

PATS *News*

Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society



Fall '08

President's Message

Fall is a busy time of the year for athletic trainers around the Commonwealth, but hopefully it follows a restful and fun summer. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to read this newsletter and become informed on the achievements of your colleagues and activities of your Society. Also take the time to read the important announcements such as the reminder to renew your Pennsylvania Athletic Training Certification.



Tom West, PhD, ATC

Fall brings a change in temperatures and a change in the color of trees' foliage. Right now change seems to be all around us. As I write this greeting, the Presidential election is in full swing with both candidates promising change. Both candidates also promise to change the healthcare system for the better. Turmoil on Wall Street promises to bring change to our financial systems. Even the NATA has initiated sweeping changes in the way they are structured, the way they operate, and the way they communicate.

PATS may be an exception to this trend. In my role as President-Elect, I had an opportunity to see how the Board of Directors (BOD) works in its efforts to serve the membership. I have also had an opportunity to see how other state organizations function. Now, as I begin my term as President I am fortunate to inherit a society that is vibrant, productive and focused on what is important; its members and the practice of athletic training in Pennsylvania. Therefore, sweeping changes are not necessary. This is a "pat on the back" for the BOD members past and present and all the individuals that have served on PATS committees.

Still we will evolve as a society and have already begun to do so. This July the BOD approved a new committee, the Governmental Affairs committee. This committee will be led by George Roberts and will allow PATS to build bridges with the State Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine as well as other professions and professional societies. Building these relationships will be a great asset when PATS addresses legislative issues in the future. Look for more information about this committee in future newsletters, as they will be very active on your behalf.

I am also excited to announce that the PATS BOD is making an investment in the future by lending financial support to a new program aimed at developing leadership skills in athletic training students. PATS will provide financial support to three athletic training students from PA to attend the iLead NATA Student Leadership Program. At the end of this program students will participate in the Capitol Hill Day activities in Washington, DC. Information was sent to all the entry level athletic training program directors within the Commonwealth.

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Our Mission

The mission of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society is to:

- P** Promote the profession of athletic training through public awareness and education.
- A** Advocate the certified athletic trainer as a recognized health care provider for the physically active in the Commonwealth through legislative and credentialing efforts.
- T** Transact business on behalf of the Society's membership in a prudent, effective, and collaborative manner.
- S** Serve the membership by providing a gateway to educational, research, scholarship, and networking opportunities.

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The PATS symposium continues to be a success. Mark Keppler and his committee once again put on a fantastic educational program and a great show. We inducted three fine athletic trainers into the Athletic Training Hall of Fame. The class of 2008 included Jeff Cooper (Philadelphia Phillies), Michael Sitler (Temple University), and Paula Sammarone Turocy (Duquesne University). Team physician awards were presented to Dr. Michael Sicuranza (York College) and Dr. James Devlin (Brockway HS). PATS Service Awards were presented to Larry Grollman (Elizur Corporation) and Michael Ludwikowski (Susquehanna Health Systems). Finally, the four scholarships awarded by PATS were presented to Deanna Didiano (University of Pittsburgh), Robyn Weidner (California University of PA), Jenna Micsky and Katherine Sullivan (both of Slippery Rock University). Make your plans to attend our next convention in Johnstown in June!

In sad news, PATS recently lost two Hall of Fame members in the Harrisburg area. George "Speed" Ebersole and Dr. Alexander Kalenak both passed in September. Both had a great impact on our profession and were outstanding members of their communities.

I have always been proud to be a member of PATS. It has been and will continue to be a leader among state organizations. It is a great organization because of its members and the fact that members step up and get involved. If you would like to get involved, please contact me personally and we will find a place for you in our various committees. As always feel free to contact me or any of the BOD in regards to suggestions or issues that may arise related to our profession. I look forward to the next two years as President of our Society.

