



**JUNE 2023**

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**Please Note – The “Members (Locked)” Section of the MAATA Website Has a New Password, MAATA2023, You Can Sign In [HERE](#)**

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

The Annual MAATA Clinical Symposium was held May 19-21 at the Founders Inn in VA Beach, VA.

Almost 300 Athletic Trainers attended throughout the weekend. Zach Garrett and Emily Hildebrand put together an educational program for both certified and student attendees on a variety of topics. Social activities included the Vendors and Directors Receptions. During the Business Meeting, the attending members voted on changes to our By-Laws and Constitution. We also honored our award winners and congratulated Katie Walsh Flanagan on her induction into the MAATA Hall of Fame during our Honors and Awards Ceremony!

We were fortunate to be able to host NATA President Kathy Dieringer and NATA Associate Executive Director Tamesha Logan for the meeting and to show them our famous District 3 hospitality.

A huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers, who helped with all the behind-the-scenes work, including Claire Adkinson, Rachelle Bowman, Renee Cork, Zach Garrett, Emily Hildebrand, John Knaul, Kaitlyn Whipp and the MAATA Student Senate. Congrats to our raffle winners - Nicholas Griffin, Christopher Ina, Eva Martinez and Brian Perez who won a free night at the MAATA Symposium!

All assessment forms and the program evaluation must be completed by **June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. CEU Certificates will be distributed after June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Any requests made after July 31<sup>st</sup> for the 2023 MAATA Educational Symposium CE Certificates earned but not received must be made in writing by email to Scott Cook, MAATA Vice President/ Meeting Planner ([maatameetingplanner@gmail.com](mailto:maatameetingplanner@gmail.com)). A \$25.00 fee per certificate will be assessed for each request.

Mark your calendar for next year's meeting to be held May 17-19, 2024, at the Founders Inn in VA Beach, VA. Look for more information in the Fall.

Lastly please complete the survey, regarding the MAATA Annual Meeting. We need your input to be able to meet the wants and needs of our membership regarding the meeting, Please see the link below, and take the time to have your voice heard!

**MAATA Annual Meeting Survey:** [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to 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.

Please note that Section 7.1.2 of the Constitution is altered from July 1 to **September 1** to submit written application for the office of MAATA President

### **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**

Welcome to summer! I hope many of you are winding down from your 2022-23 Athletic Year. I know that for some we get a brief break but for others we keep doing what we do best, preparing others in providing health care for the physically active. Either way I want to thank you for doing what you do for this profession!

Thank you to those who attended our recent MAATA District 3 Annual Symposium in Virginia Beach, VA. Many thanks to our volunteers, presenters, vendors and leadership for a special meeting. Congratulations to all scholarship and award winners. A special Congratulations to Dr. Katie Walsh Flanagan on her Hall of Fame Award.

A few reminders; I invite all members to complete the recent survey that followed the meeting. The District leadership needs your input in assisting us in planning for future meetings. Please check your emails! The 74th NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, is less than 3 weeks away, Wednesday through Saturday June 21-24 in Indianapolis! I hope to see you there.

Lastly, we will have an election for our District President beginning in July. If you are eligible and this meets your professional goals, please submit your application. I encourage you to login and look at the many volunteer opportunities in GATHER.

Happy June!

## **District President - Steve Cole**

Thank you for all that attended our annual meeting and clinical symposium in Virginia Beach. It was great to visit with so many individuals and celebrate our award and scholarship recipients. A tremendous amount was accomplished during the business meeting with various committee updates and significant change to our Constitution and By-Laws. The updated changes as well as photos from the awards ceremony will be posted on the MAATA web site. Thank you to the hard work of our committee chairs and committee members.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Indianapolis. We will gather for a District meeting on Friday, May 25 at 5:55pm in ICC, Sagamore 7. I hope each of you has a relaxing, enjoyable summer!

## **District Treasurer - Mat Lyden**

It was very nice seeing several old friends and getting to know many new faces at the District 3 Annual Meeting. And hats off to all the student attendees, appreciate your commitment to the profession and getting to meet many of you as well.

