

Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- National Athletic Training Month 2011 Not All Athletes Wear Jerseys
- NATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia New Orleans, LA June 19-22, 2011
- SWATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia Houston, TX July 13-16, 2011

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National Athletic Training Month is Here

National Athletic Training Month is in full swing, and you have probably already received proclamations from elected officials, contacted your local newspapers, radio and TV stations, talked at a school board meeting, or just informed everyone you can about what athletic trainers do. If you haven't done any of these things, there is still time. In fact educating the public about what athletic trainers do does not have to be limited to March. As athletic trainers, we pride ourselves on being behind the scenes getting active people back to doing what they love as quickly and safely as possible. May I suggest getting out of your comfort zone and promoting what you do to as many people that will listen. No one is going to do this for you, our whole profession is based on grassroots efforts and NATA and SWATA need your help in educating the parents, patients, and general public about what athletic trainers are all about. Here are some key messages to consider when talking about your profession:

• Not all athletes wear jerseys

There's an emphasis on physical activity in America and with the graying of the population, there is an increased incidence of injuries. Boomers have been and will be physically active well into their senior years. Athletic trainers work with the rec-

reational and professional athlete. Many jobs are physically demanding. The duties of a baggage handler, dancer or soldier all require range of motion and strength and stamina, and hold the potential for musculoskeletal injuries.



• Athletic trainers are experts

Working to prevent and treat musculoskeletal injuries and sports-related illnesses, athletic trainers offer a continuum of care unparalleled in health care. ATs are part of a team of health care professionals – they practice under the direction and in collaboration with physi-

cians. ATs are specialists; they work with physically active people to prevent and treat injuries and conditions. ATs aren't personal trainers, who focus solely on fitness, conditioning and performance enhancement. ATs are health care professionals.

• The athletic trainer is the health care system for athletes and others

Athletic trainers are on-site. They work with patients to avoid injuries; they're there when injuries happen and they provide immediate care; and they rehabilitate patients after injuries or surgery. It's a continuum of care. Athletic trainers come to the patient, not the other way around. They know their patients well because they are at the school, in the theater or on the factory floor every day.

Let the PR Committee know what you are doing.

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News From SWATA President David Traylor

Well, it looks like spring is right around the corner. The yard work has started, soccer is winding down and Opening Day for the Rangers is 25 days away (not that anyone is counting, right?) It also means that things are starting to get extremely busy for SWATA. Registration and hotel reservations for the 57th Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia are now open at www.swata.org. The 2011 meeting is being held on July 13-16th at the Westin Galleria in Houston, Texas, and we look forward to you joining us as we enjoy this wonderful week. As in the past, the week is packed with terrific events and programming – some of the highlights:

- The 2011 golf tournament tees off on Wednesday morning July 13th, co-sponsored by GHATS. Tee off is at 9:00 am and will be held at Hermann Park Golf Course.
- Wednesday evening we will once again host our exhibitors reception. Pre-registrants will be able to get an early peek at our exhibit hall, pick up their packets and have some refreshments as we kick off SWATA 2011.
- Thursday evening will be our SWATA / TSATA Welcome Reception. Believe me when I say that you and your family will have a terrific time as we come together to help celebrate the TSATA's 10th Anniversary. More details are yet to come, but prepare yourself for a casino night, fish fry and bounce houses for the kids (and maybe some adults)..... make plans to join us.
- Our annual Honors and Awards luncheon will be held on Friday afternoon.....come out to help honor the deserving award winners at this wonderful tradition.

While the program and some other details are not completed, the registration tab on the web site will be updated as changes are made. I can assure you of this.....you will have a terrific time, catch up with old friends and experience some wonderful programming in Houston. We will see you there.

Mother Nature threw us a curve ball last month as a solid sheet of ice and six inches of snow forced us to cancel our Mid-winter meeting in Austin. While we were disappointed to not be able to meet and visit with our Central Texas colleagues, we were still able to get some business done. Following a 6 hour conference call, your Executive Board was able to accomplish quite a bit. Some highlights of that call:

- We received a terrific report from the 2011 SWATA Competency Workshop. Dr. Paul Krawietz and his committee did a terrific job and over 70 students were able to participate and benefit from this wonderful program.
- We are on track to launch our 2011 Election in mid-March, so please watch for the details to be sent your way. This year we will be electing our next District Director as well as voting on the winner of the Eddie Wojecki Award. Keep your eyes open for more details and help make your voices heard in this voting opportunity.
- After hearing presentations from multiple venues, Frisco was selected as the site for the 2014 SWATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, which will be the 60th Anniversary of the Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association.

