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Far West Athletic Trainers' Association
District 8: California, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam

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Thank you, FWATA Managing Board

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR

Dear District 8 Members-

During the course of summer and fall, I observed two activities that appeared unrelated at the time, but now I see are related. In one incident, I had many discussions and letters from members about various activities going on. One of the concerns was that most of our students and many of our newly certified athletic trainers may not know the history of our profession and association.



Andy Paulin, ATC

In a different environment, as I was having daily discussions on the field with ATEP students in clinical rotations. They also did not have a very good understanding of our history. I was explaining some of the things I did as a student or how my mentors problem solved; the students looked at me like I had lobsters growing out of my ears.

Here are my thoughts (yes, another one of my chore lists!):

■ *Attend the 2007 District and NATA Conventions:* All of you have a rare opportunity to attend a District 8 and an NATA Convention, both in our District. **April 26-29** District 8 will be in Las Vegas and **June 26-29** the NATA Convention will be in Anaheim. I strongly urge, both certified and student alike, to attend these functions. These are unique educational opportunities that go outside a classroom. But I especially like the idea that young members can sit in a workshop, a social hour, or a business meeting and just interact with another member. That is where a great deal of learning can take place.

■ *Volunteer at the NATA Convention:* Please take a few hours out of your NATA convention and help your District 8 colleagues with the Anaheim meeting. It will indeed give you a greater appreciation for how a convention is put together, but also reinforces what the spirit of volunteerism is all about in our profession. Again, a golden opportunity to meet thousands of students and professionals from around the country (and world).

■ *Athletic Training Educators:* I believe we may have to add a few more items to your "Syllabus". I hope you are encouraging your students to attend these two conventions. Yes, it will be a terrific learning opportunity outside a classroom or a clinical rotation. But please ask your students to make a full

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commitment to learn “way” outside the classroom i.e. visit the exhibit hall, go to awards functions, go to business meetings, and stand in the hallways and talk to your mentors. Introduce them to your mentors and classmates from undergraduate school, grad. school and previous employers. I speak from personal experience that when I exchange “war stories” with one of my former classmates, and a student is listening, that is one of the best “history lessons” they probably received that day.

Between now and the Anaheim convention, please take a few hours in one of your classes and talk about the NATA history. I mean not just the evolution of certification and education, but who the first executive directors were, who were District 8, California, Nevada and Hawaii leaders in previous years. And then, ask your students to identify Lindsay McLean, Jack Rockwell, Lew Crowl, Jo Silken, Bill Chambers, Julie Max, Fran Babich, Bob Moore, Peter Demers, Ned Bergert and many of the other District 8 members, too numerous to list here.

■ *Mentors and Certified Athletic:* You have a responsibility to share our rich professional and association history with our younger members (and maybe yourself). Take a moment and read the various NATA publications about our history. Invite a couple of the veteran District 8 members to your classrooms and athletic training facilities and just let them talk about “the old days”. Finally, when you have a little down time with a student, just let them know what athletic training is like now compared to when you were a student. I don’t mean gripe about changes you don’t like; I mean let them know how to make a portable water fountain out of PVC pipe and a garden hose, how to make a protective pad out of almost anything lying around the ATR, how to make a Cramergesic pack, and many other problem solving skills that we have to possess.

■ *Athletic Training Students:* Please do everything you can to attend these two conventions. Yes you may have to drive and stay 10 to a room, but I will share this: every ATC that I have spoken with says that those were some of their most memorable moments in their academic development. You can’t help but learn about people when you stay 4 to a room or drive 8 hours together. Going to a convention does cost money, but speaking from personal experience, I do not regret making that decision when I was a student. If finances are an issue, now is the time to address that issue. There are countless methods for students to raise money for any type of cause- and this cause will benefit YOU! This is a rare opportunity you do not want to miss. It might be a while before you get another opportunity to attend two professional conferences in your” backyard”

I look forward to seeing all of you in Las Vegas and Anaheim. Please contact me if I may be of service to you.