This is somewhat of a recap from the treasurer's report delivered at the annual meeting and want to reiterate that our district remains in a stable financial position thanks to our membership, annual meeting participants & sponsors, and the guidance of our previous leaders. We are still waiting on a few remaining expenses to reconcile the meeting, and while we do anticipate a loss, the net assets of the organization remain healthy.

In other news, it was a pleasure to award 6 new scholarship recipients for both undergraduate and graduate level students. The District also expanded the annual budget for research grant funding and was able to give out 2 additional awards to doctoral level students conducting work in the athletic training field. And last, the Secondary School Committee was able to award 8 schools throughout the District with Safe School Award grants.

Our District is continually seeking to help make an impact across the profession and it is a pleasure to oversee the disbursement of organizational funds for such efforts. In closing, I hope to see several of you in Indy for the NATA Annual Meeting and stay tuned for more news post-convention on strides to move our organization forward.

## **MAATA Educational Program - Zach Garrett**

Thank you again for attending our educational program in Virginia Beach. In order to receive credit for the sessions you attended, the overall program evaluation and assessment forms must be completed. Assessment forms and the program evaluation are separate documents, and all are required to be completed to receive CEU credit. All documents were distributed daily to the email address you used to register for the symposium. If you did not receive an email, please email Zach Garrett, MAATA Educational Program Chair, ([maatad3education@gmail.com](mailto:maatad3education@gmail.com)). All assessment forms and the program evaluation must be completed by **June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. CEU Certificates will be distributed after June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Any requests made after July 31<sup>st</sup> for the 2023 MAATA Educational Symposium CE Certificates earned but not received must be made in writing by email to Scott Cook, MAATA Vice President/ Meeting Planner ([maatameetingplanner@gmail.com](mailto:maatameetingplanner@gmail.com)). A \$25.00 fee per certificate will be assessed for each request.

## **MAATA Honors & Awards - Bob Casmus**

It seems like we just gave out the 2023 MAATA Awards only yesterday. Congratulations to the 2023 MAATA Award recipients: Kristen Ramsey, MEd, LAT, ATC and Sara Pittelkau, MA, LAT, ATC for MAATA Service Award, Dr. Meredith Petschauer, PhD, LAT, ATC for MAATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award and to Dr. Katie Walsh Flanagan, EdD, LAT, ATC for her MAATA Hall of Fame induction.



The nomination and application procedures for 2024 opens on August 1, 2023, with nominations closing on November 1, 2023. All candidate materials must be complete and submitted by November 30, 2023. MAATA Award information and required forms can be found on MAATA Honors & Awards page via the link noted at the end of this paragraph. Everyone knows someone worthy of recognition - so please submit your nominations for MAATA Service Award, MAATA MDAT and MAATA HOF here: [MAATA Honors and Awards](#)



### **MAATA HOF MEMBER RECEPTION**

Jon Almquist, Bill Prentice, Rene Cork, Jim Berry, Bob Casmus, Scott Barringer, Marty Satalof, Bob Cable, Pat Aronson, Jim Bazluki, Ray Davis, Katie Flanagan, Joe Beckett, Steve Cole, Randy Meador, John Bielawski, Peter Kotz, Bev Westerman, Nancy Burke and Scott Johnson



### **2023 MAATA District III President's Award Recipients**

Front Row Only: Jon Schner, BS, LAT, ATC, Peter Kotz, MS, LAT, ATC, Jenni Johnson, MS, LAT, ATC, Veronica Ampey, ATC, Jared Williams, MS, SCAT, AT and Julie Cavallario, PhD, LAT ATC



### **2023 District III MAATA Honors & Awards Recipients**

with MAATA President Steve Cole: Sara Pittelkau, MA, LAT, ATC – Service Award, Kristen Ramsey, MEd, LAT, ATC – Service Award, Dr. Katie Walsh Flanagan, EdD, LAT, ATC – Hall of Fame and Dr. Meredith Petschauer, PhD, LAT, ATC – Most Distinguished



### **2023 MAATA District III Scholarship Winners**

Jenna Tomlinson, Konatsu Baba, Rebecca Perry and Breanna Portillo Gwynne

### **2023 MAATA District III Directors Award**

**Recipient** Jason Mitchell, MEd, LAT, ATC  
with District III NATA Director Ray Davis, ATC





**2023 MAATA District III Quiz Bowl Champions**  
Team Maryland



**MAATA HOF SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The District III Honors and Awards Committee has an immediate opening for the Sub-Committee Chair for Hall of Fame. The Sub-Committee Chair for the District III Honors and Awards Committee reports to the Honors & Awards Chair. Eligibility requirements and responsibilities are noted here below.