One of the things that I enjoy most about this position is the ability to go to different places and visit with membership. I just returned from an amazing experience as I was able to attend the NATA's Hit the Hill Day in Washington D.C. Joined by a large contingent of District 6 folks, we spent the day talking with staff in our Representatives and Senators offices about athletic training legislation. I was proud to have been joined on this trip by Louis Duran (our NATA student rep and proud Horned Frog) and Brad Endres (our SWATA Student Senate Chair and burnt orange wearing Longhorn). They were selected to represent SWATA at Hit the Hill and

iLead and we were happy they could join us.

While we are talking about travels, I am excited about the opportunity to head to Little Rock in mid-April for the AATA 25th Anniversary Celebration. The meeting is from April 15-17th at the Wyndham Riverfront in North Little Rock. I have been guaranteed that it will be a good time and you will see that the programming is terrific. I am looking forward to seeing all of our AATA friends and spending the weekend with them! More info at www.aataonline.com

As we celebrate National Athletic Training Month (www.nata.org/national-athletic-training-month), I wrote in our Executive Board blog that this is the month for you to stand up and educate people about what you do on a daily basis. While most athletic trainers work hard to avoid the spotlight, you are given a "free pass" this month to find the spotlight and not be afraid to promote yourself. I'm not going to lie to you: the financial environment in the Texas public school system is getting scary. The unknown of how this budgetary mess is going to end up is on the forefront of a lot of your minds, mine included. If there was ever a time to utilize the resources the NATA offers for National Athletic Training month, it is now. Keep doing what you are doing.....take care of the kids, keep their health and safety as your number one priority and educate your administrators and school board members as to what you do. Always know that you are an invaluable asset to your school district and please don't be afraid to fight for this belief.

I hope everyone has a terrific Spring Break, a wonderful spring and you and your families are well. Please do not ever hesitate to let us know if there is anything your Executive Board can do for you.

Sincerely,

David Traylor, ATC

News From District 6 Director Brian Conway

The NATA Board of Directors have voted to send to the membership a Bylaws proposal giving Associate Members the right to vote in NATA. This has been a concern of many of our Associate Members for a long time and a reason I have heard many LAT's will not join NATA. We will vote in July at SWATA. Please don't hesitate to contact me at brianconway@texashealth.org with questions.

NATA Bylaws Change Proposal

Bylaws Proposal

To give non-certified athletic trainer associate members the right to vote in association matters.

Why?

As the organization representing the athletic training profession, NATA wants to be inclusive. Allowing licensed athletic trainers, who are not certified, a voice is more likely to make them feel a part of the association and encourage non-members to join. It could strengthen NATA with greater numbers and increased dues dollars.

NATA has promoted licensure as the appropriate way to regulate the practice of athletic training professionals. We are now regulated in 47 states. It seems fitting that NATA would recognize non-certified licensed athletic trainers as professionals and give them a voice in governance.

When Sandy Miller (D6) ran for president, the Texas athletic trainers in the associate member category of NATA could not vote for him, even though he was their district director. We don't know what that number was at the time of the election, but today this equates to 225 votes. This doesn't seem fair.

Proposed Wording Changes to Bylaws

Following is how we could change the bylaws to accommodate this if the districts and board vote to carry it forward. This wording has been approved by legal counsel.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Classes of Members. NATA shall have the following classes of Members. The Board of Directors may create categories within each class.

(a) **Certified Members.** Certified members possess current National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) certification (ATC) and are in good standing with the BOC.

(b) **Certified-Retired Members.** Certified-Retired Members have resigned certification with the BOC and met the *Policies and Procedures Manual* requirements for Certified-Retired status.

(c) **Other Members.** Individuals who do not possess BOC certification. fall into the above categories.

3.4 Membership Rights and Privileges.

- **Certified Members.** Each Certified Member shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA. Only Certified-Regular Members and Certified-Student Members shall be eligible to serve as Directors and Officers of NATA. Certified Members may serve on Committees, Councils and task forces and as liaisons. Certified Members shall have the right to exercise such other privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.
- **Certified-Retired Members.** Certified-Retired members shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meet-



members shall pay no dues and have other rights and privileges prescribed by the

Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.

- **Other Members.** Other Members shall have the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA, but shall have no voting rights and, Other Members shall have no voting rights, except for non-certified athletic trainers operating legally under their state practice act, who shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members. Other Members shall not be eligible to serve as Directors or Officers of NATA. Such Members shall have other rights and privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.