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Upcoming Elections District Director and Secretary

by Scott R. Sailor, EdD ATC – District Secretary

The term limits for Andy Paulin, ATC and Scott Sailor, ATC have reached their limits. The terms for the positions of District Director and District Secretary will expire in June, 2008 at the NATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium. The FWATA Constitution required that we announced these vacancies and request nominations during our FWATA meeting in 2006 and the FWATA Membership Meeting at NATA in 2006. Both these announcements were made and this article serves to supplement those announcements for those members who may have not been in attendance at either of those previously mentioned events.

Election Procedures

Nominations and platforms for the positions of FWATA District Director and FWATA District Secretary are due to the FWATA Parliamentarian, Beth Ann Young ATC, by April 1, 2007. Both Director and Secretary Nominee platforms will be posted on the FWATA website. Director platforms will be presented at the FWATA Membership Business Meeting during the District Meeting on April 28, 2007. If primary ballots are necessary they will be distributed within one month of that meeting and will be due within four weeks of being distributed. This will be approximately June 1, 2007. Final ballots with the two candidates selected by the primary election will be distributed within three months of the FWATA Annual Meeting 2007. This will be approximately August 1, 2007 with a return date four weeks after being distributed, approximately Sept. 1, 2007. The new District Director and District Secretary will assume their duties at the NATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in 2008.

Qualifications

Certified members of the National Athletic Trainers' Association who have served previously as a District Managing Board member or as a chair either of a state, district, or national committee for a period of not less than two (2) years within the previous ten (10) years are eligible to run for either of these positions. All members who meet these qualifications are encouraged to submit their name and a platform to Beth Young, ATC at byoung@punahou.edu. Platforms should be submitted as a Word® documents and will be posted on the FWATA website at www.fwata.org.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE
2007 ANAHEIM NATA CONVENTION!!**

**THERE WILL BE REDUCTION OF YOUR REGISTRATION FEE DEPENDING ON THE
NUMBER**

OF HOURS YOU WORK. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE CO-HOSTS:

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HAZEL ANDO @ hazelando@aol.com or call 714/937-2157



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Stephen Fuzie, PT, ATC, Ethics Committee Chair

The ethics committee has had one issue to resolve over the past 8 months, which resulted in the employment of an athletic trainer. A minor league professional team in California was employing, as their "trainer", a person who was not certified. Where this is not illegal in California, it is against the league policy. Once this was brought to ownerships attention, they proceeded to hire an ATC to serve as their team athletic trainer.

Ethics has to do with WHAT IS RIGHT, not necessarily what is legal. So keep an eye out for situations where employing a CERTIFIED Athletic Trainer would be the right thing to do for the school, teams, coaches, players, public, etc. In this case, doing the right thing resulted in an ATC being employed.

Also, school district, athletic commission, state organization, committee or company policy may require an ATC to be employed or involved in a situation or setting, even if the law doesn't require it. So check your policies and procedures to see who and what is required for championships, games, oversight or other needs.

Research and Grants Update

Leamor Kahanov, ATC, Research and Grants Chair

Research Grant applications and Poster Presentation abstracts are due January 10th, 2007. Please download the applications from the website.

Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC)

Paul Alvarez, Ph.D, ATC, EDAC Chair

The FWATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC) is in the planning stages of events for the Anaheim Convention. Included in this is the Town Hall Meeting, where the NATA EDAC presents the work of the committee followed by a networking social for ATCs and students; Career Day, where local high school ethnically diverse AT students and their ATCs are invited to participate in some of the activities of the convention and meet other athletic trainers; and the EDAC Session presentation.

Paul Alvarez, PhD, ATC and Bill Prieto, ATC, will co-present "Ethnic Diversity - What you and your ATEP should know" for the EDAC Session. High School Athletic Trainers in the Anaheim area are encouraged to contact Paul Alvarez, FWATA EDAC chair, if they are interested in bringing some of their ethnically diverse students to Career Day. Every student and ATC interested in networking is encouraged to plan on attending the Town Hall meeting. For more details on these activities, please contact Paul Alvarez.

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2006 Far West Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium Report

San Diego was the perfect setting for the April 2006 Annual Meeting. The 600+ attending enjoyed beautiful weather, informative educational sessions, over 40 exhibits, the inaugural Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser and the opportunity to see old colleagues and meet other fellow ATCs!!

