

Northwest Athletic Trainer's Association
 District 10
Committee Chair Reports
March 2016



NATA Foundation Report – Valerie Moody

Incoming Chair – Scott Richter

- I. **New Director**- Shelley Tims
- II. **New District 10 Chair**-Scott Richter
- III. **District Giving**- 2015 District Challenge Winner will be Announced at Meeting!
 - a. Triple D Challenge 2015- Besides district association contribution, District 10 had 73 members donate to the NATA Foundation (3% of district membership)

State	2013 # of Donors	2014 # of Donors	2015 # of Donors
Alaska	2	0	0
Idaho	8	13	13
Montana	8	17	21
Oregon	12	14	15
Washington	25	26	24
Total District			
10 Giving (including association contribution)	\$8787	\$9654	\$11,067

- IV. **Scholarship and Grant Recipients**
 Four students from District 10 received a total of \$9,200 in national scholarships in 2015.
 - Kalyn Hasenoehrl, University of Idaho \$2,300 Prof Masters
 - Eunwook Chang, Oregon State University \$2,300 Doctoral
 - Joshua Lavigne, University of Idaho \$2,300 Prof Masters
 - Krista Hixson, Whitworth \$2,300 UG

Silver Anniversary Totals:
Total Grants Received 1991-2015= 15 (\$489,205)
Total Scholarships Received 1991-2015= 98 (\$205,300)
Total Received by District 10= \$978,500

V. Continuing Initiatives

- a. AT Student Challenge-
 - i. National Competition- Student groups donate to NATA Foundation; 3 awards given to 1)top overall donor; 2) top contribution to an endowment; 3)top contribution for 1st time participant; winners get up to \$500 in registration fees covered, NATA news, plaque, and tickets to Pinky Newell leadership breakfast
 - ii. District Competition- district winner will get up to 10% back not to exceed \$100 (University of Montana was District 10 winner in 2015- donated the money back to the Foundation)
- VI. Educational Resources- Infographics and Story boards being developed for Clinicians and Educators (Val Moody and Pattie Tripp chairing this initiative)
- VII. Position Statements – Exertional Heat Illness
- VIII. Shoe Box Society
 - a. Three members in District 10 currently
 - b. The Shoe Box Society for Planned Giving is designed to honor those who utilize estate planning to support the mission of the NATA Foundation
- IX. District and National Quiz Bowl Co-Branding
 - a. Help District Quiz Bowl Coordinator Find Judges; Give out framed certificates for winners; certificates given to all participants
- X. Sponsored Speaker at District Meeting- the NATA Foundation will sponsor a speaker at the district meeting (up to \$200)
- XI. Created short 3-4 slide presentations for each state to use at their state meeting- will send to State president/state reps for use
- XII. Foundation Ambassador program- we are focusing on development of an ambassador program recruiting as many people who are willing to be a voice for the Foundation – **need Alaska and Oregon ambassadors**
 - a. 1 year term (renewable)
 - b. Specific duties are assigned to work with state leadership and district chair
 - c. Evaluated yearly

IV. Celebrate the Silver Anniversary NATA Foundation

District X Meeting: \$25 for 25 years Campaign; winning state will have one donor selected for free annual meeting registration; donors enter chance drawings for gift baskets; all donors get ribbon and sticker

Leading up to Baltimore:

- Thank an AT Program- Through our “Thank An AT” social media campaign we want to give those who have benefitted from an AT – an athlete, a parent whose child was able

to rehab from an injury sooner, a physician whose care was elevated by an AT being the first responder to thank that AT **#ThankAnAT**

- 25th Anniversary Gala in Baltimore- “Remembering our Roots- Growing our Future”- Join us Friday June 24th at the Baltimore Convention Center for a celebration you won’t want to miss! Cocktails, dinner and dancing will fill the night!
- Lace up your shoes and join us for the NATA Foundation 5k Fueled by Gatorade in Baltimore- registration is now open.
- Silent Auction- Help us solicit some great items to auction online and at convention. Visit our booth in the NATA Connect section of the AT Expo to learn more about the important work the NATA Foundation is doing on behalf of your profession.

