

# PATS *news*



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*"INJURY ASSESMENT" IS FOCUS FOR MARCH 2003*

## NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH

PHYSICIANS, PARENTS, COACHES, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, EMPLOYERS AND OTHERS VALUE ATHLETIC TRAINER CONTRIBUTIONS;  
RECOGNIZE OVERALL HEALTH CARE SAVINGS.

Pennsylvania (March 1, 2003)- Immediately following a sports-or work-related injury, certified athletic trainers (ATCs) are among those who can provide the most thorough injury assessment of what needs to happen next to reduce the long-term effect of an injury. What corrective techniques or exercises are best? What type of medical care is necessary? How soon can work, play or physical activities be resumed?

In March, the 30,000 members of National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) will celebrate the third annual National Athletic Training Month. This year's theme of Injury Assessment: The First Step in Treatment & Recovery is a follow up to the 2002 injury prevention theme. At the national level, as well as in individual communities, certified athletic trainers will be hosting numerous special events and educational activities throughout March to boost an increased public awareness about the athletic training profession.

"This year, we'll concentrate on educating others about injury assessment. NATA's big-picture objective is to enable people to gain a broader perspective of what exactly athletic trainers do and what they can do as highly educated and skilled allied health care professionals," said NATA President Julie Max, ATC and head athletic trainer at California State University, Fullerton. "National Athletic Training Month was established so that we could do a better job of educating the public about our profession, and our quality and level of care. We want people to know that athletic trainers are integral members of any medical or athletic health care team and work hand-in-hand with physicians and other allied health personnel every step of the way."

### About NATA:

Certified athletic trainers (ATCs) are medical professionals who specialize in the prevention assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses that occur to athletes and the physically active. The National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports the more than 30,000 members of the athletic training profession through education and research.

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## PA Students are Scholarship Winners

Pennsylvania athletic training students won five scholarships at the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association Meeting in Boston, MA. The scholarships were awarded during the EATA Awards Banquet on January 5, 2003. We would like to congratulate these award winners and their respective institutions for their commitment to excellence.

### Joseph Abraham Scholarship

Elissa Till, California and Clarion Universities of Pennsylvania

### District II Scholarship

Kathleen Price, Messiah College

### EATA Scholarships

Douglas Hawxhurst, East Stroudsburg University  
Michelle Panseri, Slippery Rock University

### Hartman-Conco Sports Medicine Award

Patricia Hatches, Lock Haven University

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# Editor's Note:

Dear Friends,

Does it seem as if the winter weather will never end? At least, we have time on our side and we will soon be dusting off our golf clubs, bicycles, and softball gloves. Please take advantage of Athletic Training Month and make the effort to educate the athletes, administrators, parents, and the general public with whom we make contact on a daily basis. We are our greatest advocates. This issue provides relevant information about promoting our discipline.

Please remember that anyone wishing to send contributions to the newsletter, please pay close attention to the deadlines. When submitting articles, the best formats to use are Microsoft Word on a disk, a direct e-mail, or an e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word or text format. Pictures should be submitted in JPEG format. Our address is:

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As we transition into the spring sports season, don't forget to make time for yourself and your family. See you on the links and in Harrisburg.

Beth and Alan

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## Newsletter Submission Dates

Spring:  
February 15th  
Summer  
June 30th  
Fall/Winter  
November 1st

# the President's Message

By Gary Hanna, ATC, Edinboro University

It has been a long cold winter but hopefully the light is visible at the end of the tunnel. The Board of Directors met in December and again in February with a lengthy agenda for both meetings. The following are highlights of those meetings.

I urge all PATS members to update their membership information on the NATA website by including their county of residence. PATS needs this information to identify all of our member's proper regional designation. Log on to [nata.org](http://nata.org) and go to the "Members Only" section. There you will find the heading "Address Changes" which will allow you to update your information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or any member of the Board.

We are currently running an election to choose a new Secretary, South West Regional Representative, and South East Regional Representative. Let me take this opportunity to thank those who have volunteered to run for these offices. The group of candidates is a strong one and the choices will not be easy. Every one of these candidates would do an outstanding job. A volunteer organization such as ours is only as strong as those who are willing to give of themselves for the sake of their peers. I encourage everyone to vote and become an active part of this process.

The NATA has designated March as National Athletic Training Month. This year's theme is "Injury Assessment". In conjunction with the NATA's efforts, PATS will celebrate Pennsylvania Athletic Training Week during the week of March 16-22, 2003. Please make every effort to promote our profession in your area during this time.

