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## President's Message

Happy Holidays!

The IATA has so much to be thankful for. There are many of you that have contributed to the success of the IATA. I want to recognize a few that have made some exceptional efforts:

Bernie Stento has coordinated our Educational Programming for many years. He has put together a great committee and through his leadership the meetings continue to set new standards. Scott Gull, Chris Shaff, Sherry Molinar, Mark Lahr, and Kim Latham all contribute to making the meetings a success. This year was no exception. Great Job!



*Paul Plummer, MA, LAT, ATC*

Bernie has asked to resign his role as Education Chair to spend more time with family. He has dedicated the last 10 years to improving our summer and fall meetings. I hope that when you see Bernie you will express your gratitude to him for all that he has done for you. Thank you Bernie for all that you have done. You will be missed in this role.

Scott Lawrance and Justin Miller deserve our thanks. In the past 6 months, they have significantly raised our corporate sponsorship revenue. They have also been instrumental in attracting more vendors to exhibit at our meetings. Both of these efforts are vitally important as we continue to grow and move forward as an association. Scott and Justin, we appreciate all that you have done to support this association.

Christine Lauber and the scholarship committee had the most ever applicants. This is a testament to them helping to spread the word of the availability of these scholarships and helping to streamline this process.

There are several other faces that work tirelessly to make this association function smoothly. One of those is our Association Manager, Ann Ninness. We could not do all that we do without her. I also want to welcome Pete Dewar, a junior at Purdue, to the Executive Council as a Student Representative. He is taking the position vacated by Katie Oneal. Katie thanks for your leadership.

Clark Simpson continues to develop the LAT-PAC and reach out to you. He has some thoughts for you later in this edition. Please pay particular attention to this. It is vitally important that we are all involved in the LAT-PAC if we want to effect change.

Finally, I am thankful to each of you for being a member of this association. It is important that we all work together if we are to achieve common goals. 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](mailto:pplummer1@isugw.indstate.edu).

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<u>Content Due</u>	<u>Newsletter Out</u>
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March 15	April 1
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**Scholarship Committee Update**

The Scholarship Committee would like to expand its membership to include a representative from the high school setting and a representative from the clinical/industrial/corporate setting. Interested IATA members in these settings can contact committee chair, Christine Lauber, at *clauber@uindy.edu* for information.



**Members Only Log In**

The Members Only section is up and running! The Username and Password have changed from the previous website and are unique to each user. Follow this format to log in for the first time:

Username: FirstnameLastname (Capitalize the first letter of each with no space between)

Password: Lastname (Again capitalizing the first letter)



**From the Education Corner**

This past Fall meeting at the NCAA was an exciting time for our organization. We had 290 attendees, up considerably from the 210 in 2005. It was nice to see so many familiar faces in a beautiful facility. A big thank you to the 20 exhibitors who supported the IATA as well as the fall meeting committee who logged countless hours planning the event. Congratulations to Franklin College who had the winning quiz bowl team. Also, congratulations to Cat Stemmans of Indiana State who received the \$500 IATA research grant, Kirk Armstrong and Amy Morton of Ball State and Andi Clifford of Indiana State who all received \$1,000 scholarships. Keep an eye out for next year's save the date card you should receive in early August.

The 2007 summer meeting is planned for July 13 & 14 at the NCAA and it will be featuring Sports Medicine Concepts' "In Two Minutes or Less" head and cervical spine course. Mike Cendoma was a speaker eight years ago for the IATA, so if you missed this course, now is your chance to review your skills to handle these injuries.

**License Update**

By now you should have received your license renewal from the professional licensing agency. It is due by the end of this year and you must have 50 CEUs for 2005 & 2006. Please check your CEU status ASAP and do not confuse this requirement with the BOC requirement to stay nationally certified.

Lastly, this is the final time I will be updating the membership about the education committee. After nine years, I have decided to step down as education chair at the end of the year. I feel the time is right for others to get involved with the IATA and put their touch on the meetings. I have had mixed emotions about this for quite a while but my time has been continually challenged at home with my family and with projects at school. I feel good about this decision and look forward to some new professional opportunities in the future. I will be happy to help if any of you have "old" CEU issues. Please feel free to contact me. I would like to give a final thank you to all those individuals who have volunteered their time to work with me on the education committee. Without your efforts we could not survive as an organization. I have learned more than I anticipated nine years ago and I feel the most rewarding aspect of the position has been the opportunity to meet and get to know so many of the members. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and enjoying many good times to come!

## GLATA Elections!

Don't forget to vote during the GLATA Elections! Visit the [GLATA website](#) to vote for both Vice-President and Treasurer. Online elections are now open through December 1st!



## Support the Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act

The National Athletic Trainers' Association and your colleagues need your help! The NATA has a link to a web site where you can download a letter to send to your Congressmen in support of the Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act, S. 3963. Five minutes of your time can have a huge impact on our profession! Visit the Legislative Action Center by going [here](#).

In addition to the NATA campaign going to the United States Congressmen, the IATA has drafted a letter in support to send to our state Congressmen. It is extremely important to support this at not only the national level, but at the state level as well. You can download a copy of the IATA letter by going [here](#). Don't worry, if you do not know who your Representatives are or where to send the letter to, find out [here](#).



## Final Reminder for NPI Contest!

As you may have seen in the NATA News and through other communications, the NATA is hosting a friendly contest among the state organizations to generate enthusiasm for the NPI (National Provider Identifier) project. They wish to recognize the state that achieves the highest percentage of members that obtain their NPI.

