



FEBRUARY 2023

**District Director
Ray Davis**

Dear Members,

The spring athletic season is upon us! As I tell my colleagues, saddle up I'm sure it will be interesting. As a reminder, we have many educational opportunities on the horizon. State meetings, our District 3 Symposium in May and the NATA Annual Symposium in June. Please make every effort to attend.

Thank you for renewing your Membership to the NATA! Again, thank you for volunteering for open NATA positions. We still have non-district volunteer positions available. Please login to nata.org and Gather to review positions that may fit you. The NATA needs your leadership and engagement!

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

Congratulations to the following recent appointment to represent D3 at the NATA
Melissa Snyder - **Education Advancement Committee**

Stay well and I hope to see you soon!

**District President
Steve Cole**

MAATA Treasurer, Mat Lyden: I am pleased to announce that Mat Lyden has been appointed as the MAATA Treasurer. Mat will serve until June 2024 through the remainder of Jay Sedory's current term, at which time we will hold an election for the position. We appreciate Jay's service as the MAATA Treasurer over the past several years and are respectful of his decision the step away from the position during his current term.

MAATA Governance Task Force Update: The Task Force has been hard at work developing proposed revisions to the MAATA Constitution and Bylaws. You should be VERY proud of their hard work; I am truly impressed by their effort, insights and thoughtful comments. The next step is for the Executive Council to review and make recommendations back to the Task Force.

The Task Force is comprised of seven members. one representative from of the member States, chaired by the MAATA President. In addition, the Parliamentarian (Marty Sataloff) serves in an advisory role, **Jared Williams** (SC); **Veronica Ampey** (DC); **Peter Kotz** (MD); **Jonathan Schner** (NC); **Jenni Johnson** (WV); and **Julie Cavallario** (VA). As more details are made available in the next few months, I encourage you to reach out to your State rep if you have questions or comments.

In-Person Educational Meetings: In January I attended the Virginia Athletic Trainers Association's annual clinical symposium and meeting and the weekend of February 9-11, I attended the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association's (SEATA/ District9) annual meeting. It was very stimulating having the opportunity to engage and network with colleagues in an educational and social environment. I look forward to having the same experience in May at our annual meeting.

District Vice-President Donita Valentine

Super Bowl 57 featured the best two teams in football for the 2022 – 2023 football season. Both teams featured stellar athletic training staff, and among them were two phenomenal black women athletic trainers, Tiffany Morton, and Shaniece Jackson. Morton and Jackson have blazed a path to their National Football League careers leading up to where they stood on Sunday.

There is still time to register for our Annual Symposium and Business Meeting held in Virginia Beach May 19 – 21, 2023. Check out some great educational content and fun at the AT Olympics, and cheer on your favorite team in the quiz bowl. I hope to see you all there!

NATIONAL UPDATES

NATA Connection & Engagement Committee

Jenni Johnson

The CEC is hosting a series of social media posts about “What does your NATA membership do for you?” Each month will highlight a different topic. February is about volunteerism. The NATA gives you a voice through volunteerism! Please follow the CEC on social media at [nata_cec](#).

Also, it is still not too late to renew your membership or encourage others to become NATA members!!

NATA Foundation

Martin Baker

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Support the NATA Foundation by joining us for a fun evening of baseball with the Indianapolis Indians.

Victory Field
5 minute walk from convention center and Day Hotels.

\$5 per adult
40 NATA Student Member
40 under age of 21

Tickets can be purchased only through NATA's 2023 convention registration site.
LAST DAY FOR TICKET SALES IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

PRE-GAME TAILGATE 6-7:15 PM
Includes buffet, soft drinks and draft beer during the exclusive NATA Foundation pre-game tailgate picnic in the ballpark. Tailgate picnic ends promptly at 7:15PM.

INDIANS VS CLIPPERS 7:05 PM
Entry includes exclusive NATA Foundation block of tickets.

