

Biography sheet for Stephen "Chip" Sheer, LAT, ATC

Name: Stephen "Chip" Sheer Jr. LAT ATC

Employer: Penn Highlands Healthcare, DuBois West Campus

School: Brookville Area Junior/Senior High School, Brookville PA

The position I am running for: Northwest Region Representative

My name is Stephen Sheer but I am better known as Chip. I work at Brookville Area High School in Jefferson County. It is part of PIAA District 9. The position I have been nominated for and choose to attempt to get elected for is Northwest Region Representative. I want to be the Northwest Representative to give back to the athletic trainers of this region. This position is where the athletic trainer voices' of our area get heard and solutions are found or get relayed to the Executive Board of PATS.

I am a graduate of Lock Haven University. I earned my degree in 2003 and have been working as an athletic trainer since. Prior to getting my Bachelors at LHU, I earned my Associates of Science in Physical Therapy Assistant from Pennsylvania State University, Hazleton Campus. Upon completion of my PTA degree, I enrolled the next semester at LHU to get the degree I have a passion for and use every day.

Since I started for Penn Highlands in Aug of 2010, I have been involved in many projects for the hospital. I have spoken with other allied health professions at the Concussion Seminar the hospital hosts in the summer. I was named employee of the month in Jan of 2014. It is given to one of the 2700 people employed by the hospital each month. Along with my former supervisor and fellow athletic trainers, we started a non-profit foundation to advance athletic trainer education in Northwestern Pennsylvania. I have worked with the current Northwest Rep to have continuing education events for our region. I have had the fortune of speaking at some of these events throughout the years.

In Sept of 2012 I affiliated myself a team that plays roller derby in DuBois. Since then I have become a valuable referee and volunteer for the league. I have been able to work hard and become a certified roller derby skating referee and non-skating official. I have been accepted at tournaments to work as an official and helped other referees just getting their starts. I also am a PIAA official for Track & Field as well as soccer. One aspect that I have brought to the league is a concussion policy. All skaters get Impact Baseline tested prior to their first game. I also sit on the team's safety committee to enforce all the safety parameters the team and roller derby have approved.

I have been a member of the NATA since 2001 while I was still an undergraduate student at Lock Haven. I have been a continuous member since my college days. I have been a county delegate for Jefferson County since PATS have started the program.

If elected I plan on bringing the professionalism and dedication that I have brought to my other ventures to the Executive Board as Northwest Region Representative. Our society is growing and is on the upswing. The athletic trainers of PA have pushed this state to be a leader of our profession in our district, region, and country. I would continue to push us along.

I have a 7 and a half year old daughter who lives in Williamsport. I care for her and dote over her as much as possible. My family lives in northern Schuylkill County and my daughter and I make the drive to visit them often. I went to Marian Catholic High School in Hometown PA, in the heart of coal country. It was there that my passion for athletic training started as I worked with the football and basketball teams.

Thank you for your consideration of voting for me. If elected I will give everything I have to the job of being the PATS Northwest Region Representative.