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From the Director



William Yeats surely must have had our annual NWATA Symposium and Meeting in mind when he penned “There are no strangers here, only friends you haven’t yet met” but I can’t think of any better way to describe what I see happening during our annual NWATA Symposium and Meeting, friendships renewed and friendships made.

I know that it has been close to a month since we gathered, but I want to thank ALL OF YOU who were able to make it to

Spokane. Our guests who attended commented to me how much you all made them feel welcome and were impressed with everything that made our symposium such a success: The Educational Sessions; The State Meeting participation; The Social and of course, what has now become a member favorite, the annual NWATA Corn Hole Tournament to raise money for the NATA Foundation. I brag about the NWATA Membership all the time to other NATA Directors and to NATA Leaders as to how much we really are a family; and that our annual symposium and meeting is a big family reunion. Our guests saw and experienced that first hand!

A meeting like this DOES NOT come off as flawlessly as it does without the hard work of MANY behind the scenes members who make the time in their busy day to ensure our meeting is the success that is year in and year out. This year was no different! So I'd like to take the time to THANK these members for planning and putting together another successful NWATA Symposium and Meeting.

First a HUGE THANK YOU to our Local Planning Team; Stacey Nauman, Local Chair, Kacey Hoob, Todd Sandberg, Maisie Walters, and Cynthia Wright! These members had a laser focus on planning and putting together a successful meeting. Their attention to detail was a guarantee that all of you had the experience you did! It is not just the big things such as the Social, Rooms, Speakers that make a successful meeting, it is also the hundreds of little things, that if not in place, a meeting does NOT COME OFF! Moderators, Guest Pick-Up, Workshop needs, Speaker needs, Check-in Help, etc; it was their attention to those details THAT MADE Spokane such a HUGE SUCCESS and they need all the accolades we can give them. To this year's Local Planning Committee, words seem so inadequate, but...THANK YOU for your hard work, vision and dedication to the NWATA Membership in planning and pulling off an exceptional experience.

The second big THANK YOU goes to our NWATA Meetings Team; Aaron Kilfoyle, Meetings Coordinator, Greg Hill, Registration Coordinator, Dani Moffit, Education Coordinator and Jennifer Krug, Expo Coordinator. These four are pivotal in elevating the symposium experience for all of you, our membership! Without their diligence and focus on one of four key segments, our meeting would fail. Aaron, thank you for weaving everything together into one flawless meeting and managing the constant stream of changes and requests. Greg, thank you for managing the registration website, creating a simple registration online experience for the membership and for running a remarkable and seamless registration table. Dani, thank you for the exceptional educational sessions; they were current, impactful and professional! In a word, they were all superior. Jennifer, thank you for not only recruiting companies to come to the Pacific Northwest to exhibit, but for also keeping all of those exhibitors happy and engaged in our meeting so that they felt that their time was appreciated and valued!

The Final HUGE THANK YOU goes to all 550+ of you who attended NWATA2019! Our association is only as strong as our membership and all of you demonstrate this year in and year out with your participation in our annual symposium. We are the smallest, in terms of membership numbers relative to the other 9 NATA Districts, but I am constantly humbled by the fact that close to one-third of our membership attends the yearly meeting. Thank you for your support and confidence in our NWATA Annual Meeting! This faith and confidence is what drives the NWATA Leadership and Meetings Team, to provide you with the best educational, professional and social experience you have come to expect each year. I am looking forward to what Boise and NWATA2020 will offer and have planned for our annual gathering...Our Family Reunion!

One last shout out - Congrats to our 2019 NWATA Quiz Bowl Champions, Boise State University, who will be representing District 10 in Las Vegas in June.

I hope that all of you are enjoying your Spring and the promise that it brings of fun outside! I know that I'm jaded, but the Pacific Northwest offers up some



amazing places to explore and have fun! As always, please drop me a note or give me a call If you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to seeing the D10 family in Las Vegas for NATA2019!

Respectfully,

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NWATA-D10 Director/President

Committee Reports

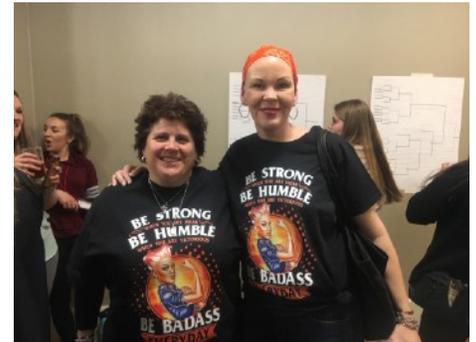
Each committee gave their full report in Spokane at the NWATA Annual Meeting. All committee reports can be found at our district website: <https://www.nwata.org/meetingminutes>