ARTICLE 8

8.2 (b) Election. Elections shall be conducted in an orderly, efficient, equitable and secure manner. A ballot shall be sent to each Certified Member having voting rights. An election shall not be held if there is only one candidate. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall take office as NATA's President at the next Annual Members' Meeting.

What Does Voting Entail?

At the national level essentially this means the right to vote for NATA President. The only other association-wide vote I can recall in 18 years was selecting the new NATA logo. It was an informal vote and all members were invited to participate.

News From District 6 Director Brian Conway

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District bylaws determine specifics about voting at the district level. Generally it appears NATA voting rights and district voting rights are awarded to the same people. District 6 differs in this regard. It allows non-certified athletic trainers – who are NATA associate members – voting rights.

Next Steps and Timeline

March 2011-January 2012

Proposal is presented to districts,

which vote on it.

January 2012

NATA Board votes after district votes are taken.

Spring 2012

If approved, the bylaw changes are published for 60 days in *NATA News* before taking effect.

NATA Annual Meeting
Registration and Housing is now open for the NATA Annual meeting June 19-22 in New Orleans. Go to www.nata.org for more information.

District 6 NATA Award Recipients

Athletic Training Service Award

Linda Bobo
BJ Maack
Becky Spurlock
Cindy Trowbridge

College/University AT of the Year

Ken Cole

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer

Jamie Reed

Honorary Membership

Charles Craven

Win a Free Registration to the 2010 SWATA Annual Meeting

The SWATA Public Relations contest recognizes outstanding PR achievements by SWATA members. One winning entry will be named and the winner will receive a free registration to the 2011 SWATA Annual Meeting in Houston. Please email Chris Shaddock – cshaddock@ghats.org with your efforts to promote athletic training during National Athletic Training Month.

Please note:

- Entries must educate, promote the athletic training profession, use proper "athletic trainer" terminology and

must not be self-serving.

- You must be a SWATA member to win. If more than one person is involved in a winning entry, only members will be recognized.
- All entries must be submitted via e-mail. Entries sent by mail will not be accepted. All support materials (photos, links to a television broadcast or newspaper article, etc.) must be submitted.
- Entries are limited to PR efforts for the 2011 National Athletic Training Month.

SWATA Remembers Ed Mizicko

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Edward Allen Mizicko, 52, of San Antonio, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at Vitas Hospice Care in San Antonio after a long battle with complications from diabetes, kidney failure and several strokes. He was born Aug. 24, 1958, in Youngstown. He was baptized, confirmed and received his first communion at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Vienna, where he served as an altar boy under the late the Rev. John F. Roach. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, San Antonio.

Ed graduated from Mathews High School in 1976; Ohio University in 1980; and Western Michigan University in 1981. As a certified athletic trainer, he began his career at Comstock High School, Comstock, Mich., and Athens High School, The Plains, Ohio. Since 1982, he devoted his life to his students as a licensed teacher and athletic trainer at John Jay High School, Northside Independent School District, San Antonio. Ed was actively involved in the National Athletic Trainers Association and served in all offices, including president of the Alamo Area Athletic Trainers Association, where he initially served as the founding head of the scholarship committee, establishing what is now known as the Charles Cortez Memorial Scholarship. He was essential in setting up the Ohio University Athletic Trainers Association for Students in 1989.

Among his many awards, he was named as South All-Star Basketball Athletic Trainer by the Texas High School Coaches Association in 2002. Ed gave back to his community. One example is his volunteer work with the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior and Senior Olympics. He had a great passion for sports, loved his work and being involved in athletics, and was a huge Cleveland Indians fan.

Ed is survived by his wife, Martha of San Antonio; stepson, Mark A. Jew and his wife Amy H. and granddaughter, Meghan E. Jew, all of Louisville, Ky.; father, Thomas V. Mizicko of Vienna; mother, Audrey L. Salgado and stepfather Eduardo A. Salgado of Birmingham, Ala.; two brothers, David T. Mizicko of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Timothy L. Mizicko of Los Angeles; three sisters, Ann C. Mizicko of Birmingham, Mary Kay Greenberg of Westlake and Joanne Perrotti of Longwood, Fla.; 15 nieces and nephews; and his kidney donor, Marian Over of Dayton.

Arkansas Athletic Trainers Association

The Arkansas Athletic Trainers' Association (AATA) is turning 25 years old!!



