time as an election occurs through the election process.

##### **Article 8: QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE**

###### *Section 8.1:*

Candidates must be a member of the NATA and in good standing with the BOC and state regulatory

bodies (if applicable)

*Section 8.2:*

Candidates for office must be a member of the MAATA (in good standing) for at least two (2) years at the time application for office is submitted.

*Section 8.3:*

Years of service shall be determined from the actual date the candidate takes office.

*Section 8.4:*

Years of service count only if obligation to serve was completed (will not count terms vacated prior to obligation completed unless currently in that office).

**Section 8.6: DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

*Section 8.6.1:*

Candidates for District President shall have a minimum of three (3) years of service in the seven (7) year period immediately preceding the election for the office sought. Sources of service shall include:

*Section 8.6.1.1:*

Executive Council of the MAATA; or

*Section 8.6.1.2:*

Previously held elected office within any of the state athletic training associations, including the District of Columbia within the MAATA; or

*Section 8.6.1.3:*

Service to the MAATA in an elected office or appointed position by the District Director or District President

**Duties**

See these specific sections in the **MAATA By-Laws** (in the Members' Only Section)

**Section 3.3 DISTRICT PRESIDENT DUTIES**

Note: Terms of Office are also found in the **By-Laws. Section 2.5.4**

**Section 3.2: DISTRICT PRESIDENT DUTIES**

*Section 3.2.1:*

Serve as chair and spokesperson for the Executive Board and District Council and preside over all District Meetings;

*Section 3.2.2:*

Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Election Committee if they are running for office

*Section 3.2.3:*

Serve on the MAATA Annual Symposium Committee

*Section 3.2.4:*

Appoint the Parliamentarian for the Annual Business Meeting

*Section 3.2.5:*

If the District Director is unable to attend a NATA function, the District President shall attend

*Section 3.2.6:*

The District President shall appoint all District chairs and District committee members. In consultation with the District Council committee liaison, the Committee chair and the State President followed by approval from the Executive Board.

**To Self Nominate:**

Submit the following on ONE email to Past Director Flanagan at: [Flanagank@ecu.edu](mailto:Flanagank@ecu.edu) by **Friday, September 1, 2023** (incomplete or late applications will not be considered)

1. A short letter applying for the position of MAATA President containing your Service to the profession
2. A biographical sketch

3. A professional photo
4. Current resume (the Election Committee will use your resume to determine eligibility) (see Constitution, above; including certification, licensure, service)
  - a. Note each item required for eligibility must be clearly indicated on the resume sent to the Past Director - Sections 7 (Election of Officers) and Section 8 (Qualifications for Office) .
5. Signed ***District III Consent of Obligation*** (the role of President has its own form - found in Member's Only section of webpage)

### **Timeline**

The timeline for electing the **MAATA President** is as follows:

- a. Deadline to apply: **Friday, September 1, 2023**
  - b. Election committee created (approval needed by District Council); and candidates vetted
  - c. Approved Candidate bio and photos on MAATA website (after vetting complete)
- Election: **Sunday - Saturday, October 1 – 14**
  - Election results certified **Sunday - Wednesday, October 15 – 18\***
  - Eblast announcing winner: **Friday, October 20\***
- \*Note – may differ slightly if a run-off is needed**
- Newly-elected Volunteers will shadow the current officer beginning in November, and will take office at the end of the MAATA Symposium in May, 2024

## **District Director**

### **Ray Davis**

Dear Fellow Members,

The Fall Sport Season has officially begun here in NC. And I assure you it has been a long HOT week! However, the physically active needs us!

Thank you for attending the D3 MAATA meeting in Virginia Beach as well as the NATA Annual Symposium in Indianapolis. I'm hopeful you took advantage of both CEU opportunities. Be on the lookout for the upcoming NATA Salary Survey in your email. We need your participation!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following District 3 NATA 2023 Award Recipients:

#### **Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award**

Murphy Grant  
Alice McLaine

#### **Athletic Training Service Award**

John Knaul  
Ed Strapp  
Toni Torres-McGehee

#### **NATA Fellow**

Susan Yeargin

#### **Eve Becker-Doyle Leadership Award**

Cynthia Booth

### **AOSSM Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award**

Marje Albohm

### **Chuck Kimmel Student Award**

Erika Sims

### **Bobby Gunn Student Leadership Award**

Julian Douglas

## **District President**

### **Steve Cole**

It was quite a busy few days in Indianapolis with a very robust and diverse educational program and I truly appreciate our MAATA members that added their expertise to the educational program. The various social events, exploring the Exhibit Hall or just riding the escalator in the Convention Center provided a range of opportunities to engage with new colleagues and catch up with old friends.

