



MARYLAND ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

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A Word From The President:

Members,

I trust you are all enjoying monsoon season as much as I am. Soon enough it will be 90 and 85% humidity, so I guess we should enjoy while we can. School years are drawing to a close. Our kids and athletes academic years will be ending soon. That means the season for our education is ramping up. As I write this I am preparing for the MAATA district meeting. Maryland has the honor for the second year to host the district meeting in Ocean City. I hope many of you will be joining us. Last year, 156 of the 430 attendees needed no instruction in picking crabs and this year's early reported numbers show that Maryland ATCs will make another strong showing. Our annual state business meeting will be held in conjunction with the MAATA meeting on Saturday May 18th. As you continue your plans for getting your CEUs, I hope you will strongly consider joining us for the MATA Annual Symposium. This year's event will be June 1st. The event will provide up to 8.5 CEUs including 4 EBP credits, all at an outstanding value. I would like to thank Towson University for providing a wonderful facility for the symposium again this year. This event would not be possible without their support.

As you know, spring always brings change and MATA is no exception. Julia Pitcher Worcester is a name familiar to many. Julia has served as our lobbyist in Annapolis for several years. Recently she accepted a new opportunity and will be leaving her current firm to join the Pharmaceutical Research & Manufactures of America. We wish Julia all the best luck in her new position. We will continue to be represented in Annapolis by the the Law Offices of J. William Pitcher.

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Thank you to our sponsors:



They have established a great transition plan and Bill will be resuming his prior role of our representation, along with a new comer to the firm with extensive experience in health care. I am very confident in our representation moving forward and am excited as we gear up for a big push during the 2020 legislative session.

We are currently seeking committee chairs for both Secondary Schools and ICSM positions. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the executive council by email: marylandathletictraining@gmail.com

I hope you can enjoy some down time through the summer.

Wes Robinson, ATC
MATA President

Election Committee

I hope everyone is looking forward to a great upcoming summer. The election committee will be seeking nomination for our 3 state positions fall. We will need to find our next vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Please give some thought to running for one of these positions and providing leadership within our state. I will be sending an email in the first part of August asking for nominations for either yourself or someone you know that would be a great benefit to our state. I will confirm with each nominee that they are indeed willing to run for the office and then they will be placed on the ballot. In December we will hold our election by way of online voting for a period of 30 days. Your elected officials will be announced after the new year and they will take office officially at our business meeting in 2020. If you have any questions about each position you can reach out to Wes Robinson or myself, Jon Glover at Jglover@msjnet.edu and ask.

We will also be seeking chair people and committee members for a few of our committee positions. Please stay tuned for announcements concerning those.

The MATA is:

- *An AMA recognized health care professionals.*
- *Unique health care providers-working under the supervision of a licensed physician to provide assessment, treatment and rehabilitative services to patients.*
- *Educated in the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of medical conditions resulting from injury and illness.*
- *Qualified providers of rehabilitative medicine and preventative service.*

Executive Board

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Honors & Awards

2019 MATA Award Recipients:

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer



Greg Penczek

Hall of Fame



Thad Moore

Presidential Award of Merit



Dr. Leigh Ann Curl

Dr. William H.B. Howard Award



Dr. Craig Bennett

Education and Research Committee

The Education & Research Committee is looking for more members. If you are interested in becoming involved in athletic training education (e.g. guest speaking in a class, serving as a preceptor, assisting with practical exams, etc.) or research (e.g. serving as a site for data collection, assisting students with case studies, collaborating with other researchers, etc.), please contact Ashley Santo (asanto@towson.edu). !



Ashley Santo

Governmental Affairs

The MATA Governmental Affairs Committee continues to be committed to advancing our practice within the state. During the 2019 Session, we focused on re-education because of the changes in the legislators during the election year. This year we were faced with 70 new legislators of which there were eight new members on the HGO Committee and six on the EHEA Committee. We met and worked with various new legislators or new to committees to help strengthen relationships. Additionally we met with various supporters to continue building on these relationships. Legislative successes is not always determined by passing a bill, but also about engaging members, legislators and supports. We hosted a great Town Hall webinar which allowed us to engaged members more easily with a reduced time strain or travel commitment. We held an Excellent Lobby day in Annapolis with an amazing turn out of members and students with brief seminars to help our members, and small group meets with legislators and office staff. We also were able to monitor multiple states who were submitting similar language and will be able to utilize this knowledge and support in the 2020 campaign. We also felt a renewed energy from the NATA with significant state level support on



Ed Strapp

a variety of fronts from the NATA and utilized a software that they made available. We utilized CQ Engage for test session communicating with legislators and hope you all saw the email and clicked the tab to submit a letter to your legislator. (Secret tip, I KNOW you did not all do it, because I get a market analysis from the program on numerous data points. Think EBP analysis of you!) Nevertheless, we really appreciate the support from those of you who followed the email directions. Keep an eye out in 2020 for more use of this technology.