April 15-17 brings us to our 25th Annual State Meeting & Educational Symposium. 25 years! Wow! A lot has happened over this time, especially regarding the AATA's efforts to improve health care for the physically active people of Arkansas. We are very excited about what has happened over 25 years....what is currently going on....and what the future holds for our profession in Arkansas!

We are inviting all SWATA members to celebrate with us at the Wyndham Riverfront in North Little Rock! This is the site of the first AATA meeting back in 1987! Even if you have never worked in Arkansas, we plan to have a good time if you come!

Our 25th State Meeting will feature a strong educational program (11 CEUs, plus 4 on Friday) that is focusing on concussion management issues

and other athletic health issues, as well as a celebration of the athletic training profession in Arkansas. Nationally-recognized speakers that are coming to present include: Dr. Douglas Casa, Dr. Timothy Hewitt, Dr. Bobby Barton, &

Dr. Chad Starkey.

Here are the weekend plans, by bullet points:

Friday April 15:

- AATA Executive Board Meeting, 8am-12:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- Concussion Management Seminar/IMPACT Training Course, 1-4:30pm: 4 CEUs and if you are employed in the high school setting in Arkansas you can get a free 1 year license from IMPACT
- Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Social, 7pm: Dickey-Stephens Park (Travelers base-

ball game)

Saturday, April 16:

- Registration, 7:30am
- Educational Program 8am-5pm
- Committee Meetings 5pm-6pm
- **AATA Welcome Reception/Hall of Fame Celebration**, Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame @ Verizon Arena, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Guests are welcome!

Sunday, April 17:

- Registration, 7am
- Educational Program, 8am-12pm
- AATA Business Meeting NATA/SWATA Forum, 12pm-1:30pm.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

BJ Maack
AATA President
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Texas State Athletic Trainers Association

TSATA will be celebrating its 10th anniversary this summer and we would like to extend an invitation to you to join us in the celebration! TSATA will co-host the SWATA Welcome Reception this summer in Houston on Thursday, July 14th. We will have dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The night will feature a casino setting complete with Craps, Texas Hold 'em, Roulette and Black Jack. Bounce houses will be available for youngster. There will be buses that will travel between the conference hotel and the reception hall so that transportation will not be an issue. We are excited to co-host this event and hope to see everyone there!

TSATA is holding Regional Director elections for regions 3, 6, and 9. Region 6 and 9 will have new BOD

members joining due to term limits. Nominations will be accepted until March 28. Please email nominations to Scott Galloway, Vice Chair sgalloway@desotoisd.org. Remember, you must be a current member of TSATA to nominate and/or be nominated for the elected position. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours. If you do NOT receive a confirmation please re-send and call (469)446-0178 to verify your nomination was received. We want to ensure each nomination is received and accounted for. Election ballots will be sent out the week of April 11th-April 15. Akin Business Services will collect and tally the ballots as before. The election will close on May



27. At that time the results will be tallied and reported to the Board of Directors to

certify the results.

I would also like to remind you that TSATA has several committees hard at work for the Texas Athletic Trainer including the College & University Committee, Industrial, Clinical & Emerging Practices Committee, Secondary School Committee and the Governmental Affairs Committee. Visit www.tsata.com to learn more about these committees.

Cathy Supak
TSATA Chair

Eddie Wojecki Award Candidates

This award is given annually to an athletic trainer who has made outstanding contributions to the Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association within the past two years. The nominee's for this award are selected by a committee of the three previous Wojecki Award recipients'. Nominee's names are then voted on by the membership. The recipient is announced at the annual SWATA Awards Banquet. Born January 1, 1911 in Erie Pennsylvania, Eddie Wojecki became one of the preeminent leaders in SWATA

and NATA. His influence in the early development and governance of both organizations was consummate. While at Howard College, Eddie was the athletic trainer and an Instructor of Gymnastics. He later served as athletic trainer and instructor of physical education at Louisiana Tech from 1936 to 1942. During World War II, he went to Athens, Georgia to serve as an athletic trainer for the US Navy Pre-Flight School. Upon leaving Georgia, Wojecki became Head Athletic Trainer at the Rice Institute

(University) where he remained until his death. Eddie Wojecki nominees, are:

Karl Kapchinski

Diana Oppershall

Mike Stokic

Voting will be conducted when the ballots are sent out for District Director 3/22/2011

Arkansas Athletic Trainers in Action

Two UCA Athletic Training Education Program students selected for Leadership Seminar

