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President's Message

I hope that this newsletter finds you rested and rejuvenated. The fall sports season is just around the corner. The last few months have been busy for your Executive Council. I would like to focus your attention on several updates and opportunities within your organization.

1) Summer Symposium- The summer symposium was a huge success! The Education Committee, specifically Scott Gull (Summer Meeting Coordinator), Tim Drudge (Golf Outing Coordinator), and Ann Ninness (IATA Association Manager) put together an awesome event. Featured speaker Mike Cendoma and Sports Medicine Concepts presented an informative and interactive discussion on brain and cervical spine injury. The Symposium was held downtown at the NCAA Headquarters. It was a great weekend with great theoretical knowledge and practical application of this very important topic.



Paul Plummer, MA, LAT, ATC

In addition, the golf outing hosted the most golfers for this event in many years. Almost 80 golfers enjoyed the fellowship and beautiful scenery at Bent Tree Golf Course. This event is an opportunity for us to raise funds for our Political Action Committee (LAT-PAC). We don't have all of the final numbers back at the time of writing this but we raised a significant amount of money for our LAT-PAC. I would like to send my appreciation out to all of you who participated in the golf outing, especially our sponsors, and look forward to an even more exciting event next year.

2) IATA Honors and Awards- Please review the website (www.iata-usa.org/awardWinners.asp) for detailed information on awards that one of your colleagues is qualified to receive. It is important that we recognize our colleagues and people who contribute to the Athletic Training profession. The awards dinner has traditionally been held during the Summer Symposium; however, this year it is being moved to the Annual Fall Meeting and will kick off events. It is my intention that we have a large turnout for this event and can recognize many contributors to our association. Take the time to nominate deserving people for these great honors and make plans to attend this special event. Nomination deadline is August 15th.

3) Student Representative Vacancy- Currently, two student representatives serve as liaisons between the Executive Council and the athletic training students in Indiana. One of the representative's terms is concluding this October. In September there will be an announcement forwarded to program directors to announce the student

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<u>Content Due</u>	<u>Newsletter Out</u>
September 15	October 1
November 15	December 1

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committee seeking nominations for this two year appointment. I want you to encourage your qualified students to apply.

4) Elections- GLATA - Nominations are currently being accepted for the positions of GLATA President-Elect and Secretary. Anyone interested in running for these positions should submit their names to Julie Rochester, GLATA President –Elect. Nomination forms must also be submitted by visiting the GLATA website at this address: www.glata.org/elections/nominationform.htm. Nominations are due by October 1, 2007.

IATA- Nominations are currently being accepted for the positions of President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. To nominate yourself or other deserving people for these positions please contact Craig Voll at cavoll@purdue.edu

You all continue to represent yourselves and this profession well. We continue to get the message about the great things members of our profession have to offer not only in our words but also in our actions. You should all be proud to be a part of such a profession. Thank you for all you do.

I want you to know that the Executive Council values your opinion and wants to hear how we can better serve you. As always if you have any questions, ideas or would like to become more involved, please contact me at pplummer1@isugw.indstate.edu.

I will see you at the Fall Meeting in October. Good Luck with your upcoming Fall Sports.



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Memorials

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Purdue Visits China

Fourteen Purdue University athletic training students had the opportunity to participate in a study abroad class this spring from May 7-28. The course was titled *Global Perspectives in Sports Medicine – China* and was arranged through the Purdue study abroad programs with Larry Leverenz as the group leader. The students spent 2 weeks at Beijing Sport University taking classes and interacting with their students. They attended lectures by BSU professors on many techniques of Traditional Chinese Medicine including massage, acupuncture, cupping, and Chinese exercise and learned how these techniques relate to the care of the athletes in China.

They also had the opportunity to help with a 3-day workshop sponsored by the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy and Johnson & Johnson where approximately 130 BSU students



and faculty learned some western techniques of injury care including exercise and taping. The group had the opportunity to see many of the sites in and around Beijing and enjoy the local culture. The third week was spent traveling to Xi'an, the site of the Terracotta Warriors and then on to a great finish in Shanghai. The goals of this experience were to expose the students to the culture and life in China, specifically in the area of athletic training and sports medicine, and to interact in a positive way with students of that culture. Both goals were met beyond all expectations.