Committee Updates

Young Professionals

Adam Annaccone, M.Ed, ATC, PES, District 2 YPC Representative

Since the first official meeting in St. Louis, the Young Professionals Committee (YPC) has been steam rolling ahead at a rapid pace. Each newly elected member has brought tremendous knowledge from all areas of athletic training to the committee and several great initiatives are underway. Within the near future, be on the look-out for some beneficial initiatives that will help shape the NATA and the profession of Athletic Training. The initiatives include: Community Service project for Disabled Veterans in San Antonio, YPC Welcome Letter to newly certified athletic trainers, Call for volunteers to help attract YP to Capitol Hill Day in February, and Articles in NATA News directly related to YP's. Additionally, the YPC has submitted a proposal to the NATA Annual Meeting Committee to have a workshop entitled, "Current issues facing Young Athletic Training Professionals: Perspectives from three generations". "The workshop would examine current issues relevant to young professionals in athletic training, which have also been identified as significant challenges for more experienced athletic trainers. Topics being addressed will include, getting involved, salary, attrition, time management, and networking.

Should you have an interest in any of these initiatives or if you have an idea for the committee, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at aannaccone@clarion.edu. Remember, an association is only as strong as its members, so get involved and motivate others along the way!

The Committee on Revenue

The Committee on Revenue has been working on their strategic plan to assist our membership in obtaining information on employment opportunities and investigating future third party billing opportunities for athletic trainers. The information obtained by this committee will be posted on the PATS website. The committee encourages your questions and comments. This committee has four subcommittee groups: website/communication, legislative, education and insurance company groups. Anyone interested in being active on a subcommittee or on a special project, please contact Michelle Monaco at monacom@comcast.net.

Long Range Planning Committee

Gregory Janik, MS, ATC, President-Elect

As PATS President-Elect one of my responsibilities is to develop and chair the PATS Long Range Planning Committee. The primary goal of this committee is to assist in developing a road map for the direction PATS as it heads forward. I am extremely proud to report that this committee will consist of the following members: **Larry Cooper, AJ Duffy Gary Hanna, Joe Iezzi, Steve Heckler, and Cecilia Yost.**

Everyone on this committee has been influential with PATS and the profession of athletic training alike. For this reason, I am excited and thankful to have each of them involved with pushing PATS in the right direction. Currently the Long Range Planning Committee is investigating and clarifying the specifics to the awards and scholarships PATS offers. I am confident this committee will continue to discuss the most relevant issues which influence the profession and in turn develop the direction to progress PATS.

Governmental Affairs

George M. Roberts, MEd, ATC, NASM-CES

The PATS Board of Directors created a new Governmental Affairs Committee during the May meeting at the Annual Symposium in Harrisburg. This action was taken in response to concern on the Board that as an organization there is a much greater need for legislative involvement and awareness for our membership. I was named the Chair of this new endeavor and set about the task of putting a working committee together. During the recent Board conference call the following members were approved for this assignment: Tom West, ATC, President of PATS; Tanya Miller, ATC; Gary Hanna, ATC; Joe Iezzi, ATC; Craig Sechler, ATC; Scott Devore, ATC; and Sandy Bush, ATC. All members have vast experience with both PATS and governmental affairs.

The committee is currently preparing our goals and mission for board approval. We have already started attending the PA State Board of Medicine and PA Osteopathic Board monthly meetings. Additionally efforts have been made to develop a working relationship with the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association. The Medical Society has indicated their willingness to assist us with our efforts to change our current certification level to licensure.

If you have any questions or wish to provide input to this committee feel free to contact me at Roberts@edinboro.edu or any of the committee members. You should also discuss your concerns and questions with your Regional Representative.

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Update Your Information

If you are a PATS member and not receiving this newsletter electronically.....***we need your help.*** We have taken great strides in the development of our Society's Electronic Newsletter. It saves money and time and provides valuable information. Please go to the NATA website "Members Only" section (www.nata.org/members/members.cfm) and update your email address. *Please be assured your information will not be released. It will be used for PATS/NATA membership communication only.*

PATS Public Relations

Teresa Zepka, ATC, PATS PR Chair

The PATS Public Relations (PR) Committee is enjoying the opportunity of working with several other committees and individuals within the "PATS Family." This summer, we teamed up with George Roberts and Greg Janik as they took the PATS display to the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Conference held this past summer in Hershey, PA. We provided them with several items to use as giveaways at the Conference including: stress balls, coffee tumblers, tablets, highlighters and mints all touting the PATS logo and pertinent PATS information.

