

District President – Steve Cole

Formation of Task Force to review and propose changes to the MAATA Constitution and By-laws:

The Task Force will review the MAATA Constitution and By-laws and propose changes that would incorporate state representation into the formal MAATA decision making process. This in effect would establish equal representation and allow states to lift those voices and concerns that are unique to each member state. At times, the District leadership may be unaware of individual state needs and lacks the infrastructure to meaningfully engage in issues impacting each state. Currently, state leaders in turn lack the formal authority and/or voice to address needs to the MAATA.

Composition of Task Force:

Total of seven members. one representative from of the member States, chaired by the MAATA President. The Parliamentarian will serve in an advisory rule.

Qualifications of Applicants:

The applicants must be a member of the MAATA, a Board of Certification (BOC) Certified Athletic Trainer in good standing, and if applicable, must be currently regulated as an Athletic Trainer according to applicable state law, and in good standing with the regulatory agency.

Applicants shall have a minimum of two (2) years of service in the preceding seven (7) years Sources of service shall be: Executive Council of the MAATA, national committee of the NATA, or its Strategic Alliance, State officer of a state in the MAATA including the District of Columbia; or District Committee Member.

Applicants may not be currently serving as a MAATA State President or an immediate past State President.

Time Commitment: Closely read and review the MAATA Constitution and By-laws. One Zoom/phone meeting per month from August through December.

Term of Service: The Task Force will be charged with making their recommendations to the MAATA Executive Council no later than December 31, 2022. The membership would vote on the proposed changes at the annual business meeting on May 20, 2023.

Selection Process: Members will be selected by the MAATA President in consultation with each State President.

Application Process: Individuals desiring to be a candidate for a Task Force shall make a written Letter of Interest to the District Secretary by June 30th. A biographical sketch shall be included. In addition, all applicants are strongly encouraged to share their Letter of Interest and biographical sketch with their State President.

District Vice-President – Donita Valentine

Greetings District 3!

I want to give a huge thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting & Symposium in Charlotte! It was great to be in person and I was so grateful to see all of your faces. I look forward to seeing everyone next May 17 - 21 in Virginia Beach.

For those who attended please have your Symposium Evaluation and Course Assessments complete by 6/15/22.

I also want to give a very big thank you to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that this year's symposium was a success.

Renee Cork

Emily Hildebrand and the Student Council

Zach Garrett and the Education Committee

Jay Sedory

Jason Mitchell

Katie Flanagan

Ray Davis

Steve Cole

Kassy Mosley

NATIONAL UPDATES

Convention Planning Committee – Michael Higgins

The CPC is looking forward to seeing you in Philadelphia for the NATA Clinical Symposia and AT Expo June 28th-July 1st. Submissions for next year's meeting in Indianapolis are being accepted until **July 22nd**. Themes for the convention are : Data driven practice and optimizing return to work/life/sport. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding submissions or convention happenings please contact me @ mjh7s@virginia.edu

Connection & Engagement Committee – Jenni Johnson

The CEC had its first virtual welcome event for new members and ones who renewed after a hiatus. Several topics were discussed, and an interactive presentation was given on navigating the NATA website. The session was recorded and found in the archives on the NATA website. Please encourage new members to view this session as well as attend the next event to be scheduled at a later date.

Educational Advancement Committee – Lindsey Schroeder

The NATA Education Advancement Committee is offering a Continuing Professional Development in Educational Scholarship Grant. More information and the application can be found [here](#). It is due June 13th.

Professional Education Committee – Ashley Thrasher

The PEC is busy working on ways to support preceptors, clinical education coordinators, and faculty. Here are a few things coming soon:

1. Master Preceptor Level 3--coming soon! We will be doing live, district-based workshops starting in 2023. This is open to all preceptors, but preceptors will only receive *Master Preceptor* distinction if complete all three levels.
2. Chat Series—monthly chats for preceptors and CECs (alternating each month). These are advertised through NATA ROM and Social Media—sign up for upcoming chats!
3. Clinical Education Coordinator Support Tips and tricks to help CECs be successful in their roles—Coming soon!
4. AT Teaching Tips—Do you have an innovative method for teaching? Tell us all about it! These are 7-10 minute presentations of model practices for teaching. Contact Ashley Thrasher

(abthrasher@wcu.edu) if you have a novel teaching technique to share! Current teaching tip: <https://vimeo.com/nata1950/at-teaching-tips/video/685952705>

The Foundation – Marty Baker

It gives me great pleasure to announce that MAATA's own Kaitlynn Moll of the University of South Carolina is the recipient of the District III Masters Research Grant endowment for her research on "Implementation of a Focused History Script for the Social Determinants of Health to Facilitate Conversations with Secondary School Patients". Your support of the Foundation's mission makes this award possible. Congrats Kaitlynn.