Goal is to raise \$1,000,000 dollars for the Foundation

COPA Committee on Practice Advancement–Dustin Gerard

Incoming Chair – Luke Bahnmaier

Occupational Health:

Currently looking for someone to fill this opening

Performing Arts:

Developing a Business case for AT’s working with performing arts in the Collegiate setting

NATA WWE/Marvel Article in NATA News

Developed a survey to establish data about performing arts jobs in the US.

NATA Pre-conference workshop

Physician Practice:

Terminology change from Physician Extender to Physician Practice

Developing a Value Model for Athletic Trainers in the Physician Practice Setting

Several FAQ documents: RVU, AT’s in a Concussion Clinic, and AT in the operating room

Pre-Conference workshop

Creating a comprehensive database of AT’s in physician practice setting

Military:

Establishing “AT Scope of Care” within military

Working on a value model for AT’s in the military setting

Public Safety:

Currently looking for someone to fill this opening

Communication Group:

Streamlined communications via an online communication worksheet that allows all the workgroups to successfully communicate and disseminate resources developed by COPA

NATA News

NATA Blog

Social Media Channels (Facebook & Twitter)

Developed a quarterly E-Newsletter based upon resources and articles generated by COPA in the previous quarter

Worth to Value:

Developing several FAQ Documents for industrial & occupational athletic trainers, salary negotiation, ROI, & measuring productivity.

Projects for the Northwest

- Looking for ways to recruit and involve state representation within COPA. We are looking for state representatives that are motivated and want to do more on the state level.
 - Meetings - Dissemination of information at state meetings
 - Speakers- encourage them to develop presentations and presentations at the state and district level.
- Recruit and support more authors for COPA relevant NATA news/NATA Blog Articles
- Get Luke up to speed and prepare him for success within D-10 and COPA
- Dustin/Marty are leading the emerging settings roundtable on Saturday

College and University Athletic Trainers – Kim Terrell

Incoming Chair – Brian Norton

New Initiatives

NATA has formed a Transition to Practice workgroup to complete a systematic review and make recommendations to support professionals entering the field of Athletic Training. This group is charged with identify setting specific needs to assist Athletic Trainers in their preparation for employment demands and develop initiatives to assist employers

NATA and NCAA are collaboratively sponsoring an Appropriate Healthcare Summit to define the healthcare needs of intercollegiate student athletes. This will occur in the fall, the goal is to produce a Best Practices document.

NCAA – recently released “Mental Health Best Practices: Inter-Association Consensus Document: Best Practices for Understanding and Supporting Student-Athlete Mental Wellness”. This is a valuable resource to assess behavioral health resources and identify opportunities for enhanced support for student athletes

Documentation Workgroup – define the standards, content, and challenges around documentation; identify the influence and limitations of mobile devices and other technology

Ongoing Projects

Liability Risk Management –a Best Practices process and checklist to assess liability and risk factors. Functions as a tool to help AT’s and institutions assess and mitigate risk in their setting; providing education regarding terms such as “Incident to” billing practices under physician license and prevention of fraudulent insurance practices, taking into account state law.

AMCIA guidelines are under review; this document is used inconsistently by college/university athletic trainers, and there will be efforts towards increasing the usefulness and application of this document. There may need to be treatment data collected to enhance this document

BOC Facility Principles – likely to become a Best Practices document to inform institutions of requirements for health care delivery

NJCAA – The managing board is currently deciding final structure and constitution

Reminder – please nominate colleagues for NATA and CUATC awards, the process is detailed on NATA website. CUATC awards are not lengthy applications and there are very few nominations being received.

Suggested New Initiatives

Club Sport Initiative – possible sub-committee to CUATC

Diversity and Inclusion efforts in collaboration with other NATA Committees

NATA CUATC Session - Join the discussion in Baltimore in June 2016

Advocacy for College Athletic Trainers

Also following this presentation in Baltimore there will be a meeting for Junior College Athletic Trainers to continue their communication and collaboration.

NWATA Student Mentor – Katy Pietz

This past year we have implemented many changes associated with the Student Symposium, students attended the First Annual NWATA Richardson Student Symposium at St. Luke's. With separate student programming, we spent the majority of the year focused on obtaining speakers and presenters as well as planning student specific activities. We added a 'Speed Networking' event, Round Robin presentations (consisting of hands-on presentations and understanding of additional opportunities for certifications), and activities for students' interactions. We gained approval from the NWATA Board for this opportunity as well as funding towards future years. The responsibilities were split into three committees to increase involvement of the Senators. Four oral research presentations and 5 poster presentations were included during the Symposium. We had great support from the NWATA and surrounding community for presentations. A big Thank You to St. Luke's for their assistance in sponsoring the meeting!