The MAATA Educational Program Committee Chair is responsible for developing and delivering the continuing educational content for the Annual Symposium and virtual and on-demand events/courses. The MAATA Educational Chair will also be working with the Student Educational Programming Chair and Free Communications Chair. Additional responsibilities include working on the Site Selection Committee and Annual Symposium Committee. The Educational Program Chair is also responsible for submitting the BOC Approved Provider Annual Report. Interested applicants will submit their resume and letter of interest to the MAATA Secretary.

#### MAATA By-Laws

##### Section 6.4.5 **THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

6.4.5.1 The Educational Program Committee shall be composed of the Educational Program Chair, Student Educational Program Chair, and a certified member from each state within the MAATA, including the District of Columbia.

The responsibilities shall include development of the educational and student program for the Symposium and Annual Business Meeting and;

6.4.5.2 Present an annual clinical meeting to the membership that will be educational and that will provide for continuing education units;

6.4.5.2.1 Solicit and evaluate proposals and secure quality speakers.

6.4.5.2.2 Assure compliance with BOC continuing education requirements.

6.4.5.2.3 Provide required continuing education to members.

6.4.5.2.4 Provide feedback to speakers following their presentations from member evaluations.

6.4.5.3 Provide an opportunity for the members to discuss the business of the MAATA and be informed of the latest developments within their association;

6.4.5.4 Provide an opportunity for the members to have fellowship with one another;

6.4.5.5 Administer the educational program of the meeting;

6.4.5.6 Provide the necessary equipment needed to hold an annual meeting;

6.4.5.7 Oversee, maintain and coordinate all virtual and on-demand educational programming provided through the MAATA.

I hope each of you had a relaxing, enjoyable summer!

## **District Secretary**

**Erin Cash**

Hello everyone, I hope you've had a wonderful summer and you were able to get some down time! My name is Erin Cash and I am your new District 3 Secretary. I would like to thank Jason Mitchell for his service and all his help throughout our transition. I look forward to serving our District and please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [d3sectry@gmail.com](mailto:d3sectry@gmail.com).

## **MAATA Honors & Awards**

**Bob Casmus**

Welcome Scott Johnson as the new Hall of Fame Sub-Committee Chair and again many thanks to John Bielawski for his years of great service who has retired from that role.

The MAATA Honors and Awards are officially open now and the committee is accepting nominations currently. The hard deadline for nominations is November 1st, 2023. Please consider nominating your fellow athletic trainers for MAATA Honors & Awards. All of us know at least one individual who is worthy and deserving of such recognition. The advocacy forms and/or letters of recommendation and the candidate profile/application information must be received by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be considered for the award to which a nomination was made. Incomplete files will not be considered for the awards process. All MAATA Honors & Awards Information can be found at: <https://www.maata.org/honorsandawards>

As a reminder – Past NATA Service Award recipients are not eligible for MAATA Service Award and Past NATA MDAT recipients are not eligible for MAATA MDAT. NATA HOF recipients are "recognized" as MAATA Hall of Fame members.

## **Research & Grants**

**Bonnie Van Lunen**

Reminder: MAATA grant applications are due October 1st. Please be aware that the format of the grants may be changing for this submission as we transition to align with the NATA Foundation format. Awards will be determined in November, and funds will be released for use in January 2024.

## **LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee**

**Kirk Armstrong**

Thanks to all the members who attended the LGBTQ/EDAC Town Hall at MAATA in May. We look forward to continuing to serve the district together.

Our committee members have been busy this summer. Multiple offerings of Safe Space Ally Training sessions were facilitated, including sessions for the Virginia Tech Sports Medicine Staff, University of Virginia MSAT program, and South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association.

## Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee Xavion Santiago

This June, in Indianapolis, I had the pleasure of working with a few other NATA EDAC members and the strategic alliance on our panel discussion on the current state of diversity within the NATA leadership. This discussion was an update on the 2018 Diversity in leadership report. I also had the pleasure of participating in our annual EDAC day of service with local high school students discussing the path to becoming an AT and the numerous work settings. Thank you to all who were able to participate and support EDAC events at this year's NATA convention.



If you are in the wild and wonderful state of West Virginia, make sure you are checking out the WVATA EDAC newsletter.

In DC we are planning more continuing education opportunities as well as the annual student symposium. If you are interested in donating or participating please reach out [D3EDACrep@gmail.com](mailto:D3EDACrep@gmail.com).

Maryland Athletic Trainers will be required to take an implicit bias course to renew their license this cycle.

NCATA Diversity equity and inclusion concluded another great read with the DEI book club, *House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune. Do not miss their upcoming educational session on Social Determinants of Health Care 8/16 at 7pm. Register by emailing **RSVP** to [ncatadei@gmail.com](mailto:ncatadei@gmail.com).

VA and South Carolina are working on providing educational opportunities for our students and YPs.

