

MAATA Committee Reports



MAATA Honors & Awards Committee

Committee Members

- The MAATA Award Scoring Committee members are anonymous to avoid any solicitation. All MAATA States are represented.

2024-2025 Accomplishments

1. Honors and Award process had sufficient nominations

Goals for 2025-2026

1. The sub-committee chairs and the chair review the scoring tool annually and adjust as needed/recommended.

Announcements

- August 1 – District Honors & Awards are officially open for nominations



LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee

Committee Members

- MD: Jon Arndt
- DC: Breyah Jones
- WV: Jenni Johnson
- VA: Mairin Woods
- NC: Tara Peterson
- SC: Michelle Singleton
- At-Large: Melissa Snyder (NC)

2024-2025 Accomplishments

1. Provide resources to members (presentations, publications)
2. Host collaborative Town Hall with MAATA EDAC
3. Developed criteria for MAATA Inclusive Excellence Award

Goals for 2025-2026

1. Seek approval from MAATA Executive Committee on MAATA Inclusive Excellence Award
2. Increase involvement for MAATA committee members at the national level
3. Continue to develop resources and have a presence at MAATA Annual Meeting



MAATA Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Committee Members

- Education Chair: Claire Adkinson
- Student Program: Emily Hildebrand
- Site Coordinator: Renee Cork
- Vendor Coordinator: John Knaul
- Site Selection Committee:
 - DC: Vacant
 - MD: Jon Glover
 - NC: Nancy Groh
 - SC: Will Christman
 - VA: Renee Cork
 - WV: Zach Garrett

2024-2025 Accomplishments

1. Successful 2024 MAATA Annual Meeting
2. Planning for successful 2025 MAATA Annual Meeting

Goals for 2025-2026

1. Smooth transition from Scott Cook to Ashley Thrasher as MAATA Vice President
2. Successful 2026 MAATA Annual Meeting

Announcements

- The 2026 MAATA Annual Meeting will be held on May 1-3rd at the Novant Health Complex in Winston Salem, NC.
- Host Hotel will be ?



Scholarship Committee

Committee Members

- MD: Lisa Custer
- DC: Bev Westerman
- WV: Brandi Anders
- VA: Sara Pittelkau (chair)
- NC: Hallie Taylor
- SC: Jim Berry

2024-2025 Accomplishments

- State reps met with ATEPs to encourage students to apply for scholarships
- Focused on having recommendations from the clinical and academic sides of students

Goals for 2025-2026

- Continue to increase number of applicants
- Ensure clarity on application requirements

Announcements

- Congratulations to the 2025 MAATA Scholarship Winners!



Government Affairs Committee

Committee Members

- MD: Jane McClean & Ed Strapp
(chair)
- DC: Dan Herring
- WV: VACANT
- VA: Mike Puglia
- NC: Dan Duffy & Ashley Long
- SC: Larkin Smith

2024-2025 Accomplishments

1. Announce the MAATA GAC Grants
2. Attend NATA “fly-in” event on Capitol Hill

Goals for 2025-2026

1. Expand the Grant Program
2. Support States GAC Efforts

Announcements

- Zach Richards will be our new District Representative to the NATA



GAC State Reports- Maryland

Legislative Highlights

- Worked with Maryland Board of Physicians (MBOP) to:
 - **Restructure AT Advisory Committee (ATAC)**
 - Removed OT/PT/Chiropractor seat and extra consumer member
 - New ATAC: 3 ATs, 3 Physicians, 1 Consumer Member
 - **MATA now provides nominations for ATAC appointment**

Current and Ongoing Initiatives

- Annual Advocacy Day at the State House
- Educational outreach at the Maryland Athletic Director's Conference
- Working with districts to advocate for:
 - **Hiring ATs in all high schools**
 - Exploring potential legislation on this issue

GAC State Reports- DCATA



Legislative Highlights

- Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Legislation for all secondary school sponsored athletic events has been submitted
 - Council hearing in 2025

Current and Ongoing Initiatives

- Following state licensure from 2023
 - Increase clarity on AT Scope of Practice and Physician Supervision into licensure language
- Educate Stakeholders about Athletic Training Licensure and Professional scope of Practice



GAC State Reports- Virginia



Legislative Highlights

- Heat Legislation
 - Mandates that all public funded schools that follow the Department of Education
 - guidelines for heat illness standards
 - Have an emergency action plan
 - that is practiced
 - Method to monitor heat and humidity
 - Follow the accommodations for activity
 - Have a cooling zone

Current and Ongoing Initiatives

Submitting an amendment to Current Regulations

To CLEARLY state that ATs can perform the mechanical/invasive modality of dry needling.