President-Elect Message

Dear Members of the Indiana Athletic Trainers' Association-

As I sat down to write this letter regarding the upcoming elections for President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary, I was searching for the best words to thoroughly describe the problem that I feel our state association is facing. I remembered an editorial from some years back entitled "Wanted: Another Pinky Newell" that struck a chord with me. In it the author lamented over the apparent trend toward decreased professional involvement of all members – especially the younger ones – to participate in state and district associations. I would like to share with you a brief excerpt from the editorial because the author has eloquently stated everything that I fervently believe and have been unable to put into such poignant terms. In his editorial the author writes:

"I don't believe athletic trainers are doomed to low paying jobs with long hours. Instead, I believe that continued development of our professionalism is the key to our future. We can finally show quantitatively that certified athletic trainers are effective providers of health care, we are establishing a significant cadre of researchers, and we have among us a significant number with the entrepreneurial spirit that will take our profession to new horizons.

The way I see it, all of the ingredients for an exciting future for athletic training are in place except for one: Who will step forward and provide the visionary leadership of Pinky Newell? We can't progress by living in the past. We are doomed if we believe our best days are behind us. We cannot nurture and mentor new leaders if we cannot get them interested in the affairs of the profession."

I too am troubled by this trend of decreased professional involvement at the state level; and I refuse to believe that the best days of the Indiana Athletic Trainers' Association are behind us. Our organization has had several outstanding and dedicated members commit their time and talent to advance the association. However, it has become evident that the same few are always the ones to come to the aid of the association. We have overcome many obstacles and achieved major accomplishments, but we need to continually forge ahead as many challenges are looming in the years to come.

We have the potential to progress Indiana forward as one of the preeminent state organizations in the nation, but we can only do so with strong leadership committed to seeing that goal become a reality. Enthusiastic and passionate individuals are paramount to that goal and are the driving force to survival and advancement of the IATA. It is time to pass the torch to the youth of the IATA — youth with the determination and initiative to progress Indiana forward. I am asking for a commitment of time and talent, but remember this association is your association. You are a part of this family and it is this family that represents you as a professional. For the little amount of yourself I am asking, the reward is eye opening, inspiring, and ten-fold of what you put in.

I therefore will end this letter by placing a want ad as suggested by the author of the editorial: **Wanted: Members of the Indiana Athletic Trainers' Association with vision, leadership, love of the profession and a devotion to its further development.** My only question is: among you, who will answer the ad?

To nominate a certified IATA member for the office of President-Elect, Secretary, or Treasurer; or if you simply need more information before making a decision please contact Craig Voll via email at cavoll@purdue.edu or by phone at (765) 496-6732.

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IATA Golf Outing

On behalf of Clark Simpson, LAT-PAC Chairman, and myself I would like to extend a huge thank you to those IATA members in attendance for this year's IATA Golf Outing at Bent Tree Golf Club. This year's outing benefited the IATA LAT-PAC. We had a total of 76 golfers this year consisting of IATA members, legislators, physicians, athletic directors, and vendors. This is the largest group we have had in several years thanks to the enthusiasm of the Executive Council, and several IATA members extending invitations to those whose jobs are positively influenced by certified athletic trainers in Indiana. A large number of door prizes, great food, a fun round of golf and terrific fellowship were had by all in attendance.

I would also like to thank the IATA Corporate Sponsors, as well as these additional sponsors of this year's outing:

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Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana
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Hazen Physical Therapy
Indy Physical Therapy
Integra Healthcare
Purdue Sports Medicine
Center for Diagnostic Imaging

Without the support of these and our Corporate Sponsors, this year's outing would not have been as successful. Please take the time to thank our sponsors throughout the year with your continued support.

We look forward to an even better 2008 outing! If you would like to participate in helping with the 2008 outing, contact me at tkdrudge@stvincent.org or at (317) 415-5749.

Additional pictures on page 6.



Clark Simpson



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Tim Drudge



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Committee News

Committee on Revenue Update:

NPI numbers are now being requested by private insurers. If you have not done so already, sign up immediately. Get your NPI and keep it on file even if you are not currently in a setting in which you are billing for services.

The NPI is yours for the length of time you practice, not dependent on where you are employed. The link for applying online is:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>

Due to the advent of the NPI, a new HCFA form is required for submission of claims. Be sure you are using the most current form!