The NWATA Quiz Bowl policies were approved by the NWATA Executive Board, providing formalized procedures relating to Quiz Bowl.

NATSC – Alee Bryan

Incoming Chair – Nick Cromidas

The SLC has been working diligently to provide a voice for athletic training students. The committee holds monthly conference calls where individual district activities are shared and new business is addressed. This year, the nominations committee has been hard at work promoting and reviewing applications for 9 of 11 positions. We have made selections for all positions. Nick Cromidas from Washington State University will be the incoming D10 representative! The student outreach committee has held several social media contests and is currently promoting the annual student video contest and working toward a webinar presentation. At the JCM in Dallas, the committee voted to establish a scholarship for first-time NATA symposium attendees. Each award will be a \$500 travel stipend awarded at the symposium. Recently, the BOD approved the naming of our scholarship after Chuck Kimmel. The planning committee has confirmed keynote speaker Charlie Thompson along with six other guest speakers: Jim Thornton, Nick Cooke, Tyler Harris, Mike Goldenberg, Sam Cates, and Tory Lindley. The format of the student session will replicate that of last year. The planning committee is in the process of identifying and confirming career

roundtable guests. We have also altered our application process to provide new members with a longer amount of time to settle in. New members are now selected in December so that they may participate as non-voting members in several conference calls, making the transition smoother. Furthermore, we have designed a welcome packet to help orient the new members. We continue to search for additional ways to increase student involvement in the profession and identify additional methods for representing the students.

YPC Committee – Tim Nicoello

Incoming Chair – Andrew Hamstra

The Young Professionals Committee is unique compared to all other committees in the fact that it covers a demographic and not a setting or role within the profession specifically. Our primary focus is to retain ATs and promote service to the profession. We believe getting YPs involved early will bolster the drop off of ATs that is currently occurring in our membership.

This committee was founded in 2012 but wasn't fully staffed and started until 2013. We have had a handful of people come and go throughout that time who have been influential in getting us to this point. With that, the committee has reached a point with full member turn over. This coming June, there will be a new chair (Andrew Hamstra) as well as new vacancies for state representatives; Alaska, Washington and Oregon who were filled this past fall. Idaho and Montana will be up this June which will open two more. If you have a YP from Idaho and/or Montana you feel would be a good fit for this committee, please keep them in mind for these future positions.

2nd annual YP sponsored session offered at the annual D10 meeting. Topic focuses on The Future of Athletic Training: How we progress in the face of Health Care and Education Reform. Sierra Dawson from the University of Oregon and Forrest Pecha from St Luke's Sports Medicine will be presenting these topics. We are in a time that is critical for all ATs but specifically YPs that we understand health care and how it effects our practice going forward.

Twitter (@NWATA_YoungProf) and Facebook continue to be strong avenues for YPS to ask questions, present topics and have general dialogue about the profession.

District Meeting – Tony Fitzpatrick/Suzette Nynas

Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee – Dani Moffit

The EDAC is working on two advisory positions. The first is looking at NATA leadership diversity with the goal to advise the board and what needs to be addressed. The other is working on updating (or creating) an NATA non-discrimination statement with help from the Ethics Committee. The EDAC enhancement grant committee is making a proposal to the board to change the grant cycle to only one per year. In the last 7 years, no one from District 10 has applied for an EDAC grant. The EDAC usually has a service project at the NATA Convention, but due to Hit the Hill Day, each District is going to be challenged to have their own service project at their next (2017) District meeting. If you're interested in helping, please let me know!

We still need state representatives from Washington and Alaska!