Contact IATA President-Elect, Craig Voll, with confirmation of your number. All we need to collect is your name, NATA member number, and email address.

If you have not yet applied for your NPI number follow these steps!

When filling out your application use:

**Provider Code 22** (Respiratory, Rehabilitative & Restorative Service Providers) and **Taxonomy Code 2255A2300X** (Athletic Trainer)

To Apply go to: <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>

Find other NPI information on the NATA Web site at [www.nata.org/members1/documents/CRN/index.htm](http://www.nata.org/members1/documents/CRN/index.htm).

This is not a specific practice setting issue; it is a professional practice issue. We are licensed by our state as Athletic Trainers regardless of setting. This credential is just as critical. It doesn't matter where you practice athletic training; we all share the same scope of practice privileges. Therefore we should all hold standard credentials giving us credibility in the healthcare system.

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## Licensed Athletic Trainers Political Action Committee LAT-PAC

During my short term as LAT-PAC Chair, I have found that there is a significant lack of understanding of what a Political Action Committee (PAC) is, and why the IATA should have one. My goals with this article are to provide information for you to gain a better understanding of what a PAC is, and I hope, to convince you that supporting our PAC is not an option, but a necessity.

Political Action Committees are committees formed by business, labor, or other special-interest groups to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support. It is a separate and segregated fund established by an organization for making political contributions. PACs allow organizations to contribute money to federal and state elections, control the disbursement of funds, solicit contributions from an organization's shareholders and employees, and accept contributions from any lawful source. PACs are extremely important in financing elections.

Many of us resent the fact that money appears to play such a major role in government. The truth and fact is that legislators are constantly running for reelection, and need large sums of money to conduct such campaigns. Contributions to campaigns do not guarantee the election of a candidate or success in issues which the IATA has interest. However, contributions do help elect people who already agree with the views of the contributors. The PAC and contributions that come from a PAC gets the organization a "place at the table" with a candidate or legislator.

Let's take this out of the political context for a moment and look at our own businesses and organization. We solicit corporate sponsors to support our organization. These sponsors are very much needed and appreciated for their support of the IATA. We would have a difficult time running and funding our organization without them, right? Well, what does this support get our corporate sponsors? They have opportunity and access to our members through advertising and booth displays at our conferences. And when they make a call or drop by our training rooms or places of business, we welcome them. They have a foot in the door. Does that mean we purchase all of our products or services from them? Certainly not, but they are given the opportunity to make their case, usually ahead of a competitor. They are "at our table", with an opportunity to influence us because of their support. This is no different than what we are doing in the political arena.

**Why was LAT-PAC formed?** — LAT-PAC was formed to empower Indiana Athletic Trainers to be more involved in the determination of state laws and policies. IATA decided to create a mechanism that would allow the athletic training profession to channel its financial and grassroots support to help elect candidates to the state legislature who are responsive to the athletic training profession's goals and viewpoints.

If we, as Licensed Athletic Trainers in the state of Indiana, desire to have political influence in our state, we must have a PAC.

I hope you are influenced! If you are a licensed athletic trainer in the state of Indiana, your livelihood, your job, no matter what sector you are in, could count on it.

If you need more information about LAT-PAC, refer to [www.iata-usa.org](http://www.iata-usa.org). However, if you are ready to contribute now, make your checks out and mail to:

### LAT-PAC

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## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 2006 Scholarship Winners which were announced at the Fall Meeting. Andrea Clifford, senior at Indiana State University, and Amy Morton, senior at Ball State University, were awarded the \$1000 Undergraduate Scholarships. The \$1000 Graduate Scholarship was awarded to Ball State University doctoral candidate, Kirk Armstrong.



*(Left to Right):  
Bernie Stento, Education Chair; Christine Lauber,  
Scholarship Chair; Andrea Clifford; Paul Plummer,  
President*



*(Left to Right):  
Bernie Stento, Christine Lauber, Amy Morton, and  
Paul Plummer*



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Bernie Stento, Christine Lauber, Kirk Armstrong,  
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## Student Corner

As we are ending one athletic season I hope each of you is resting and gearing up for the next one! We had a wonderful fall meeting this year at the NCAA Convention Center in Indianapolis. There was a great turnout for the annual Quiz Bowl and a record number of applicants for the Scholarships. Congratulations to everyone who was a recipient of these awards.

As stated in the October newsletter, we had a student representative position open. This position has been awarded to Pete Dewar of Purdue University. I look forward to working with him and improving student participation in IATA. I would like to personally thank Katie Oneal for all her hard work and effort she has put into the student panel!

Pete and I would like to remind all students to please contact us or the student panel representative from your school with comments or suggestions about this year's fall meeting. Thanks again to all the students who attended!



## Quiz Bowl Winners

After a tough preliminary round that boasted a lot of great teams, two Franklin College teams and a Ball State University team battled it out in the final round of the Quiz Bowl. Franklin College had the victorious team that will represent Indiana at the 2007 GLATA Symposium. Congratulations to the winners of the Golden Scissors Award: Jennifer Markowitz, Nick Arnold, and Heather Peters.



(L to R): Jennifer Markowitz, Nick Arnold, and Heather Peters from the winning Quiz Bowl team of Franklin College

## DO YOU WANT A FREE FLEECE SWEATSHIRT SPORTING THE NEW IATA LOGO?

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Full Name, mailing address, size of fleece you would like (S-XL available, men's sizes, no exchanges)

If you win, wear with pride. That's it, no strings attached. Deadline for entry is Friday **December 8**. A list of winners will be printed in the next newsletter, please allow 6-8 wks for shipping.