MAATA Honors & Awards Sub-Committee Chair for Hall of Fame

To be eligible for the Sub-Committee Chair position, an applicant must have an NPI number, currently be an NATA member, be BOC certified and have a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of experience as a BOC credentialed athletic trainer in District 3 when the term of service begins. An individual must have prior experience serving on committees at both the District level and with the NATA. Prior experience with honors and awards at the national level is preferred. Member of the MAATA Hall of Fame is required. Current NATA members of District 3 who have retired their BOC certification after 25 years or more are also eligible, but they must have an NPI number at the time of service. The individual selected for the position must be able to maintain the confidentiality of the awards process.

Sub-Committee Chair Responsibilities:

The sub-committee chair is responsible for receiving and collecting the nominee's required materials for their designated award. This includes overseeing that the nominee has met the criteria for the award he or she is nominated for. The sub-committee chair is to communicate with the nominators and nominees as to what materials have been received and as to what materials are still outstanding. This same information must also be relayed to the Honors & Awards Chair. The sub-committee chair will also disseminate the nominees' materials to the assigned members of his or her scoring group along with the scoring tool and score sheet. The subcommittee chair will collect the scoring group's score sheets and scoring tools and then tabulate the scores to see which nominees qualify for the given award. These materials are also shared and reviewed by the chair of the Honors & Awards Committee. The sub-committee chair is to report any issues, concerns, discrepancies to the chair of the Honors & Awards Committee. The sub-committee chair is invited to be part of the Honors & Awards Session held at the May Annual Meeting & Symposium as a presenter of their assigned award.

Please send letter of application and resume to: [d3sectry@gmail.com](mailto:d3sectry@gmail.com)

Deadline for applicants: June, 30, 2023

## **MAATA Scholarship - Sara Pittelkau**

The scholarship committee would like to congratulate the following 2023 recipients:

A.C Whitey Gwynne - 1st place Breanna Portillo (University of South Carolina), 2nd place Jack Lehker (University of South Carolina)

Larry Sutton - Jenna Tomlinson (High Point University)

Edward Block - 1st place Rebecca Perry (Towson University), 2nd place Konatsu Baba (Western Carolina University)

William Prentice - Neely McGinty (Towson University)

## **Research & Grants - Bonnie Van Lunen**

Due to increased support from our leadership within District III the Research and Grant Committee was able to announce a new funding opportunity for individuals enrolled in doctoral programs. We are excited to announce the award winners of this inaugural initiative. Please join us in congratulating:

Sunghoon Chung, MS, ATC  
Doctoral Candidate  
PhD in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation  
School of Rehabilitation Sciences  
Old Dominion University  
Proposal: Progressive Rehabilitation Targeting Neural Excitability of Individuals with Chronic Ankle Instability  
Award: \$1,000

Nancy Uriegas, MS, LAT, SCAT, ATC  
Doctoral Candidate  
PhD in Exercise Science  
Department of Exercise Science  
Arnold School of Public Health  
University of South Carolina  
Proposal: Nutrition and Mental Health Related Factors Across Historically Black College and University Students: A Qualitative Study on the Dimensions of Food Access  
Award: \$1,000

## **LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee - Kirk Armstrong**

Are you attending the 2023 NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo in Indy? If you are, we have curated a few resources that highlight LGBTQ friendly businesses in Indianapolis:

[Out Traveler's LGBTQ+ Guide to Indianapolis](#)

[LGBTQ+ Friendly Restaurants in Indiana](#)

[Visit Indy's LGBTQ+ Nightlife](#)

Need Resources?