Education Committee Update:

Mike Cendoma and Tony Surace of Sports Medicine Concepts presented a two day symposium on cervical spine injuries, the mechanism, assessment, initial care and follow-up for concussions. Hands on labs for transportation (log roll), face mask removal and on-sight concussion assessment were conducted. The meeting held at the NCAA Headquarters on July 13 and 14 was well attended by 75 athletic trainers.

All Star Committee Update:

The Executive Council would like to take this opportunity to recognize Chris Diaz and his efforts with the All Star Committee. We appreciate his hard work and what he has done to grow this committee. You will be missed!

With Chris' resignation comes a new chair: Janet Clifton. Jan was approved at the July meeting as the new All Star Committee Chair. If you have questions or comments for Jan, she can be reached by email at: JMClifto@stvincent.org.



IATA News from the Secretary

Request for Membership Address Information

In the past we have had members who have requested to receive a list of membership addresses for research or other such purposes. The IATA will now be directing all such requests to the NATA for processing. The NATA is able to provide a greater range of services while still protecting membership contact information. For further information, please contact IATA Secretary, Joanne Klossner at jklossne@indiana.edu or Sandy Ward at the NATA.

Updating Membership Information

Just a reminder...if you have had a change in your contact information, please make these changes with the NATA. Changes are then sent to GLATA and the IATA each month. You may access the membership directory under the "Members Area" on the IATA website at www.iata-usa.org. Your username is your first name followed by your last name with capital letters starting each name and no space between (i.e. JohnDoe). Your password is your last name with a capital letter (i.e. Doe). You will have the option to change your password after your initial log in. The membership directory is updated approximately each month after changes are received from the NATA and GLATA.

GLATA Updates:

GLATA Research Committee Research Assistance Awards

The GLATA Research committee is now accepting applications for research assistance funds of up to \$1500. To be eligible for these funds you must be a certified member of the GLATA and be employed full time as an athletic trainer (clinician or educator). There are two award cycles annually with application deadlines of September 15, 2007, and January 15, 2008. One award is available each cycle for a professional member and for a certified student member. Instructions and the online application can be found at:

www.glata.org/researcheducation/researcheducation.htm

GLATA Research Committee Call for Abstracts

Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Symposium March 6-8, 2008

Toledo, Ohio

Original research and case study abstracts for presentation in the free communications sessions of the GLATA Annual Meeting are now being accepted. Both professional and student members are encouraged to apply. The submission deadline is 5:00pm on November 15, 2007. Electronic submission instructions and applications can be found at:

www.glata.org/researcheducation/researcheducation.htm

GLATA Grants, Scholarships, and Awards

There are several GLATA Grants, Scholarships, and Awards that are open to any GLATA Member. They are as follows and the applications can be found on the GLATA website at:

<http://glata.org/downloadabledocuments.htm>.

Continuing Education

Assistance Funds	Deadline 12/31
Research and Assistance Funds	Deadline 10/1
Scholarships	Deadline 12/1
Honors and Awards Nominations	Deadline 10/1



GLATA Listserv

GLATA (District 4) has launched a new moderated listserv for athletic trainers, sports medicine professionals, and students. Strict guidelines will be enforced for every posting. Members can access the listserv from a website and/or through their email.

To Subscribe to this listserv:

1. Go to <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GLATA/> click on "Join This Group"
2. Send a blank email (i.e., no subject line, no email content) to GLATA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To Post a Message on the listserv (members only):

1. Send an email to GLATA@yahoogroups.com
2. Go to <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GLATA/> - click on "Post" under Messages (found in the left column)

Email Netiquette Websites

1. E-Mail Etiquette - www.iwillfollow.com/email.htm
2. Email Netiquette - www.ts-cyberia.net/email.html
3. Email Replies.com - www.emailreplies.com
4. Email Netiquette 101 - www.kassj.com/netiquette/netiquette.html

GLATA Seeks Nominations for Executive Positions

The GLATA Nominations Committee is currently accepting nominations for the positions of GLATA President-Elect and Secretary. Nominations will be accepted until October 1, 2007. The 2007 election will run the month of November, with newly elected officers taking their positions in March 2008 at the GLATA Winter Meeting General Business Meeting in Toledo.