This will be the Indianapolis Indians annual "Civil Rights Game" honoring the historical Negro Baseball League's team, the Indianapolis ABCs. The Negro Baseball League's historical mobile exhibit will be in the stadium and available to view (free of charge).

NATA RESEARCH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

MORE INFO
natafoundation.org/support/events/

As we transition into the spring, I begin to think of the MAATA meeting in May and of course our national meeting in June. Your Foundation has an exciting fundraiser planned in Indy. Check out the information and graphic below and make plans to register as part of your NATA Symposium registration.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Free Communications

Claire Adkinson

The 2023 MAATA Annual Symposium Free Communications is open for submissions. Here is the [link](#) to the call. The deadline for submission is March 19, 2023, @ 11:59 PM. If you have questions, please contact me at cadkinson@towson.edu.

MAATA Honors & Awards

Bob Casmus

We hope that you will attend the MAATA Honors & Awards session this coming May 2023. We will be inducting Katie Flanagan Walsh into our MAATA Hall of Fame. We will be honoring Meredith Petschauer with the 2023 Most Distinguished Athletic Training Award. The MAATA Service Award recipients to be recognized for 2023 are Kristen Ramsey and Sara Pittelkau. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations this year. Please mark the Honors & Awards session on your calendar for May 20, 2023, at our MAATA Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA.

LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee

Kirk Armstrong

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee just submitted a manuscript to the *Athletic Training Education Journal*, an educational technique emphasizing how to incorporate LGBTQ+ healthcare within the AT curriculum through the use of a standardized patient.

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee will be well represented at the MAATA Annual Symposium. Committee Members will be offering 2 presentations through the weekend. We will also be partnering with the MAATA Student Senate on a service project. Be on the lookout for more information soon!

Scholarship Committee

Sara Pittelkau

The scholarship deadline is about a month away! All required materials must be submitted by 11:59pm March 15th. Please see details of each scholarship on the Scholarships page - <https://www.maata.org/maata-scholarships>.

Student Senate/MAATA Student Program

Emily Hildebrand

Register now to get the best price for the upcoming MAATA Annual Symposium – Student Program. For NATA student members, \$80 early registration gets you access to: **7 learning lectures, 2 interactive learning labs, all free communication presentations, 5 networking and social events, and 2 meals**. Pre and post conference workshops are also offered for additional fees. [View the full program breakdown and register](#) to secure your spot for the Dill student event of the year! For additional participation in the Annual Symposium, look to submit your research endeavor abstracts for the [free communication programs](#) and [register your AT Olympics team](#) to win some great prizes. Looking to earn some money for all your hard work? Students enrolled in professional and post-professional

programs in District III ATPs should [apply for the annual scholarships](#). Add these to your to-do list so you don't miss out on opportunity:

- **March 15, 11:59pm:** Submit your MAATA scholarship application
- **March 17, 11:59pm:** Register for the MAATA Annual Symposium Student Program
- **March 19, 11:59pm:** Submit your research abstract for the Free Communication Program

Young Professionals' Committee

Kelley Crowe

The YPC in partnership with Minority Women in Sports Medicine, Inc. is hosting a free virtual career fair throughout the month of March! We will be conducting mock interviews and resume review via zoom three days a week at various timeframes.

We are looking for volunteers within D3 to help conduct virtual mock interviews. You have the choice to sign up for different time frames on 3 different days:

[Volunteer Registration](#)

Any and all young professionals (0-12 years experience) or athletic training students nationwide interested in participating may register through this link:

[Participant Registration](#)

Never too late or too early to sharpen those professional skills! Deadline to register is **February 28th**. Contact mail@mwinsportsmed.org or KelleyElizabeth3@gmail.com with any questions. Please also be sure to check out the amazing things that the [Minority Women in Sports Medicine, Inc.](#) is doing to uplift, highlight and celebrate women in the athletic training profession!

MAATA Symposium Save the Date! Please join us in Virginia Beach at our YP Social! Event will take place **Saturday May 20th, 6:30-8pm**. Be sure to swing by to network, meet young professionals and mentors in the district, and cheer on students participating in the AT Olympics!