As we move into the 2020 campaign, we are developing a legislative time line for 2020. This will include but not limited to continued meeting with opposition groups in advance of the session, additional meeting with legislators to address concern and focus on legislators new to the committees and who have been previous supporters. We will be hosting additional live/ in person and webinar Fall Town Hall Meetings to keep members updated on activities and highlight various needs and targets. We hope to host town halls in both the Catonsville Area, and on the Eastern Shore. Our focus continues to be on submitting 2020 Legislation with updated language very similar to our 2018 language.

Members Support continues to grow, but will always be a concern for the GAC. We do want to thank you for your help in 2019 and support of the GAC. The ball doesn't stop rolling here, we need you to Stay engaged, talk to EVERYONE you can! This includes Friends, Family, Colleagues, PTs, OTs, and Chiropractors but most importantly, you connect with a Legislator and talk about us!

Lastly, I have to say thanks to the MATA PAC, I cannot stress enough the benefit we received from your support of the PAC. Financial support is key to increasing our war chest, and we hosted events like the Orioles baseball Game, State Symposium, Clothing, and straight donations. Laura developed an amazing 5k run event during AT Month, and that also helped identify sponsors for the MATA and MATA PAC. If you know anyone who would like to sponsor an event, let us know. THANK YOU AGAIN!

Public Relations

We had a very successful NATM this past March! Initiatives included distributing coffee sleeve with the MATA logo to coffee shops in Annapolis, helmet stickers raising awareness for youth sports safety, and a social media photo collage. Additionally, we had a great turnout at our lobby day and legislative breakfast and had an extremely successful inaugural MATA 5k (great job Laura Hartman!).

After 4 years, I will be rotating off as PR Chair as I will be taking over as Chair of the MAATA Young Professionals Committee. Lydia Wright will take over as the new PR Chair and she will do an excellent job so please extend her a warm welcome! For PR questions in the future, please contact Lydia at: lywright@umd.edu



Kelley Crowe



Lobby Day in Annapolis



AT Stickers on display

NATM Collage



SSATC

Going to the NATA?
Look for these talks that are geared for the SSATC

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

7:00a.m. - 9:00a.m. Appropriate Medical Care in Secondary Schools - Implementing the Appropriate Care for Secondary School Aged Athletes Standards, (V), Advanced

7:00a.m. - 9:00a.m. Revision, Analysis, and Creation of Appropriate Care Standards in the Secondary Schools Larry Cooper, MS, LAT, ATC

7:00a.m. - 9:00a.m. Implementing Appropriate Care Standards in the Secondary School Using the NATA Online Tool Bart Peterson, MSS, ATC, Palo Verde Magnet High School



Peter Kotz

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

Sessions, 10:45a.m. - 12:45p.m. The Active Attacker: How To Prevent, Prepare, and Perform in Times of Crisis, (I, III, V), Essential Presented by the NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee

Directory for 2018-2019 is out on the [Google Folder-SSATC Resources](#)
Look for an update in July/August!

Korey Stringer Institue (KSI) ATLAS

ATLAS Organizations gives us important raw data on secondary school data.
Have you filled out the information yet? Yes, it has to be done every year.

Follow these steps to help the NATA and KSI capture the ways athletic trainers help athletes:

<http://ksi.uconn.edu/nata-atlas/>

Survey Link https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_enPMxrKzIqlYRnL

Check out [MD](#) Is your school properly listed? If not fill out the information.

*When filling out the information if you work FT at the school put Full Time. FT does not mean split between school and clinic.

If you have any questions about ATLAS please contact: robert.huggins@uconn.edu.

MPSSAA News

As many of you are aware coaches need to take care and prevention course in order to coach at any public high school. The MPSSAA is exploring routes for coaches to get re-certified every 5 years.

We are looking for a chair for the SSATC! Are you interested?

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