For job descriptions related to these positions, please see [[GLATA Bylaws](#)]

[Click here to access the online nomination form.](#)

PLEASE - Consider a run for office!!

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NATA Updates

Call to Action!

Very important for ALL athletic trainers:

Write Your Congressperson TODAY to Support H.R. 1846, Medicare Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act

A new bill, "Medicare Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act" (H.R. 1846), was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. This is essentially the same bill that was introduced last fall; it died when the last Congress adjourned. A companion bill will be introduced in the Senate soon.

The bill does two things:

1. Essentially overturns the 2005 CMS therapy-incident to rule and makes it consistent with the intent of how physical medicine and rehabilitation services are intended to be provided in physician offices.
2. Makes athletic trainers and lymphedema therapists covered providers under Medicare.

NATA needs your action today and in the future. It's imperative that every member gets behind this bill and supports it. Go to the [NATA Legislative Alert Center](#) and follow the secure links to send your letter to your members of Congress.

What You Need to Do:

1. Write letters to your lawmakers, asking them to support the Medicare Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act (H.R. 1846).
2. Don't know how to reach your U.S. Senators and Representative? Click on the Legislative Alert Center. Send your letter from this page. It's quick and easy!
3. Go to the [Federal Legislation Resource page](#) to get sample support letters for physicians, employers, administrators and other professional colleagues. There also are resources for patients, athletes and parents. Ask them to support you by writing letters and making phone calls to their legislators.

Questions? Contact Amy Callender at 1.800.879.6282, ext. 153 or amyc@nata.org.

NATA Honors & Awards Criteria

- **Hall of Fame** (prerequisite: 25 years certified) Reserved for those who have had an exemplary career as a certified athletic trainer
- **Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer** (prerequisite: 20 years certified) Career contributions at the state, district and national levels
- **Athletic Trainer Service Award** (prerequisite: 15 years certified) Reflective primarily of contributions at local and state levels
- **President's Challenge Award** Recognition of a physician or other health care professional that is an advocate of the athletic training profession

- **Honorary Membership** A non-athletic trainer who has contributed to the growth of our profession and association

Details and nomination information for each of these awards can be found on the NATA web site at www.nata.org/honors/ beginning on August 1. Nominations will open on that day and close November 15. All completed applications, letters of recommendation and other supporting materials are due to the NATA office by December 1. A list of eligible members can be found on the GLATA website at <http://glata.org/honorsawards/honorsawards.htm>.

NATA Elections

Keep in mind that the NATA Presidential Election will open on September 4th! We encourage all IATA members to voice their opinion in our next leader by VOTING! More information will be coming soon from the NATA about voting procedure. If you haven't heard already, the two nominees are: Marjorie Albohm, MS, ATC and Sandy Miller, MEd, ATC. Congratulations to IATA Member Marjorie Albohm for her nomination! For those members who don't know Marje well, here's a little background information on her career.

Marjorie J. Albohm received her BS degree from Valparaiso University and her MS degree from Indiana State University. She was one of the first women in the nation certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Ms. Albohm has authored many articles appearing in a variety of journals. She is the author of the book, *Health Care and the Female Athlete*, and co-author of *Your Injury - A Common Sense Guide to Sports Injuries*, and *Reimbursement for Athletic Trainers*. A highly regarded speaker, she has lectured nationally on a variety of athletic training and sports medicine related topics.

Ms. Albohm has served on the medical staff and has coordinated the medical coverage for numerous national and international events, including the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, the 1987 Pan American Games, the 1988 Track and Field Olympic Trials, the 1991 World Gymnastic Championships, and the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

Ms. Albohm is the past President of the National Athletic Trainers' Association Research and Education Foundation, past Chairperson of the NATA Reimbursement Advisory Group, past Vice President of the NATA board of directors, and currently serves as District 4 Director and Secretary/Treasurer of the NATA Board of Directors. She has received the NATA Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award, the Tim Kerin Award for Excellence in Athletic Training, and is a 1999 inductee in the NATA Hall of Fame.

Ms. Albohm currently serves as Director of Business Development and Orthopaedic Research for OrthoIndy and The Indiana Orthopaedic Hospital, Indianapolis, IN.