I don't know about you but what a great weekend in Charlotte for the MAATA Symposium and Business Meeting. It was awesome to finally be back in person to see old friends and colleagues. Thanks to the leadership of DIII for a great program and all the hard work that comes with pulling off such a great gathering.

Thank you, Thank you, & one more time Thank you. At our meeting in Charlotte your commitment to the efforts of The Foundation was on display front and center. Together we raised nearly \$1,000 allowing The Foundation to continue to support all ATs regardless of their work setting. Some joined the Circle of Champions, others gifted during the registration process and what a success the raffling of three (3) tickets to The Foundation's fund raiser in Philly was.

Thanks to everyone that gifted to The Foundation. Together, one gift at a time, we can make a difference.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Secondary School AT Committee – Adam Wall

The Secondary School Athletic Training Committee would like to congratulate the following schools on receiving the MAATA district grant towards their NATA safe sports award application. All of the schools listed were awarded and recognized as a NATA Safe Sports awardee. Congratulations!

Buford High School

Athletic Trainer: Kristina Medinger

Dorman High School

Athletic Trainer: Mark Mancebo

Nation Ford High School

Athletic Trainer: Samantha Molony

Spring Valley High School

Athletic Trainer: Julie Sandy

Lugoff Elgin High School

Athletic Trainer: Jason Nussbaum

Anacostaia Senior High School

Frank W. Ballou High School

Athletic Trainer: Valentin Porter

Bell Multicultural High School Columbia Heights Educational Campus

Athletic Trainer: Charmil Spooner

Cardozo High School

Athletic Trainer: Jovan Means

Calvin Coolidge Senior High School

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Senior High School

Eastern Senior High School

McKinley Tech Senior High School

Athletic Trainer: Rachelle Saunders

Phelps A.C.E. Senior High School

Athletic Trainer: Kaitlyn D'Annibale

Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School

Jackson-Reed Senior High School

Athletic Trainer: Jamila L. Watson

H.D. Woodson Senior High School

Athletic Trainer: Jennifer D. Rheeling

Student Senate Committee – Emily Hildebrand

Thank you, students who attended this year's MAATA Student Program in Charlotte, NC! We could not have had the learning opportunities without fantastic speakers so a special thank you to: **Kristine Popelka, Tim Weston, Shannon Jolly, Gary McIlvain, Jennifer O'Donoghue, Michael Higgins, Andrea Wamsley-Barr and Laura Wamsley.**

Jeff Harris, with **AdeNation** provided sponsorship for the student program along with some great giveaways therefore we are appreciative of your contribution so we could have this event.

Students also had opportunities to network, and we would like to thank **Alejandra Johanson** with **Pivot Sports Medicine & Pivot Onsite** and **James Oglesby** with **Novant** for sponsoring some favorite events to bring students and ATs together: the YP Social, Mentor's Breakfast, and Athletic Training Olympics.

The quiz bowl competition did not disappoint and we appreciate **Steve Cole** with **ACES Preparatory Workshop** for supporting this event and thank you to all our competitors: Bridgewater College, Limestone University, team Maryland, University of North Carolina – Greensboro, West Virginia Wesleyan. Team Maryland is headed to represent DIII at the NATA Quiz Bowl event.

Lastly, a host of sponsors eagerly donated prizes and supplies to make the entire program a great experience and we could not have had a successful even without you: **Cat Robinson, Amber Peden** with **Penden Supplies**, **Donnie Pennington** with **Mueller**, **Kira Lam** with **Stay Crafty, Treatxmint**, **Tyler MacDonnell** with **Milliken**, **Sierra Babcock** with **strideswithart**, **ATmerchandapparrell**, **Eric Kearns** with **Henry Shein**, **Nexus Sports Medicine**, **Global Cupping**, **Hawkgrips**, **Katie LaRue-Martin**, **Taylor Tedesky**, **ATStudyBuddy**, **Go4AT (go4ellis)**, **WomeninAT**, **Laura Wamsley**, and **Christy Sisley** with **Gatorade**.