In June of 2008, PATS was awarded the NATA PR Contest's "Greatest Impact Award" at the NATA Annual Meeting in St. Louis. This is the third consecutive year that PATS has specifically won the "Greatest Impact Award" and the 4th consecutive year PATS has been recognized nationally for our PR efforts in Pennsylvania. These awards are a testament to the grassroots efforts of the entire PATS membership as well as to the various PATS committees that work to promote our profession each and every day throughout PA and not just exclusively during National Athletic Training Month.

Promoting the profession means different things to each one of us. Now, more than ever, it is critical that each one of us insist on proper terminology when referencing our profession. Yes, it does take more effort to say "Athletic Trainer, Athletic Training Room, Athletic Training Student; however, the general public's confusion between athletic trainers and personal trainers continues to be a problem. When we do not use appropriate terminology ourselves, and allow our administrators, colleagues, students, and the general public to address us as "trainers," we are only feeding the problem.

It is in those moments that we need to take that specific opportunity to educate. Somewhere in Pennsylvania, as you read this, some lay person is on an athletic field calling themselves a "trainer" in a job that should be filled by a Certified Athletic Trainer that possesses the knowledge and credentials to be servicing those physically active individuals. Our job of educating athletes, parents, school boards, physicians, legislators, EMTs, Physical Therapists, Personal Trainers, etc. needs to be a continuous process. What have you done lately to promote yourself as an ATC and to promote the Athletic Training Profession overall?

The PATS PR Committee is going to begin our meetings and conference calls in October/November of 2008 to finalize plans for our 2009 PR Campaign as well as the Operation Secondary School Campaign. Join with us to promote the profession and please do not hesitate to contact the PATS PR Committee if you would like some help with a grassroots effort or if you would like to share your ideas and suggestions for promoting the profession!

PATS Award Deadlines

PATS Research Committee

The PATS Research Committee is now accepting applications for the PATS, Inc. Supported Research Award. PATS members who are both State and NATA Certified are encouraged to apply for this award. The purpose of this program is to facilitate the advancement of the athletic training profession. Initiated in 1993, The PATS Supported Research Program offers a unique opportunity for members of the Society. The grant, in an amount of up to \$5,000 will be officially awarded in May/June at the PATS Annual Meeting. Completed applications must be received by March 1, 2008. Funding priority is given to basic, applied, and service related research that incorporates an interdisciplinary approach between the athletic trainer and other health care researchers. For additional information and application materials click on the link or contact:

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PATS Hall of Fame Committee

Nominations for PATS Hall of Fame are currently underway. Please be sure to get all nominations in to the committee by November 1, 2008. Nomination procedures and more information are available to view at:

www.gopats.org/awards/HALLNOM.HTM

Nominations should be E-mailed to Joe Donolli, Hall of Fame Chairperson at jdonolli@gettysburg.edu or mailed to him at:

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PATS Exhibits at the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Practice Meeting

George M. Roberts, MEd, ATC, NASM-CES

Through the efforts of the new Governmental Affairs Committee, PATS had the opportunity to be an exhibitor at the July meeting of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physician meeting in Hershey, PA. This is one of two meetings held annually with approximately 1400 Osteopathic doctors in attendance. The spring meeting in late April will have over 3000 physicians registering for CME's.

We were represented by President Elect Greg Janik and George Roberts, Governmental Affairs Chair. With a prime location in the exhibit hall armed with giveaways and current literature about the practice of Athletic Training, we talked with many physicians during this 2 day meeting. The exhibit gave athletic trainers the opportunity to educate Osteopathic Physicians about the role of the athletic trainer in a Sports Medicine team as well as answering numerous questions about our rules and regulations and the Athletic Trainer/Team Physician relationship.

The committee would also like to thank the Edinboro University Athletic Department for the donation of a signed, numbered, Pittsburgh Steelers poster by area artist Kevin-John Jobczynski. The poster was raffled off during the meeting. Also thanks to Teresa Zepka and the Public Relations Committee for their help in putting this exhibit together.

Nominations and Elections

Are you interested in serving the Society in a leadership position? PATS, Inc. is currently accepting nominations for the following offices:

- Secretary** – 2 year term
- South West Regional Representative** – 3 year term
- South East regional Representative** – 3 year term

Nominations can be made verbally but must be followed up with a written (e-mail) nomination. Nominations for the Regional Representative must be made from a PATS member from that region. Nominations will be accepted until January 31, 2009. Send nominations to:

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Around the Commonwealth

From our Secondary School setting, the District 3 Board passed a fee schedule for ATC's working playoff events. Congratulations to the key ATC's in District 3 that helped get a standard fee for events that, in the past, had various rates of pay, starting from \$0! As **Adam Zurich** (Elco SD) said, "This is a great step forward." Great job!