STATE UPDATES

Maryland Jean Perez

Please save the date for the MATA annual symposium which will be held on Saturday, June 10. More information, including the location, registration, and agenda is forthcoming.

North Carolina Nina Walker

Registration is still open for the 46th Annual Spring Symposium in Winston-Salem. Registration can be found [here](#). Regular programming will include 12.5 category A CEUs, with an additional 3 CEUs available on Sunday from our DEI committee. This training is titled “*Not Just a Catch Phrase*”: *Discrimination in clinical settings and the effect on mental health*. This event has no additional cost, but does require pre-registration as lunch will be provided.

Our Young Professionals Committee is hosting a free YP/Student social Friday night at ROAR in Winston-Salem from 9-11pm. This event is being sponsored by Atrium Health. Our large group social will be held Saturday March 4th at 6:30pm at Novant Health Conference Center. This is a great opportunity to relax and socialize with peers in a casual setting. Food and drinks will be provided. This event is included in the registration fee. We hope to see you there!

South Carolina Amy Hand

Legislative Update

Recently, with the help of the SCATA lobbyist, Copper Dome Strategies, LLC, Senator Shealy sponsored the Athletic Trainers Act in the South Carolina Senate. This bill has been introduced and numbered S.0397. The Athletic Trainers Act currently is in the subcommittee inside Medical Affairs, where it will hopefully go to vote within the coming weeks.

On January 31st, SCATA along with Copper Dome Strategies, LLC hosted a successful legislative day. While at the legislative day Senator Shealy introduced the twenty-two athletic trainers in attendance to the Senate. During this time frame, the athletic trainers in attendance focused efforts in meetings with their local senators to get them on board for S.397. Our efforts were able to get us two official co-sponsors to the bill in Senator Nikki Setzler and Senator Josh Kimbrell. [Read our bill here](#).

SCATA Scholarships 2023

SCATA is currently accepting applications for the following scholarships: Hannah Sobeski Memorial Scholarship (awarded to a child or dependent of a SCATA member graduating high school), the Terry Lewis Professional Scholarship, and the Terry Lewis Post-Professional Scholarship. All 3 scholarship awards are for \$1000. Application materials and directions can be found on the [scholarship webpage](#).

The **deadline** for submission of ALL scholarship materials is **APRIL 15, 2023**.

Scholarship recipients will be contacted by June 15, 2023 and will be invited to attend the annual SCATA business meeting in July to receive their award.

Honors and Awards

The SCATA Honors and Awards Committee recently met to discuss and plan the process for our 2023 Honors, Awards, and Scholarships.

Thank you to the following SCATA members for volunteering to serve for the next two years on the committee: **Ernie Drews, SCAT, ATC** and **Cortney Bowers, SCAT, ATC** representing the Low Country; **Clint Haggard, SCAT, ATC** and **Jane Steinberg, SCAT, ATC** representing the Midlands, and **Bill Warren, SCAT, ATC** representing the Upstate.

Currently, nominations are OPEN for our 2023 awards. These include the Fred Hoover Award of Excellence/SCATA Hall of Fame; Founders Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award; and the SCATA Service Award. Specific information and nomination materials can be found at <https://scata.wildapricot.org/Contact>.

The timeline for submitting nominations is as follows:

Nominations opened January 15, 2023

Nominations close March 15, 2023

Deadline for submission of ALL nominating documents is **APRIL 15, 2023**.

Award winners will be notified by June 15, 2023.

PLEASE strongly consider nominating a worthy colleague for one or more of these awards!

If any member has further questions regarding the honors, awards, or scholarship process, please contact me at scatahonors@gmail.com.

Virginia
Danny Carroll

The VATA Hit the Hill Day is scheduled for February 14th in Richmond, VA. The VATA currently has a bill, HB2429, going through the legislative process. This bill would allow: albuterol administration in secondary schools; possession and administration of IV saline; and injection of lidocaine for the purposes of wound closure.