Senior athletic training student, **Lyndsey Ingram** and Junior athletic training student **Sawako Tsutai** were selected by the Arkansas Athletic Trainers' Association to attend the national iLEAD Student Leadership Seminar held in Washington D.C. at the end of February. The iLEAD seminar focused on educating young professionals enrolled in accredited athletic training education programs (ATEP) with the skills to be the future leaders in the athletic training profession. Approximately 150 students from across the nation were honored with this opportunity by their state associations. The seminar is held every other year. The first seminar was in 2009 and the UCA ATEP had two students, **Sarah Walters** and **Richelle VanWagoner** selected for the inaugural seminar. The iLEAD seminar was held in conjunction with Athletic Training Educators' Conference in which **Ellen Epping**, the UCA Athletic Training Education Program Director attended.

Central Arkansas Athletic Training Students' Association

CONWAY – The Central Arkansas Athletic Training Students' Association

(CAATSA) in its Annual Holiday Food Drive collected and donated more than 475 pounds of non-perishable food items to Bethlehem House of Conway. This annual food drive is held in partnership with the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) Kinesiology and Physical Education Majors and hosted on the UCA campus.

In addition to the food drive, CAATSA completed several other community service projects during the fall semester. The projects included a December donation of clothing to the Salvation Army in Conway and participation in the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's Adopt-A-Highway Program. Association members cleaned up litter along their mile of Interstate 40 in Faulkner County. They adopted the stretch in 2007 and since have conducted a cleanup twice a semester.

“In addition to fulfilling the professional-student role of supporting the athletic programs of universities and schools in Central Arkansas, the association strives to be a meaningful contributor to the local community in many other ways,” says Allen Crawford, the faculty advisor to the association.

Bethlehem House serves as a pantry and shelter for homeless families and individuals.

“The shelter feeds up to 30 people on a daily basis and provides food to families in the local community,” Crawford says. “The students and UCA family were generous in their contributions, and we hope that our donation of food and canned goods will help during this season of need.”

CAATSA is a Recognized Student Organization at UCA. Its membership is made of students who have been accepted into the Athletic Training Education Program. The association's objectives are to promote the profession of Athletic Training, uphold the standards of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, and bring together individuals with common interests and goals for the betterment of the Athletic Training profession. For more information regarding the association, contact Crawford at acrawford@uca.edu.



Regional Athletic Training Spotlight

Valley Athletic Trainer's Association (VATA)

Members: 50

Web Site: www.vatargv.org

Board Members:

President Bob Aparicio
 Vice President Jaime Salinas
 Secretary Amanda Gonzalez
 Treasurer Susan Detwiler
 Membership Jeff Darr
 Continuing Ed. Steffani Becker
 Public Relations Natali Coronado

Student Athletic Trainer Workshop Site and Date: Usually around April at a local RGV high school.

Fee: \$15 dollars for pre-registration and \$20 onsite registration.

Professional Development CEU's: VATA hosts about two Mini-CEU sessions a year, usually one in the Fall and one in Spring and those are free

of charge. They are usually held at local PT clinics or doctors' offices. VATA also host a big seminar in early June called SPATS (South Padre Athletic Training Seminar). This event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel on June 10-12, 2011.

Fundraisers: VATA hosts two fundraisers per year. One of them is the annual Fill the Helmet Drive benefiting the Gridiron Heroes Spinal Cord Injury Foundation. This annual "Fill the Helmet Drive" takes place during high school football playoff games and raise about \$6000 for the Gridiron Heroes Spinal Cord Injury Foundation. VATA also host an annual golf tournament in early June to raise money for scholarships for local athletic training students.

Community Service: VATA is involved in several community service projects a year. One of them is assisting in the Vannie Cook Ride for Life. In the past years, they have assisted

as medical staff for this event that invites bicycle riders of all ages to help raise funds to support the Vannie J. Cook Clinic's efforts to continue providing state-of-the-art care to children battling cancer in the Rio Grande Valley. They have also participated in other events such as the 2010 Annual Police Olympics and a myriad of local athletic events.

Scholarships: VATA awards at least four scholarships annually.