From our College and University setting, **Jeffrey Wimer, Ph.D., ATC** (Millersville University) gave a few invited lectures during summer travel in Chile and England. His Chilean lectures were given at the International Conference on Physical Sport Training at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso and at Trinity College. His lecture in England focused on alcohol education for the United States Air Forces Europe at the Royal Air Force Lakenheath base in Suffolk. For more information about international athletic training in South America or potential guest speaking engagements, please contact Jeff at jwimer@millersville.edu or (717) 871-5367.

CEU opportunities in the South-central region: CPRS Physical Therapy in Dillsburg will be holding a lecture series Monday, November 10th at 7:30 pm, with light refreshments at 7:00 pm. The topics for the series include Dr. Brian Bixler from Orthopedic Spine Specialists presenting 'Relocating the Dislocations' and Brian Peers, PT presenting 'Updates on Shoulder Rehabilitation'. For directions to CPRS Dillsburg, go to www.cprs.com. The program is free and the CEU opportunity is 2.5. For more information, please contact Jeff Shields, jshields@cpersweb.com.

The South-Central region has lost two of the founding fathers of Sports Medicine in Pennsylvania. **Dr. Alexander Kalenak** lost his battle with cancer on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. **George "Speed" Ebersole** passed away at the age of 84 on Wednesday, September 24th. George was a 50 year member of the NATA and truly one of our "Founding Fathers." These two men impacted the lives of numerous student-athletes and have been mentors to many of the ATC's in our state. Their dedication of caring for student athletes is an example that many generations of ATC's to come should emulate. We will all continue to honor "Dr. K." and "Speed" in the daily work and quality of care we provide for our student athletes.

Submitted by Tanya Miller, Southcentral Regional Representative.

Student Corner

The National Athletic Training Student Committee (NATSC) has been working hard to form a strong foundation on which to build on in the future. We are currently composing a mission statement and establishing our policies and procedures. A majority of our focus is also spent planning the first annual Student Leadership Convention (iLead) in Washington, DC. Each state can send up to three students to participate in this convention which will promote an opportunity to network among other athletic training students.

We also have been working on the logistics for the 2009 National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. The NATSC is busy forming new and exciting activities; including a national quiz bowl in which teams from different states can compete against each other. The NATSC is also aiming to increase the amount of schools that support the National Athletic Training Honor Society, Iota Tau Alpha. Information regarding this honor society will be sent out to program directors within the next few weeks. Also, a questionnaire will be sent out to all program directors and athletic training students in order to gather information which will allow us to focus on the areas that students want improvement. I encourage everyone to check out the new NATA website. Many individuals took a lot of time and patients to put it together; the end result is amazing!

It is my pleasure and enjoyment that I am able to work with such a hardworking and passionate group of individuals to represent the students of District 2 to the national committee. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me via email s_ktaurand@clarion.edu.

Submitted by Katie Aurand, NATA Student Committee District 2 Representative.

What is iLEAD?

iLead scheduled for Feb. 21-23, 2009 in Washington, DC

This conference which is held in conjunction with Capitol Hill Day efforts and the Athletic Training Educators' Conference is the perfect opportunity to provide NATA student members with valuable leadership skills in a fun, interactive environment. Each state is offered the opportunity to send **up to three students**. PATS has elected to send three students to take advantage of this opportunity. Students interested in attending must contact their program director for instructions on how to apply. PATS executive board has developed a committee whose mission it is to evaluate candidates. Any remaining slots for this program will be open to the NATA student membership in mid November. Slots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Notification will be sent to the student membership when openings are available. If you have any questions regarding program details, feel free to contact Teresa Foster Welch (teresa@nata.org), or your PATS representative.

Student Corner continued...