The breakdown attending the annual meeting was:

Certified Members	458
Student Members	126
Student Non-members	62
Non-members	23

Scholarship Fundraisers

Annual Golf Tournament ran smoothly due to the organization of Ruem Malasarn and his committee. A BIG THANK YOU to the numerous hole sponsors and those of you that golfed.

Inaugural Silent Auction was held during the Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner and raised \$2,488.00. We had an autographed Michael Jordan Basketball, John Wooden "Pyramid of Success" poster, John Wooden "Wooden On Leadership" book, AFC/NFC Pro Bowl Footballs, Hawaiian Specialties, Bracelet and others. There were a total of 19 items donated and bidding went on for over an hour!! Thank you to all those that had the highest bid for your special items.

Thank you to the donors: Bill Chambers, Cindy Clivio, Zeny Galo-Eakins, Leroy Heu, Ky Kugler, Brenda Niederberger, and Andy Paulin. Your generous donations made the auction a success!!! If you have any item(s) to donate for 2007 please contact Hazel Ando. Remember the items do not need to be sports related!!

2006 "Volunteer" Registration Staff

The Convention Committee would like to thank our 2006 "Volunteer" Registration Staff for their willingness to work long hours before and during the convention. Thank you to Mike Anderson, Leroy Heu, Nina Hsieh, Heidi Lopez, and Darin Voight. Without the registration staff the committee would not have been able to prepare the registration packets, distribute the packets, and assist in providing the manpower needed during the annual meeting. Thank you staff for a successful annual meeting.

FAREWELL to JIM MAY!

Jim May has taken a position in Virginia. We will miss his input on improving the annual meeting, his ability to find quality speakers, his positive outlook on life and his friendship! Good luck to you and your family as you move on to another district. Thank you for your many years of working with the committee!

See you in Las Vegas April 26-29, 2007!!

Your 2006 Convention Committee, Hazel Ando, Bill Chambers, Ruem Malasarn, Jim May, David Ramirez, and Kirstal Slover.

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2007 Far West Athletic Trainers Association

Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium

April 26-29, 2007

Las Vegas Hilton Resort

Special Events

Golf Tournament (Benefiting the Scholarship Fund) @ Silverstone Golf Club
Thursday, April 26, 2007 1:30pm Shotgun Start

Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner, Saturday, April 28, 2007
FWATA Scholarship Fundraiser Silent Auction during the dinner.
(If you have any item to donate for next years auction please contact Hazel Ando.)

Las Vegas Hilton Resort

Room rates: \$119 single or double occupancy

Reservations: 800-732-7117. Mention Far West Athletic Trainers Association to get special rates.

Reservations should be made BY March 27, 2007. Website: www.lvhilton.com

If you interested or have suggestions for the education program please contact the following by October 30, 2006 for:

- Speakers for the general session and/or presenters for three hour workshops please contact or send abstracts to David Ramirez @ 310-338-7816 or daramirez@lmu.edu.
- Speakers for the Athletic Training Students' session please contact or send abstracts to David Ramirez @ 310-338-7816 or daramirez@lmu.edu.
- Exhibitors please contact Bill Chambers @ 760-360-5301 or jocdok@webtv.net

For other questions please contact Hazel Ando, Convention Publicity Chair @ 714-937-2157 or hazelando@aol.com.

Please make plans to attend this meeting. Please watch for more information in a few months on the FWATA website, newsletter or e-blasts.

Seeking Education Program Chair

The FWATA Annual Meeting and Symposium Committee is seeking applications for those interested in the position of Education Program Chair. This position primary responsibility is the coordination of speakers for the general session and workshops. Other responsibilities include overall assistance with yearly planning and on-site coordination of the annual meeting with other members of the committee.

Interested candidates please send a resume and letter of interest to David Ramirez at daramirez@lmu.edu. Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2006. For further information please contact David Ramirez @ 310-338-7816 or daramirez@lmu.edu.