PATS, along with NATA District II, will again sponsor the Athletic Training Students Workshop on March 22, 2003 at West Chester University. Joe Godek has put together a great program and I encourage all of our student members to take advantage of this educational opportunity.

In cooperation with the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA), PATS is also sponsoring a one day educational program for athletic trainers during their annual meeting in March. On Friday, March 21, 2003, the sessions will highlight secondary school athletic training topics. A special one-day registration fee of \$50.00 has been set. This includes the program (5.5 CEUs) and a buffet lunch. Act 48 hours are also available for attendees. Registration forms are available at [psada.org](http://psada.org)

Dr. Tom West and the Convention Committee have made plans for another strong convention for June 6-8, 2003 at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel. As a service to our members, we will now offer on-line registration and the ability to pay by credit card. Look for additional information on the PATS website.

After a successful Functional Training seminar last year, The Sports Medicine Center and Pennsylvania College of Technology are teaming up again! This year's seminar is entitled:

## Exploring Function: Practical Trunk and Shoulder Relationships

Participants in this course will:

Understand mechanics involved in upper extremity activity.

Understand and use the hip-trunk-shoulder relationship.

Personally explore the many rehabilitation/strength training techniques available including empty room, free weights, body blades, plyoballs, plyometrics, unstable surfaces, stretch cords and others.

Apply the techniques of this course in strength and conditioning areas to accompany traditional approaches, increase performance and enhance injury prevention/recovery.

The course is designed for physical therapists, occupational therapists, certified athletic trainers, personal trainers, coaches, physical education, teachers and health educators.

**Presenter:** Bryan McEwan, PT,  
Co-owner of Gary Gray Physical Therapy, Inc.  
**Date:** March 29, 2003 - 8 AM to 5 PM  
**Location:** Bardo Gymnasium, Penn College  
**Fee:** \$195 per person if you register before February 21; or \$225 after.  
For students with a valid ID (required at registration), the fee is \$25.  
The fee includes a continental breakfast, refreshment break and course manual.

You can also register online at <http://www.ttc.pct.edu/> ttc.pct.edu or call (570) 327-4775.

Course Number HC164



# *the high school corner*

**By Brian Mesich, ATC  
High School Committee Chair  
Norwin High School**

I hope everyone enjoying all of the snow and cold weather this winter. If you like to ski or snowboard it is perfect! I hope you planned your own positive public relations displays at your school and in your community. The people that know how important you are to their program are not the ones you need to direct your energy towards. The administrators, board members and other influential community members in your district are the ones that need to hear all of the positive things you do on a daily basis. Be proud of our profession and the professional service you provide.

Athletic training is one of the most diverse and flexible profession. Sometimes that is its greatest down fall. It is phenomenal that athletic training is expanding into many different career avenues but it seems like the focus is going away from the core and the largest potential market out there; the high schools. The colleges and universities are focusing their curriculums towards their masters and doctoral programs in athletic training and sports medicine. They are getting away from providing students with the option of combining athletic training and education.

Unfortunately, the going trend is for school districts not to hire an athletic trainer out right. Many school districts are providing athletic training coverage through a clinic at a ridiculously low rate. The only possibility a conscientious high school athletic trainer may have is to get hired by a school district after obtaining a teaching position within that district. I am not saying every high school athletic trainer should be a teacher. An athletic trainer is someone who provides medical care and coverage but also has a desire and duty to educate. High school athletic training is a full time job. Having a teaching degree and not a doctoral degree would possibly open up more doors at the high school setting. This can also lead to better financial and job security. It may also provide more flexible hours for you and your family.

Those of you that are curious about receiving ACT 48 hours at the upcoming PATS meeting, we are working to make this happen. PATS and the PA State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) are partnering together to provide a special one-day conference on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The registration fee is \$50.00 and includes a luncheon buffet. If you are interested please call (215) 493-8547 or e-mail to [bob@psada.org](mailto:bob@psada.org).

## Pennsylvania Athletic Directors & PATS to Have Joint Meeting

I am pleased to inform you that the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors' Association (PSADA) and PATS have partnered in promoting a special one-day conference on March 21, 2003 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This one-day conference will feature topics and speakers that are of high interest to the ATC. The registration fee of \$50.00 includes a full day of sessions plus a splendid buffet luncheon. For more information, please call 215-493-8547 or e-mail Bob Buckanavage at [bob@psada.org](mailto:bob@psada.org).