I am excited and inspired by all of the great work being done by each and every state EDAC leader. I look forward to sharing more updates in the next issue. As always follow NATAEDAC on all social media platforms for more #EDAC365 news and updates.

## **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) and South Carolina 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](mailto:d3sectry@gmail.com)

### **Deadline is September 20th**

Please reach out to Chair, Kassy Mosley at [mosleyk18@ecu.edu](mailto: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. 14.

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

CAC Awards Form: <https://forms.nata.org/career-advancement-committee-national-distinction-award-nomination-form>

Criteria and Eligibility Requirements: <https://www.nata.org/membership/honors-and-awards/cac-national-distinction-award-overview-and-criteria>



## Memorial Resolutions & Historical Commission Committees

### John Bielawski “JB”

Hello District III! I hope you have had a good summer. I am Randy Meador an Athletic Trainer at West Virginia University and I have had the honor of replacing John Bielawski as the Chair of the Memorial Resolutions Committee. We all need to thank John for his many years of service to the district and I would like to thank him for his assistance with this transition period. Although we don't want this committee to be busy, it is important to honor our departed athletic training colleagues. If you are aware of a deceased colleague please forward their information to your state representative. We are also looking for a representative on this committee from the District of Columbia. Please contact the District of Columbia President if you are interested. Thanks and stay safe, Randy

The following individuals are the current members of the District III/MAATA Memorial Resolutions Committee (part of the Historical Commission:)

- District of Columbia - TBA
- Maryland - Samuel Thompson, Jr. – [samthomp@lifebridgehealth.org](mailto:samthomp@lifebridgehealth.org)
- North Carolina – Randy Pridgen – [rplatatc@gmail.com](mailto:rplatatc@gmail.com)
- South Carolina – James Berry – [drjimberry@gmail.com](mailto:drjimberry@gmail.com)
- Virginia – Sherry Summers - [sherrysummers57@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysummers57@gmail.com)
- West Virginia – Randall Meador – [randy.meador@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:randy.meador@mail.wvu.edu)

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## NATIONAL UPDATES

### NATA Research & Education Foundation

#### Martin Baker

Thanks to all of you that support the Foundation. There is always room in the circle of champions for one more District III member. Please consider a gift.

#### 2024 Professional Level Research Grant Funding

The Foundation is now accepting pre-proposals through September 1 for the current award cycle. Interested in submitting a pre-proposal? visit <https://www.natafoundation.org/research/grant-opportunities/>

#### Call for 2024 Foundation Research Award Nominations

Each year, the Foundation recognizes those that excel in the areas of research:

- Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research
- The Dr. Freddie & Mrs. Hilda Pang Fu New Investigator Award
- The David H. Perrin Doctoral Dissertation Award

All the details will be posted by September 1st. Please nominate a worthy MAATA researcher at:

<https://www.natafoundation.org/who-we-are/fdtn-awards>

## **"Research to Clinical Practice" newsletter**

Each month the NATA Foundation's Educational Resources Committee (ERC) publishes a new edition. August's topic focuses on Quality Improvement. All editions can be found at:

<https://www.natafoundation.org/education/educational-resources/research-to-clinical-practice/>

## **Upcoming Service Opportunities for Service on the NATA Foundation's Board Of Directors**

Your Foundation is looking for interested ATs for service on the BOD in these positions

- Vice President of Education & Professional Development Programs
- At-Large Director (1 position available)
- Information will be available on Foundation website September 5<sup>th</sup>:

<https://www.natafoundation.org/who-we-are/board-of-director-bios/>

## **Professional Education Committee**

### **Ashley Thrasher**

Master Preceptor:

Calling all preceptors! Master Preceptor Level 3 is going live! November 3, 2023 at the NATA Headquarters in Carrollton, TX. This is open to all preceptors, even if you have not completed levels 1-2. Only those who complete all three levels will receive the Master Preceptor distinction. This session will focus on conflict resolution and crucial conversations, developing, implementing, and assessing simulation and standardized patient experiences, and collaboration with other preceptors. The workshop is approved for 5.5 CEUs. Email [ki@nata.org](mailto:ki@nata.org) or [abthrasher@wcu.edu](mailto:abthrasher@wcu.edu) for more information

Coming soon:

Clinical Education Coordinator Support—we are developing a series of resources to assist CECs in their role. Watch social media for their release!

DEIA: We are developing an audit tool to be used by AT Programs to ensure inclusive policies and procedures. Watch social media for the tool!

## **NATA Convention Program Committee**

### **Michael Higgins**

The NATA CPC is in the process of reviewing proposals for the New Orleans. We would like to thank all of the members who submitted proposals that will comprise a diverse and robust educational experience for the membership. We hope to see you in New Orleans!