If you need any resources for your own professional development or to make your Athletic Training Clinic a more inclusive space, let us know. We welcome any suggestions regarding what resources are needed for you or your patients.

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## **NATIONAL UPDATES**

### **NATA Research & Education Foundation - Martin Baker**

So good to see so many ATs at our meeting in Virginia Beach. A special thanks to those of you that stopped by The Foundation's booth or stopped me to discuss the mission of Your Foundation. I so enjoyed these conversations and hearing how The Foundation has impacted you.

Many of you indicated that that you "planned on" joining The Foundation's Circle of Champions. Let me encourage you to "knock that off your to do list" and get that done. You will not regret that commitment!

I hope to see many district members in Indy later this month. Feel free to stop me and ask how you can advance The Foundation's mission and promote the great profession of athletic training.

### **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

### **Teaching Tips:**

[Check out the newest Teaching Tip about how to teach suturing in your AT Program!](#)

Teaching tips are 7-10 minute teaching ideas to use in your classroom. Check out the [previous teaching tips](#). Also, if you are interested in making a tip, contact Ashley Thrasher [abthrasher@wcu.edu](mailto:abthrasher@wcu.edu)

### **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 CPC is looking forward to seeing you in Indianapolis for the NATA Clinical Symposia and AT Expo June 21<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Submissions for next year's meeting in New Orleans are being accepted. 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 @ [mjh7s@virginia.edu](mailto:mjh7s@virginia.edu)

## **NATA Connection & Engagement Committee - Jenni Johnson**

Along with the NATA, the CEC is rolling out a Critical Care Recognition Program that will recognize any athletic trainer involved in a critical care event regardless of the outcome. Please check the NATA website for more information in the upcoming months. Don't forget to follow the CEC on social media for monthly updates about NATA membership. There will be a virtual meet and greet for students in September. I hope everyone has a great start to summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Indy!

## **Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine - Jennifer O'Donoghue**

As your DI representative on the NATA-ICSM, greetings and I hope that your spring season is filled with championships and that you will be able to enjoy some much deserved downtime this summer, as we all know pre-season will be here soon. Let the resources found on the [NATA-ICSM](#) page assist you in that preparation (***please note: NATA member login or guest registration may be needed to access the resources***).

Information below provides reminders of basic information, in addition to our work-group tasks that have been accomplished (***direct links are highlighted in blue***). Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like further details or have questions.



## Jennifer O'Donoghue, PhD, ATC, CSCS

ICSM Division I Chair, ACC Representative  
NCATA College/University Board Representative  
District 3 MAATA DI Representative  
North Carolina State University  
Email: [jaodonog@ncsu.edu](mailto:jaodonog@ncsu.edu)

NATA-ICSM Work Group Completed Tasks, and associated collaborative resources found by clicking the [link](#) for the [Resources to help advance college/university ATs](#)

**'Think Before You Act'** - New ICSM resource provides ATs with considerations to review when making decisions related to athlete participation, especially regarding unseen concerns.

### **Sport Activity Participation: Considerations When Removing a Student Athlete From Participation**

To assist athletic trainers in the decision-making process, the NATA Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine created the **"Sport Activity Participation: Considerations When Removing a Student Athlete from Participation" checklist**. This resource includes questions to guide the AT through the decision-making process, ensuring not only that the athlete's safety is the top priority, but that the decision was thoroughly considered and the appropriate parties were involved.

Associated with the checklist is the most recent copy of the **Sports Medicine Legal Digest**, a quarterly digital newsletter for NATA members that tracks legal and legislative issues in the athletic training field.

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## STATE UPDATES

### **District of Columbia - Christina Carrillo**

On April 2023 the DC Health Board of Medicine licensing portal opened up for athletic trainers who work in the District of Columbia. ATs are now required to be licensed in the District of Columbia by December 31, 2023. You can visit our Instagram account (@dcathletictrainers) for more tips and information on the process.