Additional information: VATA is a great organization that strives to help the community through philanthropy and through education. VATA is an organization made up of talented athletic trainers and they host a great seminar every year. Please come out to SPATS 2011 June 10-12 at the Hilton Garden Inn at South Padre Island. Also, don't forget to visit our website at www.vatargv.org. – Natali Coronado

District Director Candidate Profile and Position Statements

Mike Carroll M Ed, ATC, LAT



Place of Employment:

Stephenville High School; Head Athletic Trainer/Assistant Athletic Director

State Association Positions/Committees:

- TSATA Region IV representative to Board of Directors 2006 – 2009. Liaison to THSCA & TGCA.
- Co-Created TSATA Academic All State Award for high school athletic training students
- Greater Houston Athletic Trainers' Society Advisory Council, southwest region representative (1993 –

1999)

- GHATS golf tournament sponsorship committee (1990)
- Texas Department of Health: State licensure exam (Examiner or Model) 1992 – present *Houston, Ft. Worth, & Lubbock exam sites
- Texas High School Coaches' Association: All Star basketball game athletic trainer, Ft. Worth, TX July 2007
- United States Olympic Committee: USOC training center athletic training volunteer, June 1997

District 6 Positions/committees:

- SWATA Board of Directors 2007 – Present. President 2009 – 2010.
- SWATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee 1998 – 2006. SSATC Chair 1999 – 2006.

- Registration Committee 1999 – 2004
- Goals Task Force (2007 – Chair, 2006 – member)

NATA Positions/Committees:

- Liaison to Hooton Foundation (2009 – Present)
- Pre-Season Practice Guidelines Task Force (2008 – 2009)
- Council on Employment (2005 – 2008)
- Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee (1999 – 2007)
- Educational Degree Task Force (2003 – 2005)
- Specialty Certification Committee (1999 – 2003)
- Board of Certification exam (Examiner or Model) 1993 – 2007 *Houston & Dallas/Ft. Worth exam sites

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What attributes will you contribute to the SWATA Executive Board and to the NATA Board of Directors?

The profession of athletic training is very diverse and I feel so are my experiences both in the profession and in the association. Over the past two decades, I have been involved in working to improve the profession by serving on committees and boards from all levels of professional organizations. Since 1993, I have been elected and served on the GHATS Advisory Council, the TSATA Board of Directors, and the SWATA Executive Board (serving as President in 2009 – 2010). I have also been appointed to serve on multiple NATA & SWATA task force and committees. Because of my involvement and experiences in various associations, I feel that I have the broad view of who athletic trainers are in District Six and how to address their needs.

Those that know me will speak of my passion for this profession, as I strive to do what is right for fellow athletic trainers of Arkansas and Texas, and for what I believe will benefit the general member of the NATA. I have been so fortunate to serve and repre-

sent athletic trainers in District Six in various capacities over the years. It is my hope, you will allow me to use this leadership experience as an asset as your District Director on the NATA Board of Directors.

For more information on my vision should I be privileged enough to be elected please visit my website www.mikec4dd.com

Identify one crucial issue for Athletic Trainers and how you would address that issue as a SWATA Officer and a member of the NATA Board of Directors?

Having benefits that meet or exceed the cost of membership is crucial. In today's economy athletic trainers need to know that the amount that they pay in dues will be returned to them in services, information, and opportunities to improve. In that benefit package job creation, position improvement, and marketability should be at the forefront, and I believe that a one size fits all approach is not appropriate. Because we are a diverse profession and association that ranges on one end with students and young professionals to opposite end with the seasoned veterans it is safe to say that not everyone is looking for the same thing in regards to the value out of

their membership.

What are your goals for SWATA and NATA should you be elected?

- Improvement of package of tangible benefits that the member receives for their dues.
- Get more district members involved at the national level. There are many committees, organizations and work groups that need hard working members or liaisons and I would like to get more SWATA members involved.
- Increased efforts on job creation in all settings.
- Increased emphasis at the national level for the secondary school athletic trainer.
- Re-evaluate athletic training education to determine appropriateness in today's job market.
- Continued integration of the young professionals and student associations into the overall association.
- Support both the AATA and the TSATA because the national association is only as strong as the districts and they in turn are only as strong as the state associations.

District Director Candidate Profile and Position Statements

Ron Carroll MS, LAT, ATC



Current Place of Employment :
Arkansas State University Head Athletic Trainer

State Association Positions/ Committees:

- President Elect April 1987-1989
- President April 1989 - April 1991
- Legislative Committee April 1991 – March 1996
- Arkansas State Board of Athletic Training Chairman January 1996-Present

District (SWATA) Positions/ committees:

- State Representative (Arkansas) July 1994 – July

2001

- Executive Board (2nd, 1st VP, President, Past Pres.) July 2003-2007

NATA Positions/Committees:

- Continuing Education Committee June 1982-June 1991
- Governmental Affairs Committee June 1995-June 2002
- Committee on Revenue 2002-2004

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What attributes will you contribute to the SWATA Executive Board and to the NATA Board of Directors?