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FWATA Scholarship Update

Jason Bennett, DA, ATC, Scholarship Committee Chair

In 2006, FWATA gave eight (8) scholarships for \$1,000 each to well deserving athletic training students. In addition, scholarships are also available from the NATA. All of the scholarship award winners from District 8 for 2006 were:

Scholarship

CATA Scholarship
NEV-ATA / Alert Scholarship
Gary Millay Memorial Scholarship
Jerry Lloyd Memorial Scholarship
Gail Wegdon Memorial Scholarship
FWATA Hall of Fame Memorial Scholarship
National Academy of Sports Medicine Scholarship
Mine and Gonsaku Ito Scholarship
NATA Graduate Scholarship
NATA Undergraduate Scholarship

2006 Winner

Alicia Alamar – Diablo Valley College
Catherine Cormack – CSU Northridge
Jenna Strom – University of the Pacific
Adam Cady – CSU Fullerton
Johannah Elliott – University of the Pacific
Daniel Vasquez – CSU Fresno
Sara Nottingham – Chapman University
Stephanie Dreyer – University of LaVerne
Haley Daniel, ATC – University of the Pacific
Jayme Burns – CSU Fullerton

Pictured (L-R): Jason Bennett – FWATA Chairperson; Stephanie Dreyer; Sara Nottingham; Adam Cady; Daniel Vasquez; Ky Kugler – FWATA Treasurer. Not pictured: Alicia Alamar, Catherine Cormack, Jenna Strom, Johannah Elliott

Students please note that complete scholarship applications (including transcripts) must be postmarked by February 10th, 2007. The primary eligibility requirement is that an applicant must be a member of the NATA and District 8 by February 1st, 2007. In addition, students may wish to apply for the national scholarships sponsored by the NATA Research & Education Foundation. To be eligible for the NATA scholarships, students must be members by November 1st, 2006. The NATA gave away 39 undergraduate scholarships and 25 graduate scholarships last year. Three students from FWATA earned an NATA scholarship and Adam Cady earned both a FWATA & NATA scholarship. Congratulations to all of our award winners!



Please visit the FWATA website (www.fwata.org/com_scholarships.html) for applications materials and submission instructions. Any questions regarding scholarships can be directed to:

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Congratulations to All!



FWATA District Treasurer's Report

by Dr. Ky Kugler, ATC, Treasurer

The 2005-06 fiscal budget is officially closed with taxes being filed by our CPA Accountant, Blake Rochette in early August for the fiscal year 4/1/05 – 3/31/06. The San Diego convention has been reviewed and netted an approximate profit of \$12,000. My congratulations go out to the entire convention staff for their fiscal responsibility.

The current 2006-07 operating budget was reviewed, amended and approved during the FWATA Convention held in April in San Diego, CA and was re-presented and approved in Atlanta at the NATA meeting in June, 2006. Your managing board continues to keep a very watchful eye on all of our assets, but specifically the general fund is closely monitored to insure that a cash reserve is maintained which will allow the District to conduct district business for the current year of operation and up to one additional year if for some reason the income sources now in place would be deleted.

Our current finances of FWATA as of 9/1/06

FWATA General Fund	\$151,650
FWATA Investment Fund	<u>\$110,664</u>
	\$262,314

As of June, 2005 the investment portfolio was \$81,196 with the portfolio being \$86,046 as of 6/30/06 or a 5.6% increase for the past year. The MB approved the allocation of an additional \$25,000 into the investment portfolio across 5 mutual funds, which was deposited into the investment portfolio on 7/7/2006. On the same date, the MB re-allocated an existing \$11,930 from a previous WF Asset Allocation Fund into JP Morgan Conservative Growth Fund, which has less risk and similar returns over the past 3 years as part of our portfolio review. Our AG Edwards advisor believes that this re-allocation will be more consistent with our stated goal of managing our assets in a conservative manner.

Other financial news include that the NATA is not raising membership dues this year and that District 8 membership dues at \$45/member are in the middle of the pack. D8 is listed in the top tier of national scholarship contributions (\$2,700) and REF donations (\$6,585); top tier in providing the best CEUs for an inexpensive amount (approximately \$6 per each CEU) at our district convention, and with \$17/member going back to each state from our D8 membership dues (38%), assisting each state in conducting their respective state business. District 8 also sponsored \$8,000 in FWATA Scholarships and \$4,465 for Research and Grant awards this past year.