Thank you for your interest in this excellent opportunity to be part of the PSADA Conference.

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## ATTENTION: All Certified Athletic Trainers and Athletic Training Students:

Please consider serving your profession by volunteering on the medical staff for the Summer Games of Special Olympics Pennsylvania. The Games will be held from June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup> in State College, PA on the main campus of Penn State University.

Special Olympic Pennsylvania provides medical volunteers with housing, meals and shirts. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute your knowledge and skills in Athletic Training, as well as give back to the community by working with athletes competing in a variety of sports. More information will follow via mail and/or email in the near future. You can contact Kim Stoudt via email at [kim.stoudt@alvernia.edu](mailto:kim.stoudt@alvernia.edu) or by calling (610) 796-8335 with questions.

# Clinical Connection

Scott Devore M.A., ATC, PATS Clinical Chair  
University Orthopedics Center

I hope you survived the blizzard of 2003 and are looking forward to a long awaited Spring. The clinical committee continues to tackle the tough issues relating to reimbursement for athletic training services in the Commonwealth. The reimbursement plan takes time to develop and implement and we hope that you can be patient with the process. You can obtain additional

information relating to reimbursement on the NATA website. The website can provide you information through the reimbursement committee section and the newly created Physician Extender section.

Linda Mazzolli and I are considering having an additional reimbursement workshop in the central part of the state for those PATS members unable to attend in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. We will keep you posted on a specific date and time for the workshop.

The committee is also planning to make some changes to our clinical brochure and clinical SOP. We have asked the board to make some recommendations on these issues to make changes in accordance with our recent legislative efforts. If you have any questions or concerns related to clinical or reimbursement issues feel free to contact me at [scotdevo@hotmail.com](mailto:scotdevo@hotmail.com) or other members of the committee.

## On Campus



Dan Evans, ATC  
College/University Committee Chairperson  
Haverford College

Every year it seems that spring comes faster and faster. Every year it seems that coaches find a new and more innovative way of arranging practice schedules. I spent most of this morning pondering what to write for this installment. One of my wisest coaches told me, in his frankest of manners, "If you have nothing to say, then say nothing". It is not necessarily true that I have nothing to say more than I have nothing concrete to report.

I am finalizing the plans for the College/University Breakout Session in Harrisburg. I am seeking a speaker who would be willing to present in the breakout session. If anyone has some words of wisdom pertaining to the maintenance of the quality of life within the Athletic Training profession and longevity in this career, please offer them to the group. If you are interested I would love to hear from you.

The PATS Annual Symposium will be June 6-8, 2003 at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

In the next newsletter, I will be able to report the latest news regarding HIPPA and how wonderful the PATS symposium was. I am still waiting for feedback regarding the impact on the Athletic Training Care at Haverford College.

## CONVENTION Committee Update

Tom West, PhD, ATC  
Convention Committee Chair  
Lock Haven University

The Convention Committee is busy finalizing the details for the 2003 PATS Symposium and Convention. The meeting will be held June 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> at the Harrisburg Hilton. This year's theme is "Athletic Training and Performance Enhancement" It will focus on the application of performance enhancement theories in regards to clinical practice. The convention will again be preceded by the annual PATS Golf Tournament on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Online registration will be available this year for the first time. Postcards will be mailed to all PATS members once online registration is available. Those not registering online can request registration materials be sent by mail. Online registration will streamline the registration process and save our organization money, so please utilize this new service if possible.

Mark the dates of the PATS Symposium on your calendar and plan to attend! This year's convention promises to be an informative, interesting and enjoyable continuing education opportunity.

[www.gopats.org](http://www.gopats.org)

## North Central Representative Message

Craig M. Sechler, MS, ATC, Joyner Sportsmedicine Institute

It is sure hard to believe that spring is already here, especially after the long winter that we have had. It's also nice to see that numerous newcomers have become involved in our state society as a result of our last election. The board of directors has held its last two board meetings in State College, as there is interest in bringing the convention back to the area. Besides staying in Harrisburg, we are also considering Altoona and Lancaster as potential future convention sites. Speaking of meetings, I am considering hosting a reimbursement symposium in north central Pennsylvania. If there is interest, please let me know so I can get the ball rolling.

As our society continues to keep its members abreast of current topics, we rely on our website as an avenue to do so. In order to get this information out to you, you will need to keep your e-mail address up to date with the NATA.