**To apply, visit the licensure portal at <https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page>**

The District of Columbia Athletic Trainers' Association is happy to announce the new incoming executive council:

President: **Shannon Fooks**  
Vice President: **Penny Lynch**  
Treasurer: **Jamila Watson**  
Secretary: **Xavion Santiago**  
Past President: **Tina Carrillo**



## **Maryland - Jean Perez**

The MATA Symposium will be held on Saturday, June 10 in Towson, MD. To register, please visit our website: <https://www.marylandathletictrainers.org/events>. There will be a virtual option as well, with registration coming soon.

## **Virginia - Danny Carroll**

VATA Annual Meeting call for proposals is open. Check your email or social media.

The VATA is proud to have been selected for the Dan Campbell Legislative Award from the NATA GAC.

Stay tuned for VATA election results.

Congratulations to all the VATA members who received awards during the MAATA Symposium!

## Memorial Resolutions & Historical Commission Committees

John Bielawski "JB"



# We Remember...

**Although they are gone, let us never forget their lives, and their service and commitment to the ideals of the athletic training profession, and for enhancing the history of our district.**

**Heather Yvonne Slivka**

**May 19, 1974 – February 18, 2023**



Denver, NC, Heather Yvonne Slivka, 48, lost her battle with metastatic melanoma cancer. She was the daughter of William and Marsha Slivka of Toms River, NJ. Heather graduated from Toms River High School North in 1992, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia University in 1996, and a Master of Education degree from Virginia Tech University in 1998. She remained at Virginia Tech University through 2001 as a certified athletic trainer. Next, she worked at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA as an educator and head athletic trainer for 17 years. Most recently, she was employed by Marpai, formally Maestro Health, as a care coordinator and certified health coach from 2018 to present. Heather is survived by her husband Brandon Partee, stepchildren Julia and Braden Partee, mother-in-law Paulette Summers, parents William and Marsha Slivka, sister and brother-in-law Jennifer and William R. Cawthorne, nephews William F. and Mathew Cawthorne, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Her family state that "Heather was the light of our lives, our very own Wonder Women!"

### **"We Remember"/ Memorial Resolutions Initiative**

Please assist with identifying our District's deceased athletic training colleagues, for the purpose of remembering their lives, and their contributions to our District's rich history. This initiative will serve to remember our departed colleagues, while at the same time, making our District's membership aware of those individuals who have been a part of our District's rich history.

Please forward the following information on those deceased colleagues to your state representative (see their names & emails list below):

- Full name of deceased
- Year he/she died
- His/her city & state of residency/work
- Obituary if available w/picture

Send your information to your state representative listed below:

## Memorial Resolutions Committee

“Are you interested in getting involved in MAATA/District III Committee service?” The Memorial Resolutions Committee, now part of the Historical Commission, is looking for a representative from each state to be the reporter for his/her state in gathering information on the passing of colleagues. This information will then be provided to the committee chair for review, editing and formatting before inclusion in the 60 Second News, Spring & Fall Newsletters, MAATA/District III Website, Archives and Slide Show. So, if you are interested, complete the following steps:

- Contact your state president and inform he/she of your interest in serving as the state's representative to the Memorial Resolutions Committee.
- Once you have been designated as the representative for your state by your president, then send a copy of your current resume, and a letter of intent, both of which are required for committee membership by MAATA/District III to: Erin Cash, District III Secretary at [d3sectry@gmail.com](mailto:d3sectry@gmail.com)
- 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. – [samthompson@lifebridgehealth.org](mailto:samthompson@lifebridgehealth.org)

North Carolina – Randy Pridgen – [rpridgen@wcpss.net](mailto:rpridgen@wcpss.net)

South Carolina – James Berry – [drjimberry@gmail.com](mailto:drjimberry@gmail.com)

Virginia – [sherrysummers57@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysummers57@gmail.com)

West Virginia – Randall Meador – [randy.meador@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:randy.meador@mail.wvu.edu)

## Farewell

As I retire as the chair of the Memorial Resolutions & Historical Commission Committees, and sub-chair of the HOF committee, it has been my great honor and pleasure to serve you and District III for these many years!