The attributes that I bring to the SWATA Executive Board and the NATA Board of Directors include: Selfless service to the profession of athletic training; Demonstrated experience of commitment, communication and trust with the athletic training membership; Vision and the courage to make decisions benefiting members and the profession of athletic training.

Identify one crucial issue for Athletic Trainers and how you would address that issue as a SWATA Officer and a member of the NATA Board of Directors?

There are many crucial issues for Athletic Trainers. One crucial issue for Athletic Trainers is recognition of Athletic Training by local insurance companies, federal health care agencies, elected officials, school administrators, etc. It is extremely important to continue to support, encourage, and empower the membership to be involved at the local, state, district and the national level through education, lobbying, membership, research etc.

What are your goals for SWATA and NATA should you be elected?

My goals for SWATA and NATA are to continue the legacy of leadership in athletic training and to promote participation and membership in NATA, SWATA, TSATA, AATA and regional associations. My goals also include listening to and facilitating communication between the boards of these associations. Goals also include striving to hold costs and expenditures and manage dues in a manner that benefits the membership and athletic training. I would also promote functions and activities which educate, motivate, and inspire athletic trainers to place the athletic training profession in its rightful place within the healthcare field.

District Director Candidate Profile and Position Statements

Kathy I. Dieringer EdD, ATC, LAT, OPA-C



Trainers: Education Committee, member

(1992-1994)

- Member, Registration Committee (1991-1996)

District (SWATA) Positions/committees:

NATA Positions/Committees:

Current Place of Employment :

D&D Sports Med; President/Owner

State Association Positions/Committees:

- Texas State Athletic Trainers' Association: Co- Chair, Reimbursement Advisory Council
- Site Director for Licensure Test, Dallas Site
- Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers: Education Committee, Chair (1998-2005)
- Texas Advisory Board of Athletic

- Member, SWATA Hall of Fame
- Convention, Co-Chair (2006-2008)
- Executive Board Member; Second Vice President, First Vice President, President (2004-05), Past President
- Recipient, Bobby Gunn Award
- Recording Secretary, SWATA Executive Board (1995-2002)
- Chair, Women in Athletic Training Committee (2000-2003)
- Chair, Poster Presentation Committee (1998-2000)
- Chair, Student Essay Writing Contest (1996-1998)
- Member, Student Essay Writing Contest (1993-1996)
- Member, Program Committee

- Chair, Clinical and Emerging Practices Athletic Trainers' Committee (2008-present)
- Member, Vision Quest Executive Council (2009-2011)
- Member, Vision Quest, member (2009-2011)
- Member, Strategic Implementation Team (present)
- Recipient, Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award
- Member, Competency Revision Work Group (2010-2011)
- Member, Uniformed Terminology Project (2005-2008)
- Recipient, NATA Service Award

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- Recipient, NATA Service Award
- Member, Committee on Revenue (2005-2008)
- Member, Women in Athletic Training Committee (2000-2003)
- Examiner, NATA-BOC Test (2006)
- Hearing Panelist, NATA-BOC
- Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Athletic Training
- Manuscript Reviewer, Athletic Therapy and Training

What attributes will you contribute to the SWATA Executive Board and to the NATA Board of Directors?

My leadership approach to all issues is to listen—I am rarely the first or even fourth person to voice an opinion. I prefer instead to consider all sides of an issue before rendering an opinion, and more importantly to consider how that decision will impact every member of SWATA. I have served this profession at all levels in many different ways, simply because I love athletic training and want to give back to the profession that has given so much to me. I have worked at the secondary schools, university, and clinical settings, gaining a unique and varied perspective of the needs of the AT's in District VI. This diverse experience helps me to consider all

sides of an issue. I am not afraid to voice an unpopular opinion or make and support a difficult decision when it is the right thing to do for the members. I don't hide from controversy. I am objective in my opinions, but most importantly, I will fight for what's best for the members of SWATA. I will be your voice. My credo is to stand up for what's right, regardless of whether it is popular.

Identify one crucial issue for Athletic Trainers and how you would address that issue as a SWATA Officer and a member of the NATA Board of Directors?

