

President's Message

August is here, which means that for most of us, fall sports are starting up again. I hope you all had some time this summer to reconnect with family and friends and are now ready to begin another year.

The 16th Annual Golf Outing was held on July 11th at the Wood Wind Golf Club in Westfield with over 70 golfers in attendance on a gorgeous summer day. All those who attended had an excellent time and raised money to support the LAT-PAC, an organization that helps support the IATA's interests in state and local politics. I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to personally thank Tim Drudge and his committee members, Amy Reinhart and Andi Clifford, for all their hard work in organizing such an outstanding event. Each year this event continues to grow in popularity and I hope you make plans to join us next year for a great time and a great cause.

The 12th Annual Summer Symposium was held on Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13th at Conseco Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis. Chris Gregor-Maxwell presented a two-day, interactive lecture/lab program focusing on the Hesch Method for treating pelvic and sacroiliac joint dysfunction. The 85 attendees represented the largest turnout ever for a Summer Symposium. David Craig, Adam Thompson, and the entire Educational Committee should be commended for their commitment in bringing quality continuing educational experiences to the members of the IATA.

Involving more members within the association, especially younger members, continues to be one of my top priorities. I am pleased to announce that numerous members have already answered the call to serve within the association. In fact, since March, twelve new members, with no prior experience serving within the association, have agreed to volunteer their precious time and serve on committees.

In closing, I remind everyone that nothing is so contagious as example, and that could not be more true when it comes to volunteering. Harriet Naylor, a staunch proponent of volunteering, was right when she said that "volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know we had a hand in them." I ask that you take Harriet's words and apply them to the interactions you have with your students.



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How can we expect our students, the future of our profession, to know and experience the joy of giving back, unless we teach them that the greater pleasures in life lie in the art of giving back to the association rather than receiving? Lead by example and volunteer to give back. In conclusion, 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 email me at cavoll@purdue.edu.

Yours in good health,

Craig Voll LAT, ATC
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Advancement in Athletic Training

The mission statement of the National Athletic Trainers' Association is to enhance the quality of health care provided by certified athletic trainers and to advance the athletic training profession. Certified Athletic Trainer's see the value in gaining dual degrees or certifications, however, there seems to be a disconnect between the role of our members within our organization and the mission to advance our profession. This disconnect exists particularly when it comes to employee and employer satisfaction with respect to the certified athletic trainer. As members of NATA we see the value in our profession but we often fail to communicate that value to our employers. Working long hours, tireless travel, or our constant excessive workload can show our dedication but does it really exemplify our worth to the job setting, our capabilities or our accomplishments? Certified Athletic Trainer's need to take a greater look at objective measures to identify the strengths of their position and relay that message appropriately. Within one's own setting it's important to address job satisfaction, moral, procedure implementation, treatments rendered, injuries rehabilitated, etc in order to identify the value and reciprocity an athletic trainer creates for their organization. An example might be that better patient care returns patients to a higher state of well being than prior to the injury. If certified athletic trainers are diligent and precise in the message they give to their employee they can create a better environment for themselves and future professionals. Certified Athletic Trainer's should expect their professional organization to represent them but they must also represent themselves not only as employees but as individuals who seek to advance the profession. If a Certified Athletic Trainer can't identify the value they give to their organization then an employer will not see it either. In order to advance in our profession as an employee and as a person there is a responsibility to take control of our environment and identify our strengths and the responsibility to expose them. The Mayo Clinic identifies "lack of control" as a major cause of burnout; this reveals the necessity to influence decisions that affect your job. Therefore, when we can see that our fellow certified athletic trainers are looking for that "perfect job" the reality may be that they really just need to identify their value and advance not only their career but our profession.

Summer Symposium '08

On July 12th and 13th the IATA, with a grant from GLATA, presented the HESCH S-I approach by Chris Gregor-Maxwell at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, IN. This was the largest number of attendees at summer seminar and reached capacity at 80 attendees. The HESCH method for treating pelvic and sacroiliac joint dysfunction is an innovative and clinically proven approach that integrates the SI, symphysis pubis and lumbar spine.

Summer Golf & Symposium Photo Gallery



Thank You To All Participants!!!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

FALL SYMPOSIUM ~ OCTOBER 26-27, 2008

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We are looking for an outgoing and motivated individual to chair the High School Committee. If you are interested in serving in a very important and vital way, please contact Barb Caton, Chair of the Membership Committee: barbara.caton@evsc.k12.in.us.

IATA Awards

IATA members are reminded to nominate their worthy colleagues for this year's IATA Awards that will be presented at this fall's awards banquet. The following awards are open for nominations:

- Hall of Fame
- Athletic Trainer of the Year
 - High School Division
 - College/University Division
 - Clinical/Professional Division
- Distinguished Service Award

The deadline for nominations has been extended until August 25th. Award criteria and nomination forms can be found on the IATA website. For nominations to be complete, they must include a nomination form, nomination letter and the candidate's resume or curriculum vitae. If you have questions, please contact Joe Harvey, Awards Committee Chair, at joharv@aol.com or by phone at (317) 524-7088.

Also please consider nominating a deserving colleague for NATA and GLATA awards. Indiana has always been a pioneering state in Athletic Training so there are many deserving candidates for these awards as well. Nomination forms and criteria can be found at the NATA and GLATA websites.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - Regarding License Renewal!

Your Indiana State License to practice as an Athletic Trainer will be up for renewal this December 2008! You will need 50 CEUs to renew! The IATA Fall Symposium will offer CEUs and if you renewed your NATA membership, you have access to FREE CEUs on their website!

Check now to see how many you have...