If you have any specific questions or wish to see any of the FWATA budgets, etc. please feel free to contact me, as all of the MB financial dealings are open records.

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District 8 Memorials

When it comes to your attention that any District 8 members have passed away, please contact:



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Hawai'i Athletic Trainers' Association

Beth Ann Young, Hawai'i Representative

Hawai'i High School Student Athletic Trainers' Workshop On June 23 and 24, thirty Hawai'i high school students spent a couple of days participating in an athletic training workshop at Castle High School on O'ahu. Activities and lectures included CPR certification, taping demonstrations, aqua therapy, sports nutrition, functional rehabilitation, and functional core enhancement. This year's event was sponsored by HATA, Hawai'i High School Athletic Association and the O'ahu Interscholastic Association and organized by Samuel Lee. Mahalo to all the ATCs who volunteered at this event along with Castle High School and Roosevelt High School for the use of their facilities.

ATCs in Public High Schools This past summer, Hawai'i's legislature added four and a half additional ATC positions. Presently, the State of Hawai'i has 54 full-time, one part-time, and one administrative ATC positions within the Department of Education. (There are openings on the big island of Hawai'i at Pahoa, Waiakea (second position), Lapahoehoe, and Kohala, on the island of Maui at King Kekaulike (second position), and on the island of Oahu at Kahuku, McKinley (second position), Waianae (second position), Campbell (second position), and Aiea (part-time second position). For additional information, please go to their website at <http://bssp.k12.hi.us>, click on CSSP and scroll down to Athletic Healthcare Specialist and click on it.

Legislative Report HATA is working with State Rep. Mark Takai in preparing language for a bill requesting regulation for the profession of athletic training. The bill will be introduced in the 2007 legislative session beginning next January. Representative Takai met with Judy Pulice and NATA representatives at the recent conference of state legislatures. Hawai'i appreciates NATA's assistance with our regulatory effort.

HATA Election of Executive Committee At the end of 2006, HATA will hold an election for all executive committee members. These members include the office of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and State Representative to District 8. The term of office is for two years and any HATA member of good standing may run for any office except the President's office. Members who would like to run for the President's office must have served at least one term as an executive committee member in any of the other offices. Nominations are being accepted.

FWATA CUATC Report

The NATA College and University Committee, which the FWATA CUATC has direct input, has been very busy over the past year. This year's projects are even more valuable because certified athletic trainers as well as coaches can use this information in their athletic training rooms and classrooms. A few highlights are listed below:

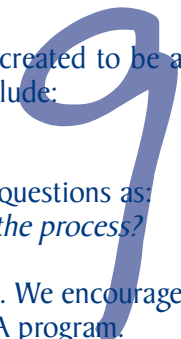
1. The *NATA News* editor has incorporated sample procedures in the "News You Can Use" feature in the magazine. These sample procedures were designed to create standardized procedures to be utilized within athletic training and sports medicine programs. Future features will include hydration procedures, radiology procedures, drug testing and pharmacology procedures. It's important to emphasize that these are living documents.

2. **Spearing Task Force Update -Video** The *Heads Up* DVD is complete. The 14-minute video will be posted on the NATA web site and linked from the web sites of other groups such as the AFCA, Football Officials, NFHS and NCAA. Copies of the DVD will be available from the national office for \$10 PowerPoint presentations from these talks are available online at www.nata.org/members/canwor/cu/ppt.cfm.

3. The **Appropriate Medical Coverage Guidelines for Intercollegiate Athletics (AMCIA)** document was created to be a "living document." It was last updated in May 2003. New developments since the last AMCIA revision include:
New and expanded injury data; NCAA rule changes; New AHA guidelines

New AMACIA questions need to be answered and a membership survey will be designed to answer such questions as:
How are we going to get members to revisit this document?; What needs to be changed?; What's the process?

Our FWATA College and University Committee will be presenting at the FWATA Meeting and Symposium. We encourage our membership to contact anyone of us with educational topics that you would like to see on the FWATA program.



California Athletic Trainers' Association

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CATA Members: On Monday, August 28, SB 1397 passed the Assembly Floor with a 50 to 28 vote! Consensus has been reached between the Senate and Assembly regarding the language (i.e. reconciliation), the bill has moved to the Governor's desk. At this time, he will have up to 30 days to either sign or veto our bill.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!!!!