Who can apply? One student from each accredited ATEP can apply for this opportunity. We are attempting to “spread the wealth” so that the program can have the greatest impact. This also will place the responsibility for selecting the nominated student on the shoulders of the Program Director and program faculty and will act as the first round of the selection process. To ensure this occurs, application forms are to be signed by the Program Director. Students must be juniors or seniors at their respective institutions AND be either NATA members OR PATS members. Students must be available for the whole event from Saturday, February 21 through Monday, February 23.

Application process - Students must submit an application form (attached), a resume, and a 500 word essay on the topic: *Athletic Training requires leadership capabilities... define what it is to be a leader in our profession.* The application also requires a letter of support from a certified athletic trainer at the educational institution (not necessarily the Program Director). All this should be submitted to the Program Director electronically and the Program Director should forward it to PATS. Electronic submission will allow for quicker distribution to the selection committee.

Selection of student representatives – The selection of the three students will be done by a subcommittee of the PATS Board of Directors. None of these individuals are currently employed by an ATEP.

Timeline – Completed application materials (application, resume, essay and letter of support) must be received by PATS no later than November 1st.

Mission: NATA iLead!

Mission: iLead! Lead. Engage. Activate. Develop.

What: iLead Student Leadership Program

Who: NATA is looking for students who want to increase their leadership skills and get involved in the legislative process.

Where: Gaylord Hotel, National Harbor, MD (Washington, D.C. metro area)

When: iLead is Feb. 21-22, 2009. Participants are encouraged to stay through Monday to join NATA efforts at Capitol Hill Day.

Cost: \$75

Housing: Gaylord Hotel is offering NATA members a special rate of \$161 per night for single, double, triple or quad rooms, plus a mandatory \$15 resort fee. Housing information is available at www.nata.org.

Details: Three students can attend per state, preferably undergraduate upperclassmen. If students want to go, they must talk to their state leaders.

Schedule

Session 1: “What’s Your Leadership Style?”

Session 2: “How to Talk to Everyone (AND Get Them to Listen)”

Session 3: “Getting Hired! Roundtable Discussions with ATs”

Session 4: “Perks and Perils of Social Media”

Session 5: “Practice Makes Perfect!”

Need to Know: Event registration opens 10/1/08
Check www.nata.org for updates.

Quiz Bowl Champs!

Juniors Katherine Sullivan, Jenna Micsky, and Ashley Rex, Athletic Training Students representing Slippery Rock University, demonstrated academic mastery by winning the Second Annual Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society (PATS) Quiz Bowl on Friday, May 30th 2008 in Camp Hill. The team competed against seven other talented Pennsylvania Athletic Training Education Programs to win the PATS Quiz Bowl.

Slippery Rock University received a large PATS Quiz Bowl trophy to be housed proudly at their school for the entire academic year. In addition, each member of the winning team received a smaller trophy recognizing their achievements



Scholarship Opportunity

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society, Inc. is accepting applications to honor the outstanding students from the membership of P.A.T.S., Inc. These scholarships will be awarded to students who are successful in service, clinically, and academically and excel as athletic training students at their institutions. P.A.T.S., Inc. will present four awards (\$2,000.00 each) to deserving students. The scholarship is meant to encourage the recipient to pursue their education in athletic training or a related field. If a student applies for a scholarship he/she will be eligible for all four scholarships.

Please make note that to be eligible for consideration for a P.A.T.S., Inc. Scholarship, an applicant needs to have been a student member of PATS for a minimum of **six months prior to the April 1st application deadline.**

Any Certified or Certified-Retired member of P.A.T.S., Inc. is to nominate no more than one candidate for this award. Additionally, no more than two candidates can be nominated from any one institution.
Submitted by Ellen West, ATC, Honors and Awards Committee co-chair.

Student Corner continued...

A group of students, along with faculty member Josh Drouin, hiked a portion of the MegaTransect trail. The MegaTransect is an extremely strenuous 25 mile hike/run that takes place in the mountains surrounding Lock Haven every October. A number of the students will be providing first aid services the day of the event.

Lock Haven athletic training students on the MegaTransect trail.



The athletic training students at Lock Haven University are enjoying a busy start to the fall semester. The LHU Athletic Training Student Club hosted a massage day on September 28, 2008. All of the proceeds from the event went to the Brian Keefer medical fund. Brian is a LHU track & field athlete who experienced a serious spinal cord injury over the summer. Brian made his first trip back to LHU for the event.

Looking for New Ideas?