NATA Foundation - Bill Drake, Valerie Moody



A huge note of thanks to NWATA members for your continued support of the NATA Foundation. The 2nd Annual March Madness Cornhole Tournament was a huge success and this year's winners Dustin Burton and Mitch Willert took down the reigning champs (rematch discussions have already surfaced for Boise)! Several NWATA members joined the Circle of Champions and with additional donations, we were able to raise \$2800 at the district meeting to support the Foundation and the Jim Whitesel Memorial Scholarship Fund. At the forefront of fundraising efforts

for the Jim Whitesel Memorial Scholarship, Ken Kladnik sold out of his freshly published NWATA Tales with all proceeds directly going to this scholarship. The NATA Foundation will recognize 4 Scholarship Recipients and 2 Student Writing Contest Winners from District 10 at the Pinky Newell Scholarship Reception in Las Vegas in June. We hope you can join us in Vegas for Day Break Yoga or Las Vegas Libations tour!



NATAPAC - Dana Gunter

A very BIG THANK YOU! to all NWATA members who purchased a NATAPAC beer stein for the social. It was great to see so many having fun, getting caught up with old friends, meeting new ones and playing cornhole. Enjoy your memorable stein for years to come. Cheers!

NATAPAC Breakfast on Tuesday June 25th will feature Ronnie Barnes as guest speaker. Click on the citation here to read about Mr. Barnes' Lifetime Achievement Award given April 10th, 2019. Breakfast is 7am-9am. Registration is easy when you register for NATA 2019. If you cannot make it to breakfast, consider sponsoring a student or young professional or, a one-time donation with your registration.

<https://www.giants.com/news/giants-head-trainer-ronnie-barnes-given-lifetime-achievement-award>

NATA International Committee - Cynthia Wright

The NATA is in its second year of partnering with the Canadian Athletic Therapist Association (CATA) to have a speaker exchange between the two associations. District 10 is one of only two districts this year to host one of our neighbors from the north. Rebecca Swan, MRSc, BHK, BAHSc, CAT(C), CSCS, FMS 1 spoke to our membership on both Saturday and Sunday. Her topics were focused on physical rehabilitation in police departments and treating the tactical athlete. The topic proved to be of great interest to the membership and there were several members who asked whether she could return for a future conference. As part of the exchange, Director Fitzpatrick presented Becky with a plaque at the business meeting, both to welcome her and to thank her for willing to come speak in District 10. His hope is that our district continues with this exchange and we have the opportunity to send someone to Canada for one of their meetings, as well.

Honors & Awards / Scholarships

Congratulations to all of our 2019 NWATA and NATA Award and Scholarship Winners!

NWATA Scholarships

Bobby Gunn Award - Josh Free, Washington State University
 NWATA Professional Scholarship - Autumn Rollins, Whitworth University
 Richard Irvin Professional Scholarship - Hannah Lorenzen, Oregon State University
 Naseby Rhinehart Professional - Troy Siler, Idaho State University
 Bill Robertson Professional Scholarship - McKayla McNamara, University of Montana
 Bob Peterson Post-Professional - Josh Free, Washington State University
 NWATA Family - Cheyenne Young, Husson University, Maine

NATA Foundation Scholarships

D10 Mark Smaha Scholarship - Jennifer McCaw, Idaho State University
 Jim Whitesel Memorial AT Scholarship - McKayla McNamara, University of Montana
 PFATS Steve (Greek) Antonopolous Scholarship - Katherine Berglund, University of Montana
 Richard E Vandervoort Memorial Scholarship - Hunter Lindsay, University of Montana

NATA Foundation Writing Contest

2019 Best Case Study - Tayleigh Talmadge - University of Montana
 2019 Best Literature Review - Olivia Fellers - University of Montana

NWATA Awards

NWATA New Horizon - Andrew Hamstra, ATC
 NWATA Outstanding Service - JJ Wetherington, ATC
 NWATA District Director's Award - Dani Moffit, ATC

NATA Sponsored Award

2019 Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award - Christina Gray - Beaverton High School

NATA Awards

NATA Honorary Membership - Steve Moore
 Athletic Training Service - Shelly Jones, ATC

State Updates



Montana

We are in a legislative year and a few rules are being updated to reflect current AT terminology that is outdated. We hired a new lobbyist this year, Erin Harbaugh, and she coordinated an opportunity for us to provide AT services for the Senate vs. House basketball game, which is a fundraiser for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Helena. We also hosted our first Lobby Day in Helena March 26th. We continue to work with the Montana High School Association to develop a plan for a Safety in Sports Campaign for Fall 2019. Now that we established a vision and mission statement for our association, we are also in the process of developing policies and procedures. June 7-8th will be our annual State meeting in Helena, MT on the Carroll College Campus. At the close of the business meeting, Paul Capp will officially step in as the new MTATA State President and Maisie Walters will serve as our new Vice President.

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