Baltimore Updates:

- Career Day on Friday, June 24th, in the morning
- Town Hall Meeting on Friday, June 24th (J&J Day) at 6-8:30p
- o We need nominees for the Bill Chisholm award!
- EDAC Educational Session on Saturday, June 25th, at 10:45-12:45p
- Topic: Incorporating Cultural Competence in the Evidence-Based Framework

Governmental Affairs – Marty Matney

Incoming Chair – Lynne Young

Alaska:

1. Maintaining a face and presence in the capital this session. Continuing to develop and nurture a positive relationship with members of the House and Senate.
2. Started preliminary discussions regarding changing a few components of our concussion bill. Adding other organizations not just organized school sponsored activities to the bill in addition to academic accommodations.
3. Monitoring bills for ATC profession.
4. We received grant to offset the fee for our lobbyist and assist with travel to the capital for meetings. We have paid our lobbyist and have been successfully in meeting locally with our representatives and senators.
5. Plan is to discuss how to organize a semi "hit the hill day" here in Alaska and discuss other legislative goals at the AATA spring meeting.
6. NATA Grant Awarded

Idaho:

1. We received word the concussion Bill is flying through our Legislature. Passed the House Health and Welfare Committee, House Floor, Senate Health and Welfare and is on to the Senate floor today for 1st and second reading, with possible third reading and vote 3-21-16. Soon, may have a "Return to Learn" clause in concussion statutes, Idaho and 4 other states have this in their statutes.
2. Concussion legislation includes:
 - a. The addition of a requirement that schools collect informed consent documentation from the athlete's parent or guardian in regard to the pre-season concussion guidelines.
 - b. A new section on return-to-learn

- c. One grammatical edit, changing the word biannually to biennially in regard to the requirement that coaches, AT's, refs, etc. review concussion guidelines. This was the original legislative intent, and clarifies this review should be happening every other year as opposed to twice a year.
- 3. We met with leadership of the IPTA, and had a very good, supportive conversation with their President, Legislative Chair, and past President. We support and agreed to oppose the chiropractic intent, and also discussed the opportunity to add AT and PT SCS to the list of providers in Section 5 of the Concussion Statutes. We also agreed to work together in these efforts, keeping an eye out for 2016, and focusing on 2017.
- 4. No NATA Grant Award

Montana:

- 1. This was not a legislative year for us, so nothing to report at this time. We are preparing for the next session in 2017. We will begin meeting with our lobbyist in June 2016.
- 2. HJ 26 was passed last session calling for an evaluation of the implementation of the current concussion legislation statewide. The GAC will continue to follow the work outlined in HJ 26. Valerie Moody, along with Samantha Riordan, Emily Tosoni, Seth Lindauer, Jessica Cremer, and Kimberly Davis are currently working with the Education and Local Government Interim Committee to assess the implementation of the Dylan Steigers Protection of Youth Athletes Act as a result of the HJ 26 Resolution bill that was passed this spring. Several projects are underway and include 1) Statewide assessment of key stakeholders', knowledge of implementation of the DSPYAA in respective schools/school districts; 2) Statewide follow up item 1 with focus groups, and key stakeholders; 3) Statewide assessment of concussion knowledge and school policy in school nurses and teachers in Montana; 4) assess concussion knowledge in youth sports participants in non-sanctioned sports; 5) Statewide assessment of concussion education practices in non-sanctioned youth sports; and 6) A comparative analysis of roles and responsibilities of parents in concussion legislation. Our objective following completion of these projects this year is to partner with the Brain Injury Alliance of MT, TBI council, Save the Brain Initiative, MHSA, and the MT Neural Injury Center to develop appropriate resources and policy templates to support schools and programs in the implementation process; to identify what resources are necessary to support full enactment of the law; and develop a statewide campaign to educate youth athletes, parents, coaches and school administrators about concussions.
- 3. Goals: 1. Strengthen SB 304 next legislative session; 2. Follow HJ 26 and disseminate results to determine if institutions are implementing and following the stipulations outlined in the SB 304 to adequately protect our youth; 3. Continue to monitor anything else that may directly impact/influence the practice of athletic training in Montana.
- 4. No NATA Grant Award

Oregon:

- 1. SB721- took effect January 2014 expands previous concussion bill to include club and recreational teams requiring concussion education for coaches, officials and management.
- 2. Legislative issues include: Restrictive state statute due to term "Athlete" being linked and defined in statute. This may prevent expansion into emerging practice settings and reimbursement. Unstable/ declining State education funding creating difficulty maintaining and or expanding athletic training job opportunities in traditional settings especially secondary schools.
- 3. Working to set up meeting with lobbyist to evaluate statutory change in regards to degree requirements to better reflect changing landscape and move to entry level masters. Goal would be for next legislative session.