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### South Eastern Representative Message

Chris Peduzzi, Philadelphia Eagles

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter season and that the remainder of the spring seasons is not too hectic. I would like to take this time to urge all of you to get involved in PATS. As you all know, or should know, with your NATA dues you automatically become a PATS member. We are all busy, but the most important thing that you can offer our society is your time. Please contact me if you have an interest in becoming involved with PATS. I also urge all of you to register for the PATS convention in June. The program promises to be beneficial. We are looking forward to another successful symposium!

As your southeastern representative, I will gladly relay any comments or concerns at the upcoming PATS Board of Directors' meeting. I feel that this is a great opportunity for athletic trainers in our region to have their voice heard. Comments or concerns can be forwarded to me via e-mail ([peduzzi@eagles.nfl.com](mailto:peduzzi@eagles.nfl.com)) or by phone at 215-339-6727. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help.

I hope all is going well with everyone in the southeastern region. Have a healthy and successful spring season.

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### North Eastern Representative Message

Keith Vanic, East Stroudsburg University

Greetings from the Northeast region! Hopefully, everyone has dug himself or herself out from the Blizzard of '03 and is looking forward to a very warm spring.

Mark your calendars because June plans to be another exciting conference for our PATS membership. Dr. Tom West and his Convention Committee have planned another remarkable event for the PATS membership. For all you golfers out there, the PATS Golf Tournament is always a great time to have some fun and catch up with friends and colleagues on the links. If you don't have a four-some, we'll set you up with a team. Everyone can enjoy the fun and festivities! Don't forget about our prize selection and the spectacular player gift!

### Northwestern Representative Message

Kay Mitchell Emigh, Grove City College

Have you ever wondered how the Groundhog doesn't see his shadow? Think about it, with all the TV cameras how can he not? Here in Northwestern Pennsylvania the winter sports are wrapping up but it does not seem that winter itself is. However, we all know that the spring sports are in full gear just waiting for that green grass and ray of sun to appear. I hope it won't be too long!

I would like to thank George Roberts from Edinboro University for presenting a program on HI PAA for the Northwest Region on February 16<sup>th</sup>. at Slippery Rock University. Also, thanks to Scott Zema for being the host and a special thanks to all who attended. If you have any ideas for a topic, or would like to host a regional meeting, in the future please do not hesitate to contact me. I am currently investigating sites for a Northwest golf outing in July. Further information will follow as it becomes available.

Please mark your calendars for June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>! This year's PATS Conference and Symposium will again be at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. Tom West and his committee have been diligently working on the symposium which will focus on *Athletic Training and Performance Enhancement*. It is guaranteed to meet the needs of our members.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Harrisburg. As always, if there is anything your Society can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wanted to thank Mr. Joseph Godek and the West Chester University Athletic Training faculty and staff for hosting yet another Annual PATS Student Conference in March. In the upcoming months, we will be organizing next year's event, so if you have any suggestions on lecture topics, geographic location etc., or if I can be of other assistance, please feel free to contact me 570-422-3314 or [kvanic@po-box.esu.edu](mailto:kvanic@po-box.esu.edu)

## South Western Representative Message

Larry Cooper - Penn Trafford High School

Hello and Happy Spring! Hopefully you have weathered the storm(s) this winter and are looking forward to the warmer weather and spring sports. As we turn our attention to the outdoor sports remember to implement a lightening and inclement weather guidelines for the benefit of your student athletes.

On Friday, March 21, 2003 in Hershey, PA a joint effort between PASADA and PATS will come to fruition. This is an important time as we try to forge a better relationship between our two professional organizations. CEU's and Act 48 hours are available, mailings went out in early January. DO NOT forget to register.

On Sunday, March 23, 2003 from 6:30-8:00pm there will be a Southwest PATS meeting at the UPMC Sports Medicine Complex on the South Side of Pittsburgh. The guest speaker will be George Roberts, ATC from Edinboro University and the NATA District 2 Governmental Affairs Representative. He will present HI PPA and its impact on Certified Athletic Trainers. Please RSVP by March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at [COOPATC@AOL.COM](mailto:COOPATC@AOL.COM) to register. This event will be worth 1 CEU.

This spring the Southwest Regional Representative position on the Board of Directors for PATS will be open. Please make an effort to run for office and to vote! Our society depends on volunteers to continue advancement of our profession in the Commonwealth.

As my tenure winds down, I would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to have represented this wonderful profession, and to have served you, our members. Through this service I have developed a tremendous number of friendships that I will always cherish. The work ethic, friendliness and compassion that all of us share amongst each other, and with our athletes, goes without comparison. I will always have a tremendous amount of admiration and respect, personally and professionally, for the men and women who have served this society. I am forever grateful for their tireless work on our behalf. Thank you for allowing me to take part in making a difference.