The number 1 issue facing athletic trainers is the need to increase credibility in the public's eye and the health-care industry. To accomplish this, we must:

- Improve working conditions for all athletic trainers, but especially for the secondary schools athletic trainer.
- Insure that every secondary school in the nation has an athletic trainer on staff
- Obtain CMS recognition.
- Continue to improve our educational programs--We have developed outstanding educational programs, but in our focus to raise the educational standard, the basic skills that were the foundation of athletic training have been ne-

glected.

- Increase and improve job opportunities for athletic trainers in all settings.

What are your goals for SWATA and NATA should you be elected?

- Improve communication from the NATA and SWATA to the members about membership benefits and increasing the value of their membership.
- Support financial transparency of SWATA and the NATA.
- Continue to support the engagement of our young professionals.
- Reengage the members who feel disenfranchised through membership issues, leadership decisions, and settings disagreements to reestablish the foundation of our membership and the values that established our celebrated history.
- Facilitate an open discussion with the SWATA Executive Board about concerns from some SWATA members that some geographical regions are not represented in the leadership.

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William F. (Bucky) Taylor, III
M.Ed., ATC, LAT



Current Place of Employment:
Mesquite ISD, District Itinerant Athletic Trainer

District (SWATA) Positions/committees:

- SWATA BOD 2000 – 2004; President 2003
- Communications Chair 1998 – 2001

- UIL Advisory Council 1996 – 1998
- Internet Task Force 1996
- CEU Monitor 1995 – 1997
- Corporate Sponsor Chair 2003 to present

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NATA Positions/Committees:

- Interim NATA District 6 Secretary – 2001
- NATA Foundation Public Relations Committee 2005 - present

What attributes will you contribute to the SWATA Executive Board and to the NATA Board of Directors?

I am at the point in my career where it is time to give back to the profession that I have been affiliated with for 36 years. Because of this, the greatest attribute that I will be able to give to both the SWATA BOD and the NATA BOD will be time. Now that I am no longer a full-time athletic trainer, I will not have to juggle my day-to-day activities with SWATA/NATA responsibilities. I will be able to devote my full energy and time to both associations

and our chosen profession.

Identify one crucial issue for Athletic Trainers and how you would address that issue as a SWATA Officer and a member of the NATA Board of Directors?

Former Speaker of the House, Tip O'Neal, often said that "all politics is local." To me this statement means that an elected official must always hold the interests of his constituents close to his heart. There are several key issues that are on the minds of all athletic trainers. To me they can all be wrapped up under the heading of "how is the association helping me?"

This is a big issue that crosses the gamut of all practice settings and is the paramount concern both the local and national organizations must tackle.

I would propose confronting the issue on three levels: 1) forging professional

alliances, 2) a national public relations program, and 3) providing professional services for athletic trainers. For athletic trainers to progress we must grow the profession to the point that everyone knows what an athletic trainer is and does. We must have the same name recognition as our medical professional colleagues have with lay people and the general population.

What are your goals for SWATA and NATA should you be elected?

1. Keeping both organizations fiscally sound.
2. Increasing membership.
3. Increasing awareness about the athletic training profession
4. Promoting jobs
5. Promoting professionalism

2011 SWATA Election

These four candidates were nominated for the position of SWATA District Director to succeed Brian Conway who has served the maximum number of terms allowed. The election will be completed electronically and will become available to the membership March 22, 2011. While current Director Conway still has one year left on his term, this allows the newly elected District Director to shadow for one year and learn the details of the position. In order to serve as District Director, an individual must be a certified member of NATA and must have previously served as an elected member of the SWATA Executive

2011 SWATA Annual Meeting Registration Now Open

The three day SWATA Meeting and Symposium provides athletic trainers and other health care professionals with opportunities for continuing education and a chance to discuss the concerns and issues faced in our profession. The Program Committee is once again assembling an outstanding program. During the conference, you will be able to choose from various sessions covering a wide range of topics.

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION Registration Dates

Online pre-registration is February 18 - June 29, 2011

At midnight (EST) June 29th you will no longer be able to register online. You will have to go through the onsite registration process in Houston.

Registration Fee Feb. 18- June 29:

- Members \$90
- Non-members \$340
- Student Members \$25
- Student Non-members \$35
- Certified Student Members \$25



- Certified Student Non-Members \$35

Onsite:

- Members \$140
- Non-members \$390
- Student Members \$30
- Student Non-members \$40
- Certified Students \$30
- Certified Student Non-members \$40

More information at www.swata.org

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PAST PRESIDENT	MIKE CARROLL
ARKANSAS STATE REP.	KEN COLE
TEXAS STATE REP.	MIKE PACE
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