4. Goals include: Short term: Increase awareness and understanding of profession and its value within the legislature, develop grass roots group within state and greater statewide involvement in legislative activities and development of legislative concept. Long term: update statute to broaden practice settings/amend definition of Athlete.
5. No NATA Grant award

Washington

1. Cancelled Legislative Day for 2016 due to legislature focusing on State Budget and few AT members signed up.
2. This session we monitored one bill closely, that has now passed both houses and is on the Governor's desk. SSB 6421 will allow prescribing health care practitioners to prescribe epi pens in youth camps, youth sports leagues, colleges and universities and other entities. These entities can stock and transport epi pens and their employees can be trained to administer epi pens. This will allow ATs with approved training to administer epi pen in these settings. It will not over-rule the K-12 ruling that only a school nurse can administer epi to a student WITHOUT known allergy. We will continue to monitor as this bill is on the Governor's desk and he has stated he may withhold his signature on ANY bills on his desk until a budget is negotiated.
3. WSATA continues to monitor bills relating to health care, youth athletes, education and any other bills or proposals that may affect ATs in our state. We will continue to retain the services of our lobbyist, Charlie Brown.
4. WSATA BOD has been approached by multiple ATs in the state who need to understand their statute regarding our SOP as it relates to OTC medications and injectable and derma-absorbed medications that may be used in the clinical settings. The BOD is researching what other state SOPs consist of as well as pursuing potential changes to our statute if necessary.
5. No NATA Grant award

I am rolling off the GAC this coming June. Lynne Young from Alaska will be taking my place. Thank you Lynne!

NATAPAC – Marty Matney

Incoming Chair – Dana Gunter

Capitol Hill Day (CHD) in conjunction with NATA Convention in Baltimore. Date is June 21, 2016. Anticipated to limit attendee's to 500. This is expected to fill quickly. If you have not attended CHD, sign up. This is your chance to represent your profession on a National stage. Registration and attendance is free.

NATAPAC Breakfast at NATA Convention is June 23, 7:00am to 9:00 am. There is an increased seating over previous years, but this is expected to sell out as it always does. If you have not registered, please do so. If you do not plan to attend, you can donate a ticket and assign it to someone or earmark it to an organization – a great group to assign a ticket to is the YP's. Cost for breakfast is \$50.

There will be a NATAPAC Booth in the NATA Connect area of the exhibit hall. Please stop by and say hi. Tell them that Marty sent you!

NATAPAC is supporting three House and Senate Resolutions in the US House of Representatives:

HR 112/SR 83: Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights
HR 829/S 436: SAFE PLAY (Supporting Athletes, Families and Educators to Protect the Lives of Athletic Youth) Act
HR 921/S 689: Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act

There has been discussion of a NATAPAC fund-raiser for D10. Hopefully next year as this year has been very difficult for me to get this organized in a short time period.

I am rolling off NATAPAC this coming June. Dana Gunter will be replacing me. Thank you Dana!

Hall of Fame/Honors and Awards – Greg Mitchell

The currently isn't much of a review committee for Honors and Award. My thoughts were to have one member from each state participate. My question is how do we go about getting a committee member from each state? Thoughts?

Hall of Fame criteria and scoring are being reviewed this year. This is just in the beginning stages of making possible changes to reflect changes in the NWATA over the years and come up with a fair tool that recognizes accomplishments that weren't previously addressed.

Honors & Awards

Outstanding Service Award

3 members will be recognized this year

New Horizons Award

1 member will be recognized this year

District Director's Award

1 member will be recognized this year

Hall of Fame

There was one nomination for the NWATA Hall of Fame for 2016 and he was recommended for the award.

Marty Matney

Public Relations – Josh Holliday

PR Rep from every state in the District

- i. Washington – Lisa Kenney
 - ii. Oregon – Kurt Smet
 - iii. Idaho – Luke Bahnmaier
 - iv. Montana – Dustin Burton
 - v. Alaska – Mary Perez
- b. NATM Promotion Contest

- i. Winners receive bragging rights, a certificate of accomplishment, and a \$50 gift certificate. Two honorable mentions may be recognized in each category. Categories include:
 - Best athletic training education program student effort
 - Best athletic trainer effort - group (4 or more ATs)
 - Best athletic trainer effort - individual/small team (3 or fewer ATs)
- c. NATA News Updates – beths@nata.org
 - i. 15th of the Month
- d. Social Media
 - i. Facebook
 - ii. Twitter
- e. PR guidelines – Quick and Dirty of PR
 - i. Things to know about PR, things to avoid, calendars
 - ii. Always representing PR – Clothing, office, ATR, social life
 - iii. Social Media – Pictures, FERPA, HIPAA
 - iv. PR vs. Advertising vs. Marketing / Internal vs. External PR
- f. NATA Website
 - i. Finally Launched!