GAC State Reports- North Carolina



Legislative Highlights

- PT's being added to state concussion legislation
- Remaining watchful about deregulation attempts
- Approaching third party payers (not legislatively)

Current and Ongoing Initiatives

- Maintained independent licensure board,
- Remained watchful of legislation that could negatively impact our ability to practice,
- Watched for AT interests as the state legislature
- High school athletic association moved to a “less secure” Memorandum of Understanding that will be reviewed in 2026
- Established new/revived group to gather data
- Preparing to approach third party payers in NC requesting credentialing of ATs with their group



GAC State Reports- South Carolina



Legislative Highlights

- Safe Heart Act (H3831)
 - Worked with AHA to support this bill
- Working on a Concussion Bill with various legislators and organizations

Current and Ongoing Initiatives

- Monitoring the AT Compact
- Looking at Insurance providers for Athletic Training recognition



GAC State Reports- West Virginia



Legislative Highlights

- Developed and successfully completed HB 2172, adding an Athletic Trainer to the WVBOPT

Current and Ongoing Initiatives

- Ongoing monitoring, lobbying, and providing recommendations for major revisions to:
 - SB 755 Establishing WV Secondary School Athletic Trainer and Career Technical Education Program Act
 - SB 585 Relating to Cohen Craddock Student Athlete Safety Act
 - SB 866 Requiring WV Board of Education to promulgate a legislative rule in consultation with the WV Board of Physical Therapy



Young Professionals Committee

Committee Members

- Chair: Kassy Mosley (NC)
- MD: Jay Dillion
- DC: Vacant
- WV: Hunter Bailey
- VA: Vacant
- NC: Jordan Bettleyon
- SC: Abbey Earich
- EPC At-Large: vacant
- CAC At large: vacant

2024-2025 Accomplishments

1. Hosted a virtual round table talk for students and YPs
2. Hosting town hall and social
3. Awarding our MAATA Distinguished Young Professional award to Zachery Richards at the awards & honors ceremony
4. Successful advocated for reduced pricing for MAATA symposium registration for Early professionals

Goals for 2025-2026

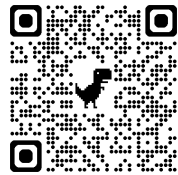
1. Utilize information gained from town hall to better serve our young professionals
2. Continue to host events to engage with members to help us fulfill our mission and vision statements
3. Develop strategies to increase YP involvement at the district level



Social Media

Committee Members

- Chair: Kassy Mosley (NC)



2024-2025 Accomplishments

1. General posting about latest updates and ongoing in the district
2. NATM “champions in health care”
3. NATA bylaws updates
4. #MAATA2025 event spotlight

Goals for 2025-2026

1. Increase visibility of other committees work on our social media channels
2. Feature our members accomplishments more in our social media

Research & Grant Committee

Committee Members

- WV: Suzie Konz
- DC: Vacant
- VA: Michael Higgins
- NC: Ashley Thrasher
- SC: Toni Torres-McGehee
- MD: Ashley Santos
- Chair: Bonnie Van Lunen

2024-2025 Accomplishments

1. Establishment of MAATA Research Campaign
2. Funding of one \$5,000 proposal
3. Discussions surrounding new grant format and possible biannual submissions

Goals for 2025-2026

1. Increase support for the MAATA Research Campaign through targeted efforts
2. Implement new format for grant submissions
3. Finalize approach for types of submissions (doctoral, new investigator, etc)



Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee

Committee Members

- MD: Collin Francis
- DC: Jamila Watson (outgoing)
- **WV: Vacant**
- VA: Brandon Holland
- NC: Janah Fletcher
- SC: Kenya Moore
- Chair – Xavion Santiago (outgoing)
– LaJoy Paige (incoming)

2024-2025 Accomplishments

1. Created NATA EDAC awards
2. Host collaborative Town Hall with MAATA LGBTQ+

Goals for 2025-2026

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Secondary Schools Committee



Committee Members

- MD: Melissa Read
- DC: Jovan Means
- WV: Erin Wingate
- VA: Angela White
- NC: Sadie Reagan
- SC: Shawn Zink
- Follow Us
 - @Ssatc.nata – IG
 - NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainer Committee -Facebook

2024-2025 Accomplishments

1. Published the White Paper to help with job retention of SS ATCs
 1. Secondary School Athletic Trainers: A Data-Centric Overview of Job Satisfaction and Strategies for Risk Reduction, Recruitment, and Retention
2. Yearly Award Winners
 1. Athletic Trainer of the Year – Shelia Gordan
 2. Servant’s Heart Award – Jessie Shanks
3. AT Your Own Risk Blog – atyourownrisk.org
 1. Great resource for ATCs

Announcements (NATA Symposium)

- NATA SS ATC Town Hall Wednesday June 25 3:30pm-5pm
- NATA SS ATC Lecture Friday June 27 3:05-4pm
- Micro-credential Series- January 2026
 - Psychological Crisis- Intervention and Planning for Secondary School Athletic Trainers