



2023 MAATA ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Planning Committee Scott Cook

The MAATA is excited to announce the opening of registration for the 2023 Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium. The meeting will be held May 19th- 21st at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach.

Pre and Post Conference CEU opportunities along with 14 CEU hours will be available for attendees.

Make plans to attend the Young Professional, Vendors, and Directors Receptions, visit with our vendors, networking, seeing old friends, and cheering for your collegiate team at the Quiz Bowl and AT Olympics. To register go to the MAATA website [event page](#).

Student Senate/MAATA Student Program Emily Hildebrand

The 2023 MAATA Annual Symposium - Student Program is set!

If you are a current student enrolled in an ATP you should register now at the best price point to attend this program being held **May 19-21st** in **Virginia Beach**: <https://www.d3symposium.org/event-5080977>.

Along with some great **lectures** and **learning labs**, we offer **networking** events such as the Meet and Greet and Mentor's Breakfast. We also love some friendly **competition** so be sure to form a team and sign up for the AT Olympics: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVe0ZjFGBndmslwcFBa2vGrActRUfhLZnwdhJ0Ba9S59oUfg/viewform?usp=sf_link.

Lastly, the call for **free communications** abstracts is now open for students until March 19: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UQHI2mbYp_cvbpFdcWJm--IX7QTUtD6c/edit?usp=share_link&oid=109279312676476111241&rtpof=true&sd=true.

Be sure to read our monthly newsletter and follow us on social media so you can take advantage of all that DIII has to offer our athletic training students. Good luck with the start of the Spring semester!

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.

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 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.

As we hear so often, "What is the NATA doing for me?"

- **NATAPAC:** Currently the NATA is monitoring numerous Federal bills impacting health care, physical activity and sport-related programs. During 2020, the NATAPAC made campaign contributions to 57 candidates in support of their election; 56 won their election! In the 2022 Midterm Elections, the NATAPAC made campaign contributions to 51 candidates in support of their election; ALL 51 won their election!

Thank you to **Mark White** for his years of service as the District 3 rep to the NATAPAC and we look forward to **Donita Valentine** as she assumes that role as our new NATAPAC rep.

- **NATA Position Statements:** The NATA and the Foundation support research and working groups to develop Position Statement that define the "Best Practices" for our profession. One of the most recent released, "Reducing Intentional Head-First Contact Behavior in American Football Players" offers 14 recommendations for reducing the prevalence of head-first contact in football and thus lead to injury reduction.

See you at the Annual Clinical Symposium and annual meeting in Virginia Beach May 19-21, 2023.

NATIONAL UPDATES

Connection & Engagement Committee Jenni Johnson

There is still time to renew your membership and receive the full benefits if you renew before the end of January! Let's keep increasing our D3 membership!

Also the CEC committee will be hosting a virtual "Meet & Greet" for our more "seasoned" (certified more than 12 years) ATs in March. More information will follow soon so be on the lookout!

We are proud to announce the winners of our Social Media membership challenge!

State Association winner: DCATA

Free Registration to the MAATA Annual Meeting – Katie Rovtar -SC

\$100 gift card from District Director Ray Davis – Amanda Taylor – SC

\$100 gift card from District President Steve Cole – Taryn Strickland – NC

\$25 gift card winners

- Veronica Ampy – DC
- Abby Decker – SC
- Amy Hand – SC
- Breyah Jones – DC
- Eric Rogers – NC
- Ed Strapp – MD

Council on Practice Advancement Andy Carter

COPA Con Registration is open now!

The NATA Council on Practice Advancement (COPA) is hosting its third conference with educational content and programming that focus on achieving results and resiliency in emerging settings. COPA Con 2023 is a virtual event and will feature live programming March 31-April 1 and on-demand access, along with networking opportunities for peer-to-peer discussion, through May 1. Attendees can earn more than 10 CEUs.

For more information and registration, click: <https://pheedloop.com/COPACON2023/site/home/>

DISTRICT UPDATES

LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee **Kirk Armstrong**

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee will be partnering with the MAATA Student Senate on a service project to complete at the MAATA Annual Symposium in May. Be on the lookout for more information soon!

Research & Grants Committee **Bonnie Van Lunen**

We are very fortunate to have the ability to offer funding opportunities for our district members who choose to explore questions in athletic training through research initiatives. The research that is supported by our District leads to the development of the young professional, while also paving the way for more seasoned researchers to explore avenues which can help provide pilot data for larger projects. The awardees for this past cycle are:

- PI: John Goetschius, PhD, Assistant Professor, James Madison University; Project: Validating an affordable dynamometer for performing clinical measures of quadriceps strength in ACL reconstructed knees
- PI: Elaine Reiche, MS, Doctoral Student, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Project: Examination of perceptual functioning in patients post-ACL reconstruction
- PI: Susan Yeargin, PhD, Associate Professor, University of South Carolina; Project: The association between central nervous system function and core body temperature in exertional heat stroke patients.

Please join us in congratulating these award winners. We look forward to hearing about their work at an upcoming annual meeting!