Scholarship – Dale Blair

Professional

Thomas Henrie (Idaho State University)- Naseby Rhinehart
 Ashley Reeves (University of Idaho)- Richard Irvin
 Taylor Purchio (University of Montana) - NWATA

Post-Professional

Alexandra Bryan (Washington State University)- Bob Peterson
 Samantha Riordan (University of Montana)- Bill Robertson

Thanks to our outstanding scholarship committee: Ken Kladnik, WA; Tom Koto, ID, Mike Coco, OR; Janelle Handlos, MT

Ethics Committee – Charles Liggett

Incoming Chair – Victoria Ketchum

Goal of committee is to educate members of the NATA about the Code of Ethics and what it means to be ethical.

Continues to assess potential ethics violations:

1. PRP – Preliminary Review Panel

1. just trying to determine if it does appear as though a violation has occurred
2. Gives recommendation should this be sent to JP or not.
3. Tries to get this done in 15 business days
2. JP - Judicial Panel
 1. Determines whether an Ethics violation has occurred
 2. Recommends sanctions to Committee Chair
 3. Gives updates every 20 days on progress
 1. If issue is involved in a court case can delay actions waiting for results of case and people associated with situation may be told not to talk by their attorney until it is over.

In July had presentation at Washington State Athletic Trainers meeting regarding Ethics.

Committee is presenting at NATA this year for YP group.

Ethical Decisions in the NATA, (V)

Friday June 24 5:00-7:00pm

Presented by the NATA Committee on Professional Ethics

Knowing the Code and the Standards of the Profession

Charles Liggett, MS, ATC, Seattle Children's Hospital

Know of an Ethics Violation, Now What Do You Do?

Catherine Marr, MEd, ATC, LAT, Klein Collins High School

History/Archives – Ken Kladnik/Rusty Baker

1. Due to health reasons, Ken Kladnik will not be able to attend this year's meeting.
2. We have completed and edited videos of the following NWATA Hall of Fame members: Gary Craner, Gary Smith, Jim Whitesel, Mark Smaha, Zeke Schuldt, Dale Blair, Jim Richards, Tony Fitzpatrick, Russ Richardson, Ken Kladnik and Barrie Steele. The videos are posted on youtube by searching under NWATA Hall of Fame. We are still lacking Dean Adams, Dennis Sealey and Tom Koto.
3. The new Display has been funded and is on order from Monster Display Company. It has our new logo and a built in screen for showing the hall of fame member's videos.
4. New action photos of the hall of fame members are being collected and will be a part of the display. The pictures will be built into a panel and not just stuck on the display. Because of confusion about the photo's, the display will not be available for this meeting. A picture of the new design has been made available.
5. Additional items such as books, tongue forceps and oral wedge have been collected for the history and archives collection.

Secondary Schools Athletic Trainer Committee – Christopher Dean

Incoming Chair – Shelly Jones

The National Athletic Trainers' Association Secondary Schools Athletic Trainers' Committee (SSATC) continues its rich tradition of profession and setting advocacy, peer development and support, and community education and engagement. The SSATC meet twice in 2015, at the NATA Joint Committees Meeting held in Las Colinas, TX and Committee Day at the 66th NATA Clinical Symposia and AT Expo held in St Louis, MO. In addition to these face to face meetings, the SSATC held regular committee conference calls on an at least monthly basis as well as primary sub-committee conference calls on an as needed basis. Past-President Thorton set the mission during his tenure of securing an Athletic Trainer in every high school in the United States, and with President Sailor's continued leadership and support this remains a primary goal of the SSATC.