Athletic Training Clubs...Looking for New Ideas?

Looking for new ideas for your club? Some of the athletic training club presidents around the state share what they are up to.

- President of the club, **Sheila Sidelinger**, and the athletic training club at **IUP** plan to invite interested high school students to campus for a weekend to learn about athletic training. They plan to engage the upperclassmen in the program in presenting lectures, and involving the faculty members at IUP in certifying

Frank J. Pasquerilla Center, Johnstown, PA



the high school students in first aid as well as touring the facilities. They are hoping to launch this project during Athletic Trainer Month, March of 2009.

- **Jen Conley**, the president of the **Duquesne University Students in Athletic Training** organization, know that the DUSAT have many ambitious projects planned for the fall semester. In addition to their clothing drive, which started in September, their club will be participating in one of Pittsburgh's biggest events, The Great Race, by working as volunteers. The club's main focus for the winter semester will be a symposium held for prospective students. A guest speaker and hands-on stations featuring first aid and taping skills is planned. Also, an informational presentation about Duquesne and a possible sneak peek into the cadaver lab are on tap.

- President of the **Penn State Athletic Training Club**, **Ellis Mair**, and the PSATC are starting their own newsletter and are hoping to fill it with updates on students, like their four seniors who had NFL internships, and their team bonding trips, such as Whitewater Rafting on the Lehigh River with Whitewater Challengers. They are also participating in a variety of charitable activities including collecting food for families who cannot afford a true Thanksgiving meal and fund raising all year for the Penn State Dance MaraTHON, which benefits the Four Diamonds Fund that is searching for a cure for pediatric cancer. Ellis and the club are also hosting the first annual Penn State Athletic Training Golf Tournament which will raise money for the club to do all sorts of great things.

PATS Symposium

Mark Keppler and the rest of the convention committee chaired another great clinical symposium and annual business meeting in June. 315 people made the trip to Camp Hill for this year's convention which included many thought-provoking sessions on ideas that were "In and Out of the Box" of athletic training. This was Mark's last year as chair of the Convention Committee, so many thanks to him and the rest of his committee: Jodi Lohr, Becky Pizer, Jody Preische, Liz Gulich, Colleen Bensinger, and Andrei Tarsici.

The 2009 convention will be held June 4-6 at the Pasquerilla Center in Johnstown, PA. The preliminary theme for this year's meeting is "Translating Evidence into Clinical Practice." Make sure you mark the dates on your calendar, and we look forward to seeing you in Johnstown, **June 4-6, 2009!** Anyone interested in speaking can contact Eric Lippincott at elippinc@lhup.edu, or the program co-coordinators, Jody Preische, jpreisch@lhup.edu or Jason Scibek, scibekj@duo.edu.

Accolades

PATS members continued to reap numerous awards at the PATS Symposium and the NATA Clinical Symposium. We would like to congratulate the following award winners.

Three outstanding athletic trainers formed the Class of 2008 for the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame. Congratulations to **Paula Sammarone Turocy**, **Michael Stitler**, and **Jeff Cooper** for their induction and for their tireless efforts in the pursuit of excellence in this profession. Details on the Class of 2008 can be found at:

www.gopats.org/awards/halloffame.htm#classof2008



Jeff Cooper

Michael Stitler was also honored by the NATA at the Annual Meeting as Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer. Michael continues to serve as Department Chair at Temple University.

Mike Ludwowski, Susquehanna Health Systems, and **Larry Grollman**, Elizur Corporation, received PATS Service Awards at the PATS Symposium in June in recognition of their contributions. Congratulations!!!



Michael Stitler



Paula Sammarone Turocy



Michael Ludwowski and Larry Grollman

John Norwig, Head Athletic Trainer, Pittsburgh Steelers, was named as a recipient of the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer by the NATA in June.

Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Sicuranza**, York College, and **Dr. James Devlin**, Brockway High School, for receiving the PATS Team Physician Award.

In July, **Mike Ludwikowski** (North Central Region) was invited to the White House to visit the President; that is correct, President George W. Bush. He and his family were guests of Little League International and attended a T-Ball Game on the South Lawn. It was an all star game with a t-ball player from every state.