Last but not least – the student program is designed and managed by athletic training students selected to serve on the Student Senate and we wish the graduating class the best of luck and thank you for dedicating your time these past 2 years: **Crystal Ambersley, Janese Malone, Emily Fankhanel, Renee Adamonis**, and **Sooji Mun**. Stay tuned for a call for incoming Senators August 2022.

STATE UPDATES

DCATA – Tina Carrillo

Join us for the **2022 Virtual State Symposium** with asynchronous videos, viewable from **June 6th to July 8th**. Attendees will have access to a total of 6 CEUs. Once the videos are viewed attendees will complete a quiz for each CE watched and will also complete a program/speaker survey to obtain their certifications.

Also on **Wednesday, June 8th at 10am** we will have an CE event entitled "**Practicing as an Emotionally Intelligent AT**" presented by **Heather Murphy, EdD, LAT, ATC** followed by a DCATA business meeting. Her presentation will be recorded and will also be available to view asynchronously after the live event.

The cost of the 2022 Virtual State Symposium is only **\$35 for DCATA members** and **\$45 for all non DCATA members**.

Register at www.dcathletictrainers.org/DCATA2022



The poster for the 2022 Virtual State Symposium features a dark background with neon blue and purple light effects. At the top, the year '2022' is written in large, glowing pink and white letters, with 'Virtual Symposium' in a white script font below it. The DCATA logo is in the top right corner. The dates 'June 6- July 8, 2022' are prominently displayed in the center. Below this, a block of text provides details: 'The DCATA will host the 2022 Virtual Symposium with asynchronous videos, viewable from June 6th to July 8th. Attendees will have access to a total of 6 Category A CEUs. You can register at: <https://bit.ly/VDCATA2022>. Registration will remain open until July 8th. Registration is \$35 for DCATA members and \$45 for non DCATA members.' The poster is divided into six sections, each featuring a speaker's photo and their presentation title: 1. Kelsey Bains, MA, ATC: 'How to Recognize & Manage Athletes with Mental Health Issues'. 2. Nikki Harris, DAT, LAT, ATC, CSCS: 'Resolving Non-Traumatic Shoulder Pain with Manual Therapy Applications'. 3. Heather Murphy, EdD, LAT, ATC: 'Practicing as an Emotionally Intelligent AT'. 4. Brian Potter, MS, ATC, NREMT: 'Compliance vs. Competence Strategies for Enhancing Emergency Care Skills'. 5. Donita Valentine, DAT, ATC, LAT, SFMA and Brandon I. Holland, DAT, LAT, ATC: 'The Essentials of Medical Cannabis'. 6. Davonna Willis, MA, ATC, LMT: 'Building Business for Athletic Trainers'.

MATA – Gina Palermo

Jean Perez takes over as President and Jaime Harris will assume the role of Secretary on June 11 at our MD State Symposium.

BIG legislative news!

On 4/21/2022, Governor Hogan signed into law the Elijah Gorham Act. Named for the Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School student-athlete that passed away in the fall of 2021). This new law makes great strides for the safety of school-age athletes throughout the state of Maryland. The Maryland Athletic Trainers' Association is elated to see this legislation. passed into law. **The Act takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Requirements for middle and high schools with school sponsored athletics.

- 1- an AED must be freely accessible and located at or within a brief walk from an athletic practice or event during all school functions.
- 2- Each school to be properly prepared and equipped to initiate cold water immersion for the treatment of exertional heat stroke; and ensure that the cooling modality is readily available to student-athletes at all practices and events on school property

3- Each Venue must have Specific Emergency Action Plans (EAPs)
More details available <https://www.marylandathletictrainers.org/>

NCATA – Nina Walker

The NCATA DEI committee will be hosting another **Can We Talk Open** forum on June 7th at 5pm. To allow for an open discussion on Responding to Active Shooter Events. This is a great opportunity for those particularly in the secondary school setting to debrief and share some of the concerns and fears that the last few weeks has brought for them and their athletes. We will also discuss actual plans to manage these types of situations. To get the zoom link please email dei@ncata.net. All are invited regardless of state. We had a wonderful one on World Anti-trans and homophobia day last month. We will have more opportunities to share during our summer series which will go over topics like neurodiversity, Supporting Latinx communities as well as others throughout the fall. We will also be highlighting Pride month, June 21st- World Indigenous people day, and Juneteenth on our social media. Have a great summer everyone!