We need **every** member to write in support of SB 1397. Further, please get your institution and any significant leader in your institution to write a letter as well.

Below are six key points we recommend be included in the letters. Please choose three points to use— and customize your letter as best as you can to match your experience, work setting, etc. Boilerplate letters are not nearly as effective as individually-written letters on your respective institution's letterhead.

Please get these letters into the mail as soon as possible. Our success absolutely hinges on the volume of letters and the institutions writing them. **YOUR PARTICIPATION HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN IT IS RIGHT NOW!**

1. I appreciate your efforts to pare down California's budget through elimination of unnecessary state government. While this bill would create a system of registration for athletic trainers, it **would not** create a new state agency or require the addition of state employees.

2. Athletic trainers are physical medicine and rehabilitation experts who have earned a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited university and are recognized as allied health care professionals. (We/They) serve as physician extenders providing prevention, assessment and treatment of acute and chronic injuries. And (we/they) work closely with physicians and other health care professionals to provide these services, as well as to educate patients, athletes and their coaches. Athletic trainers are not personal trainers or fitness trainers, though some of the strength and conditioning services may overlap.

3. Athletic trainers are educated and trained to provide emergency and rehabilitative care to a wide variety of athletes and clients, including high school and college students and professional athletes. (We/They) also work in clinical and industrial settings. Through SB 1397, the public is assured that the person calling him/herself an athletic trainer is known to the state as having met both initial and ongoing educational and training standards/requirements.

4. Forty-four states now have statutes relating to athletic training; four more states will consider legislation next year. California is in danger of becoming the dumping ground for unqualified practitioners, as well as for athletic trainers who have lost their state license elsewhere.

5. Many athletic trainers work with children. It is imperative that parents and students are assured that the state of California knows the credentials of these individuals.

6. Unfortunately, I have worked with individuals claiming to be athletic trainers who received no formal education (i.e. trained on the job). These people are simply not qualified to provide athletic training services. Further, the incidence of injuries resulting from recreation and athletics is ever-increasing— the demand for quality athletic health care services will grow.

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SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR; IF POSSIBLE, PROVIDE A TYPEWRITTEN LETTER ON PERSONAL OR BUSINESS LETTERHEAD.

DATE

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
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State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 1397 (LOWENTHAL)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing to urge you to sign SB 1397 (Lowenthal) into law when it reaches your desk.

I am a (certified athletic trainer/faculty member, etc.), serving (athletes/patients/students) at the (institution/hospital/school) in (city).

(ONE OR TWO PARAGRAPHS CHOSEN FROM THOSE PROVIDED; PLEASE PUT IN YOUR OWN WORDS.)

I urge your signature on SB 1397. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Clinical/Industrial/Corporate Committee Chair Vacancy

Steve McCauley has diligently served FWATA in as the chair of the CIC Committee for several years. Steve has also been very active and instrumental in the successful battle for licensure in the State of Nevada. Due to the demands necessary to serve Nevada, Steve is stepping down from his chair position with CIC. Thank you Steve, for your hard work and passion over the years.

If you would like to represent the FWATA membership as the chair of the Clinical Industrial Corporate Committee and serving as our liaison to the NATA CIC Committee please submit a letter (email) of interest and a resume to Jason Roe (roedeo@aol.com or 702-496-0545).

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National Provider Identifier Number (NPI)

"NATA views having an NPI number like having a state license—it's a professional requirement and adds credibility to both the individual and the profession," says Cate Brennan Lisak, director of external affairs. "Once ATs get their NPI number, it will be theirs forever—no matter where they work. There's no downside to having an NPI number." Applying for an NPI number is quick, easy and free. To get an NPI number, go to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>. State licensure is not/not required nor does the athletic trainer have to be employed in a reimbursable setting, like a clinic or physician office. Athletic trainers who have their NPI number can freely change jobs within the vast health care system. For NATA as a whole, it is important to have maximum enrollment so it can demonstrate the significance of the health care workforce in legislative and regulatory issues. For more information on NPI numbers and how to apply [CLICK HERE](#)





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