They attended a luncheon and received a private tour of the East wing of the White House. He met the President and the first Lady along with personalities, Mike and Mike from ESPN, John Smoltz, Dale Murphy, Ryan Sandburg, and country singer Kenny Chesney. Congratulations Mike!!!

The following scholarships were awarded in June at the PATS Symposium. Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners and thanks to those certified athletic trainers who nominated them.

Philip B. Donley Scholarship

Robyn Weidner

California University of PA

Richard M. Burkholder Student Scholarship

Katherine Sullivan

Slippery Rock University

PATS, Inc. Scholarship

Jenna Micsky

Slippery Rock University

EATS/District II Scholarship

Deanna Didiano

University of Pittsburgh

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to **Nicole Walker, Craig Denegar** and **Jody Preische** for receiving First Runner-Up in the *Journal of Athletic Training* Kenneth L. Knight Award for the Outstanding Research manuscript. Their article was entitled, "Low-Intensity Pulsed Ultrasound and Pulsed Electromagnetic field in the Treatment of Tibia Fractures: A systematic Review."

Jim Thornton, Clarion University, and our District II Director was named the CUATC Head Athletic Trainer of the Year for Division II universities.

Congratulations to **PATS PR Committee** for winning the **NATA Public Relations "Greatest Impact Award" for 2008.**

Finally we would like to congratulate the following athletic trainers who received their 25 year award from the NATA. Now you can say you are truly a part of the "old boys/girls network". Congratulations!!

Mark Anderson
Margaret Barton
H. Terrence Bennett
Michael Duffy
Karen Ferrey
Barbara Friscia
Douglas Ganassi
Daniel Giesen
Gary Hepner
Raymond Kendrick
Jeanne Kowalski
Stephan Mackell
Helen Monthley
Julie Ramsey Emrhein
James Thornton
Ronald Trenney
John Wawrzyniak

Gary Hanna would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who called, visited, sent texts, e-mails and cards these past couple months as they were all greatly appreciated. It only proves what a caring profession we are involved in. Thanks again!

Kay Mitchell Emigh, Head Athletic Trainer at Grove City College wanted to extend a special thank you to Jodi Lohr and her students at Saint Vincent College for their assistance and accommodations for the Grove City College versus Saint Vincent Football Game on October 4, 2008. Kay's father passed away on October 1, 2008 and his viewing was to begin at 6 pm on October 4th. With their help, she was able to work the game and get to the viewing on time so the needs of her team and her family were met. Again, Kay wishes to thank Jodi and her staff for their efforts!

Financial Status of the Society

as of 10/13/08

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 17,716.00
REGULATOR ACCOUNT	\$ 22,402.00
RESEARCH ACCOUNT	\$ 45,519.00
SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT	\$ 92,082.00

Financial Advisor Update: Scott Heinerichs, Treasurer

As you are probably aware, Bank of America has bought out Merrill Lynch and will take over all accounts by January 2009. Our financial advisor Lisa Quadrini recently left her position at Merrill Lynch to take a similar position with UBS (www.ubs.com). We have been very fortunate to have an individual in Lisa who is committed to our society. She has been diligent in educating us on how to appropriately utilize our funds to maximize our net gain. Because of this the Board of Directors has voted to move our account to UBS and retain Lisa Quadrini as our financial advisor. The moving of funds will be at no cost to the society but will ensure we have an individual who is committed to the well being of the society.

Important Reminder

PA State Board of Medicine Athletic Training Certification Renewal

Most of you should have received a letter from the State Bureau of Occupational Affairs in providing instructions for renewing your state athletic training certification. This is something we all must do every two years. **It is vitally important that we all renew prior to the deadline of December 31, 2008.** If you forget to do so, even as an oversight, **you subject yourself to disciplinary action by the Boards of Medicine and/or Osteopathic Medicine and a fine of up to \$1000.** There is potential that the maximum fine could be increased to **\$10,000** in the near future. PATS will remind you to renew several times this fall via eBlasts and the web site, but don't delay, renew as soon as possible! The cost is only \$36 for the two year period.

Save the Dates!

EATA Symposium

January 9-12, 2009

Boston, MA

PATS Student Symposium

February 6-7, 2009

Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA

NATA Hit the Hill Day

February 22-23, 2009

Washington, DC

PATS Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium

Pasquerilla Center

June 3-6, 2009

Johnstown, PA

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