The Position Proposal Guide (PPG) and Position Improvement Guide (PIG) were reference tools created more than a decade ago to support the Athletic Trainer in either creating a new position or increasing the accessibility and availability of the Athletic Trainer in an existing position to fully meet best practices. The SSATC completed and released the Secondary Schools Value Model which further encourages growth and advocacy on behalf of the Athletic Trainer in the Secondary Schools setting. The Value Model can be found at: <http://www.nata.org/secondary-school-value-model>

In follow up to our past joint saturation study with the Korey Springer Institute, the ATLAS (Athletic Training Location and Services) database is a visual tool that helps define access to an Athletic Trainer, qualify levels of access to an Athletic Trainer and allow for further advocacy in working towards the goal of an Athletic Trainer in every High School. This is a member driven database and the SSATC is actively working with State Level Leadership and Secondary School Committees to increase response rates. The NATA SSATC/KSI ATLAS database may be found at: <http://ksi.uconn.edu/nata-atlas/>

In 2015, the 1st annual Collaborative Solutions for Safety in Sports (CSSS) meeting was held at the NFL headquarters in New York, New York. This meeting was a collaboration of members of leadership from the NATA, the American Medical Society for Sportsmedicine, State Athletic Associations, State High School Sports Medicine Advisory Committees, and other key figures met to support ideas for policy implementation in support of the 2013 consensus statement: "Preventing Sudden Death in Secondary School Athletics: Best Practices Recommendations". The 2016 CSSS meeting will be held in Indianapolis, IN and the SSATC will again be well represented at the meeting with 3 of the 11 committee members participating.

The SSATC will again host a Secondary Schools Session at the 67th NATA Clinical Symposia and AT Expo in Baltimore, MO. This session includes both educational presentations and a Parent Advocate who works locally, regionally or nationally to advocate on behalf of Athletic Trainers and the need for all Athletes to have access to an Athletic Trainer. In addition to the Secondary Schools Session, the SSATC will participate in the NATA "Hit the Hill" event advocating for those we serve.

In recognition of the often complex nature of the Secondary School Setting, the SSATC has formed a Secondary Schools Mentorship Program. The purpose of this project is twofold; first, it fosters growth and success amongst our membership, and it creates a resource for non-AT entities such as schools or school district who desire help in crafting an Athletic Trainer program in their facility. Work has begun in identifying interested mentors, crafting guidelines and support articles, and developing an evaluation

metric to continue to grow and improve the program. It is anticipated that this will be presented to the membership at the Secondary Schools Session in Baltimore.

The Cramer Corporation continues its long standing support of the NATA and the SSATC with the Jack Cramer Scholarship. This highly competitive scholarship is awarded to a High School Senior who will be attending college to work towards a career in Athletic Training. There are 10 District winners chosen, of which the SSATC chooses a national winner. The winner receives an all-expenses paid trip to the NATA Clinical Symposia to receive their award during the Secondary Schools Session. The District 10 finalist was Max Johnson from Wenatchee Washington. Although Max was not the overall winner of the scholarship, he was a superb representative of District 10, Wenatchee High School and his sponsoring Athletic Trainer, Mr. Dale Blair.

Gatorade is again recognizing an Athletic Trainer in each NATA District with the Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer award. Each award winner will receive a prize pack from Gatorade, a \$1,000 grant, and a fully funded trip to the NATA Clinical Symposia and AT Expo. The 2016 D10 Gatorade award winner is Lorie Howe from East Wenatchee High School.

Quiz Bowl – Stacy Molt

Incoming Chair – Brittany O’Malley

This year’s quiz bowl personnel are: Stacy Molt, ATC – Coordinator, Janelle Handlos, ATC – Judge, Tim Nicoletto, ATC – Judge, Kacie Sanderson, ATC – Judge, Dave Sheraden, ATC – Emcee. The questions were created by the University of Oregon Graduate Program.

I created a NWATA Quiz Bowl Competition Rules and Regulations policy. It was adapted from the NATA’s current quiz bowl Competition Rules and Regulations. There was also input for creating the policy from Katy Pietz and Cari Wood. The policy was adapted by the Board of Directors on January 6th, 2016. I have attached a copy of this policy.

We have 11 teams competing in this year’s quiz bowl including: Boise State, University of Montana, Whitworth, University of Idaho, Linfield College, Washington State, Eastern Washington University, Montana State University Billings, Idaho State University, George Fox University and Pacific University. Oregon State was not able to form a team.

The quiz bowl is April 2nd in the morning. Last year’s winning team was Washington State. The winning team will represent NWATA at the NATA in June.