Pictured left to right, Chris Peduzzi, Eric Sugarman and Rick Burkholder on the sideline from the NFL Pro Bowl. .

## PATS On The Back

- C Kudos goes out to Mr. Larry "Coop" Cooper for his recent honors at the past EATA Meeting in Boston. Mr. Cooper is a tremendous athletic trainer and has been a true mentor and professional to many. Thanks for all your years of service and for being such a great role model.
- C Glen "Larry" Cooper, ATC was honored at the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association's Meeting in Boston, MA. He was presented with the Micro-Bio Medics Award. The award is given annually by Micro-Bio Medics for outstanding contribution to the profession of athletic training on the secondary level. "Coop" has been an athletic trainer on the secondary level for twenty years and has served as the Head Athletic Trainer and a physical education teacher at Penn Trafford High School for the past 12 years. He also serves as the South West Regional Representative to the PATS Board of Directors. Way to go Coop!

## University of Pittsburgh Student Receives Tim Kerin Scholarship

Kudos to University of Pittsburgh student Jennifer Stumpf who received the Tim Kerin Scholarship Award on January 4, 2003. This award was established in 1994 by partners Angelo Tardio and John Bonaroti of East Suburban Sports Medicine in cooperation with the Department of Athletics at the University of Pittsburgh to assist worthy students in obtaining undergraduate education in athletic training.

The selection criteria includes evidence of community service, leadership capabilities, good citizenship, and scholarship. Jennifer is a senior at the University of Pittsburgh where she has exhibited all of these qualities as well as an interest in furthering her education in the field of athletic training.

Jennifer was presented with a plaque and a \$1,000 award during half time of the Pittsburgh vs. Robert Morris University Basketball Game.

Any University of Pittsburgh Alumni interested in making a contribution towards this Award should contact Kevin Conley, Curriculum Director at the University of Pittsburgh or John Bonaroti/Angelo Tardio at [www.ESSMC.com](http://www.ESSMC.com)

## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

January 5, 2003

Boston, MA

President Hanna called the meeting to order at 4:05PM in the Harvard Room of the Copley Marriott.

He introduced the Board of Directors present: AJ Duffy III - President-Elect and Larry Cooper -Southwestern Representative; District II officers Joe Iezzi - Director, Jim Thornton - Secretary, Barry E. McGlumphy - Treasurer, PATS committee chairs George Roberts, Governmental Affairs, and Sandy Godek - College/University. Eve Becker Doyle, NATA Executive Director also made an appearance at the meeting.

President Hanna was pleased to inform the members present that Jim Thornton has been appointed to the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee. He is the first ATC to hold such a position.

Approval Of Minutes, June 2002, Harrisburg, PA

A motion by Larry Cooper and seconded by Bill Prieto was made to approve the minutes of the membership meeting from the June 2002 state meeting in Harrisburg. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hanna discussed the financial status of the society and PATS' is in sound financial condition.

Special Announcements

The Athletic Trainers Student Symposium will be held at West Chest University on Saturday March 22, 2003. Symposium chair, Joe Godek informed those present that a mailing would be sent to those that are student members of the NATA. He asked to notify any other students about the conference to attend.

NATA/PATS Renewal notices:

President Hanna urged all members to log onto the NATA website and evaluate their address of record. It is imperative that the county of residence be listed. This is the basis for PATS regional voting. It is not possible to divide the Commonwealth by zip codes.

PSADA Symposium

The annual PSADA convention will be in March at the Hershey Motor Lodge. On Friday, March 21 PSADA and PATS will cosponsor an educational seminar. It will be from 9AM to 4PM and it will include lunch. In addition to NATABOC 5.5 CEU's the conference will also provide six units of Act 48 hours.

Athletic Trainers Week

Athletic Trainers Week will be March 16-22, 2003. The theme for this year is evaluation. To celebrate this occasion, PATS is planning on having a reception to coincide with the PASDA symposium. The Board will be forwarding more information about this week.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Legislative Committee - Update on new legislation

The Rule and Regulations of the new bill are currently in committee. There are no major stumbling blocks with them at this time. The problem is that they have been put on the back burner because of the current malpractice problems faced by physicians in the Commonwealth. The Board will keep the membership informed.