Scholarship Committee **Sara Pittelkau**

All scholarships are currently being updated by the scholarship committee to reflect recent changes to professional programs. Scholarships will be due March 15, 2023. Please keep an eye on the scholarship page for updated information!

We would like to welcome to the MAATA Scholarship Committee **Dr. Beverly Westerman** as the DC representative, **Hallie Taylor** as the NC representative, and **Brandi Anders** as the WV representative.

STATE UPDATES

District of Columbia Tina Carrillo

Join us as we volunteer at the 2023 District of Columbia Rock N Roll Race. We will be helping out with the registration tables and set up. For every volunteer we bring the Ironman Foundation will make a donation back to DCATA. Come hang out with us on Friday, March 17th from 9am to 2:30pm. It is okay if you cannot stay the whole time. Click the link <https://competitorgroupinc.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=68349> and type in DCATA as the password and complete the registration form if you are interested.

The DCATA is looking for a speaker to give a virtual presentation at the DCATA Winter Business meeting in Mid-February. Those who are interested in presenting with a virtual video should contact Mike Walker at mwalker@stjohnschs.org with the topic(s) of choice. Our membership was polled, and the results showed that these topics were among the most requested. However, topics are not restricted just to this list, and we will welcome any subjects of discussion.



Registration is now open for the 5th Annual Student Athletic Training Symposium sponsored by NATA EDAC. This event will take place at Friendship Collegiate Academy on March 11th from 9am to 2pm. This event is open to high school and college students. If you are interested, please visit <https://bit.ly/23SATS>. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Tina Carrillo at ccarrillo@friendshipschools.org

North Carolina Nina Walker

The NCATA will host the 46th Annual Spring Symposium and Awards Luncheon in Winston-Salem NC March 3-5. Registration is open and can be found [here](#).

We are also excited to welcome our next class of Leadership Fellows who will be a part of our Leadership Institute.

The North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association Leadership Institute (NCATALI) exists as an initiative to engage professionally motivated and enthusiastic certified athletic trainers with a desire to become more engaged in service to the athletic training profession. NCATALI is designed for athletic trainers who demonstrate a high level of potential to serve the North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association, Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association, and National Athletic Trainers' Association. NCATALI Fellows will receive specialized training on leadership, team building, professionalism, developing and instituting a vision to address growth and challenges, and identification and problem solving of current issues within the profession. The following individuals have been selected:

Christian Black: Atrium Health
Spencer Boggs: Atrium Health
Tony Cosby: UNC-Chapel Hill
Christopher Ina: Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist
Sarah Lightfoot: Lenoir-Rhyne University
Kaitlin Ricklefs: Barton College
Eric Rogers: Atrium Health
Catherine Scott: Atrium Health/Queens University

South Carolina Amy Hand

SAVE THE DATE! The 2023 SCATA Annual Symposium is July 12-14th, 2023 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Legislative Update: On January 17, South Carolina State Senator Katrina Shealy (R-Lexington) introduced the South Carolina Athletic Trainer's Bill (S.397). This legislation would transfer regulatory authority of Athletic Trainers to the Board of Medical Examiners (from DHEC to LLR) and would require licensure to practice as an athletic trainer in the state of South Carolina. This legislation was sent to the Senate Medical Affairs Committee.

SCATA is planning to host a legislative day at the South Carolina State House on January 31. We believe this timing will be valuable to our association and the legislators as we anticipate our bill will either be at the subcommittee or full committee level when we have this legislative day. This will allow our members to meet legislators and explain why this bill is needed and important for our profession. Please consider joining us for this

legislative day. If you are available and able to join, please email Amy Hand (president@scata.org) and Zach Richards (zrichards@lexington1.net).

The **SCATA Secondary School Workshop** hosted 121 high school students, 45 athletic training students, and 25 certified athletic trainers on Saturday January 20, 2023 for a day of learning and networking. High school students were taught various athletic training topics by Charleston Southern University, Limestone University, University of South Carolina, and Winthrop University athletic training students. Certified athletic trainer courses included "It's not in the Book: Career Lessons from Veteran ATs" and QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Certification. Thank you to our sponsors and Pelion High School for hosting.

Virginia Danny Carroll

The VATA just wrapped up a successful annual meeting January 13-15 in Harrisonburg, VA. On top of the quality programming put together by our Annual Meeting Committee, some of the highlights were:

- We had seven teams competing in the student quiz bowl. Shenandoah University finished in 1st place and will represent Virginia at the D3 competition.
- We hosted a successful 1st Annual AT Olympics.
- Honored our annual award winners - Lauren Sander (College/University AT of the Year); Siaura Saville (SSAT of the Year); Kate Doctor (Educator of the Year); Scott Cook (Clinical/Emerging Practice AT of the Year); Shane Caswell (AT Researcher of the Year); Mike Puglia and Del. Lee Ware (Presidential Service Award winners)
- Announced the Tom Kuster Memorial Grant (formerly the Graduating Athletic Training Student Grant)
- Location for next year is the Hampton Roads Convention Center, January 5-7, 2024.