# STATE UPDATES

## District of Columbia

### Shannon Fooks

DC licensure is up and running! DCATA changed to a new website found [HERE](#). Thank you Tina for working so hard on it! We completed a virtual summer symposium that just ended and we had a good turnout! We are working on our fall symposium and business meeting.

## South Carolina

### Amy Hand



The South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association (SCATA) hosted its annual meeting on July 13-14 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in Columbia, South Carolina. During the statewide event, Senator Katrina Shealy was presented with the SCATA President's Award and the National Athletic Trainers' Association's (NATA) 2023 Friends of Athletic Trainers' designation for championing the 2023 Athletic Trainer Act in the state legislature.



CONGRATS TO

**KENNEDY  
PAIGE  
ELWOOD**

HANNAH  
SOBESKI  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP



SCATA presented four scholarship award winners in July 2023. The Hannah Sobeski Scholarship was awarded to Kennedy Paige Elwood, Ashley Ridge High School, daughter of Stacie (SCATA member) and Darin Elwood.



CONGRATS TO

**ELLIE  
KRAUSS**

HANNAH  
SOBESKI  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

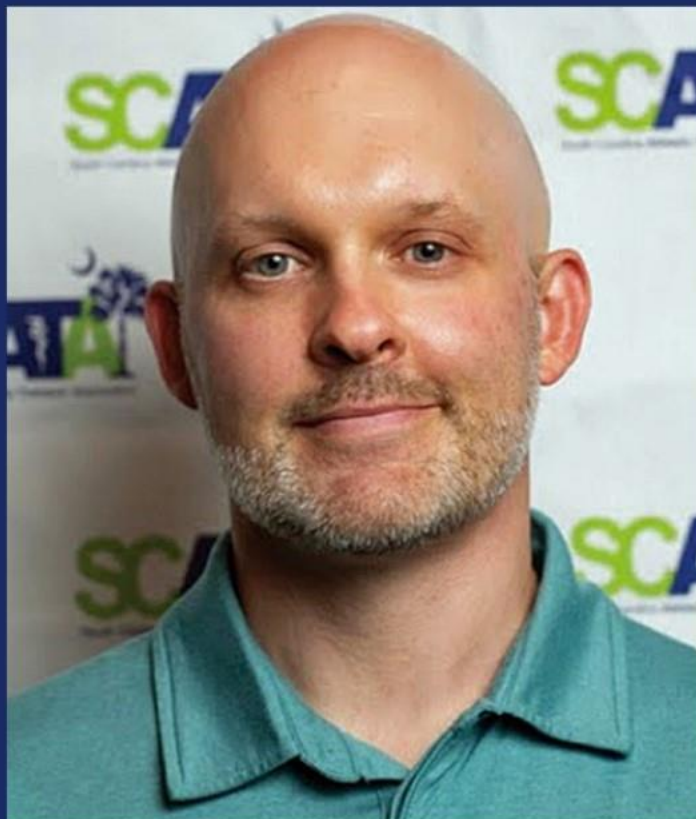
The Hannah Sobeski Scholarship was awarded to Ellie Krauss, St. James High School, daughter of Bill (SCATA Member) and Kari Krauss.



CONGRATS TO

**SCOTT  
THOMAS  
SCAT, ATC**

TERRY LEWIS  
MEMORIAL  
POST  
PROFESSIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP



The Terry Lewis Post-Professional Scholarship was awarded to Scott Thomas, SCAT, ATC, head athletic trainer at Lexington High School. He is a doctoral student at Moravian University.



CONGRATS TO

**CARRIE  
ZENSEN  
BSN, RN**

TERRY LEWIS  
MEMORIAL  
PROFESSIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

The Terry Lewis Professional Scholarship was awarded to Carrie Kahler Zensen, BSN, RN, MAT student at Charleston Southern University.



The Fred Hoover Award of Excellence was awarded to Jerome “Raz” Razayeski, MEd, SCAT, ATC, associate athletic trainer at Clemson University.





The Fred Hoover Award of Excellence was awarded to Jimmie "Doc" Rogers, SCAT, head athletic trainer at Fort Dorchester High School.

## **Virginia**

### **Danny Carroll**

The VATA Annual Meeting Committee is wrapping up its call for proposals to set the educational programming for our annual meeting to be held in Hampton Roads January 5-7, 2024.

The VATA SSATC has issued a survey to help better understand the makeup and needs of our secondary school members.

The VATA GAC is actively preparing for the upcoming legislative session to continue promoting our profession in Richmond, allowing us to practice at the top of our scope. Make plans to attend our Hit the Hill event in Richmond on February 14, 2024.

The VATA TPR committee continues its efforts in educating insurance companies on our TPR legislation in order to progress our efforts on that front.

Good luck to all those starting preseason!