Convention Committee

This years Clinical Symposium will be Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at the Harrisburg Hilton. Tom West and his committee have put together another dynamite program for the membership. The Golf outing and Bar-B-Q will be Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

The committee is investigating moving to on-line registration.

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PATS has signed contracts through June of 2005. The convention committee is actively seeking other potential sites for future dates. Please contact your regional representative if you have suggestions.

#### Nominations and Elections Committee

The following offices are up for election this year: Secretary, Southwestern and Southeastern Regional representatives. Nominations for secretary make come from with in the Commonwealth while the regional representative must be nominated from someone in their geographical area. If you care to nominate an individual, please submit it in writing to Mike Ludwowski or email [mludwowski@shscars.org](mailto:mludwowski@shscars.org).

It is planned to move the elections back one month to allow a more accurate database to be utilized. The nomination committee is also evaluating on-line voting.

#### Honors and Awards Committee

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the scholarship committee will award two \$1000.00 awards. Please have your eligible students apply for these PATS scholarships as well as the EATA and District II.

If you have any nominations for the Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award please contact Sandy Bush and if you have a Hall of Fame nominee contact Joe Donolli [jdonolli@gettysburg.edu](mailto:jdonolli@gettysburg.edu).

#### Research Committee

The deadline for the PATS Supported Research Award is March 1. The award is in the amount of \$1500. Please contact Neil Curtis West Chester University [ncurtis@wcupa.edu](mailto:ncurtis@wcupa.edu).

#### Old Business

The Reimbursement Advisory Committee held two workshops this past summer. In July one was held Pittsburgh and in August Philadelphia. These were received very well by the membership.

Unfortunately, Pittsburgh had to withdraw from consideration for the 2010 NATA meeting. The three final candidates are Boston, Orlando and Philadelphia.

It is important that we now support Philadelphia's effort to garner the 2010 meeting. Those interested can contact AJ Duffy at [ajduffyiii@aol.com](mailto:ajduffyiii@aol.com).

The Newsletter is now available on the web. Please consult this to keep current on the Society's activities.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

AJ Duffy III  
President-Elect

PATS Annual Convention & Symposium				
Future Conventions	June 6 – 8, 2003	Harrisburg (Hilton & Towers)		
	May 21 - 23, 2004	Harrisburg (Hilton & Towers)		
	EATA Convention			
	January 4 - 6, 2004	Philadelphia, PA	NATA National Convention	
	January 8 - 10, 2005	Boston, MA	June 24 – 28, 2003	St. Louis, MO
January 8 - 10, 2006	Philadelphia, PA	June 15 - 19, 2004	Baltimore, MD	
January 6 - 8, 2007	Boston, MA	June 14 - 18, 2005	Indianapolis, IN	
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# National Athletic Training Month

*"Are You Saying What We're Saying?"*

In March 2003, will you be one of the 30,000 athletic trainers that will celebrate the third annual National Athletic Training Month (NATM)? This year's theme of Injury Assessment: The First Step in Treatment & Recovery is a follow-up to the 2002 injury prevention theme. A special NATM insert was in the January edition of the NATA News. Be sure to glance through this insert as it includes key messages, promotional activities and ideas, and all the tools one would need to promote the profession not only in March; but also, throughout the entire year.

Please inform Jeff Shields, PATS Public Relations Chair, of all activities/press, etc. you have done to promote the profession during March so we have a record of all events for NATM. Finally, remember to submit your entries for the NATA Public Relations Contest for an opportunity to win NATA merchandise. Details are available on the NATA website.

Always refer to yourself as a Certified Athletic Trainer, Athletic Trainer, or ATC.

NEVER use the term "trainer"

Use "Athletic Training" - never just "training"

## Workshop for Athletic Training Students

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society and District II of the National Athletic Trainers' Association are sponsoring an Athletic Training Students Workshop, March 22, 2003 at West Chester University. Registration materials are available on the District II website ([www.goeata.org/district2](http://www.goeata.org/district2)) For more information, please contact Mr. Joe Godek at West Chester University.

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I hope everyone can make plans to join us in June. Another great golf outing to kick off our meeting has been planned by John Hauth and his committee.

I encourage everyone to regularly check the PATS website for announcements and updates. The Board, along with Brad Taylor our Webmaster, will utilize this site as much as possible to communicate with you. If you have any suggestion about the website, please contact Mr. Taylor.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be in Harrisburg on June 5, 2003. At that time we will set the schedule of meetings for the next year. The dates and times will be posted in the next Newsletter and on our website. PATS members are always welcome. Please contact your Regional

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