



National Athletic
Trainers' Association

DISTRICT EIGHT

FWATA Annual Meeting April 27-29, 2007 Don't forget to register!

www.fwata.org/symposium/annual_meet.html

FWATA News

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

www.fwata.org

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Update Your Information

If you are a District 8 member and not receiving this newsletter electronically.....***we need your help.*** We have taken great strides in the development of our District'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 District 8/NATA membership communication only.*

Thank you, FWATA Managing Board

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR

Dear District 8 members;

We are now headed into a very exciting time to be a District 8 member. We have the District 8 Annual meeting in Las Vegas from April 26-29, 2007. If that isn't enough, we have the NATA convention coming to Anaheim June 26-30, 2007.

I would like to share my "chore list" with you (again)

■ **Convention Registration:** Please register for the District 8 and NATA convention TODAY! Please share the registration materials with your colleagues, your students, other health care professionals and your employers.

■ **Out of District Colleagues:** Today is a great day to contact those colleagues and friends who have moved out of our district. Let them know that these two conventions are in "your backyard" and you would like to get together with them. If you work with students have the students, contact some out of state students. Perhaps they can develop an "exchange program" with some out of district students; they stay with some District 8 students and next year our District 8 students stay with them.

■ **Golf Tournament Registration:** Please try and register and play in the District and NATA golf tournaments. The District tournament benefits the scholarship fund. The NATA tournament benefits the Foundation. What a golden opportunity to help our profession and have a great time with those colleagues you have not seen in a long time.

■ **Award Nominations:** While you are on the District and NATA websites, take a look at the Honors and Awards websites. Many times when we attend the Awards functions, we say, "I know such and such is deserving of that award!" Please take the time to complete a nomination form. These award nominations have to pass through committees. Even if you miss a deadline, the form will be ready for next year. We all know members and colleagues who deserve this recognition.

■ **Do your homework:** All District and NATA conventions have member business meetings. If there are issues you would like to address, these are the best vehicles to express your questions and concerns. If it is a local, state, district or national issue, please be ready to express your voice.

■ **Step Up:** The NATA Host Committee Chairs are requesting student and certified members to participate in volunteer positions during the NATA convention in Anaheim. Please contact Dr. Robert Kersey or Hazel Ando with your interest in participating.



Andy Paulin, ATC

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

Andy Paulin, ATC

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Make plans to come on out to Las Vegas for the:

FWATA CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM

April 26-29, 2007

at the

LAS VEGAS HILTON RESORT



General Session is 15 CEUs

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE RATES AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 16, 2007 REGISTRATION PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY MAIL MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 16, 2007 AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS MUST BE PROCESSED BY APRIL 16, 2007 TO QUALIFY FOR THE PRE-REGISTRATION RATE

NATA Certified Members \$125.00
NATA Certified Student Members \$75.00
NATA Student Members \$75.00
Student Non-Members \$95.00
Non-Members \$315.00 (Join the NATA at www.nata.org)

ONSITE REGISTRATION FEE APRIL 17-28, 2007

NATA Certified Members \$175.00
NATA Certified Student Members \$105.00
NATA Student Members \$105.00
Student Non-Members \$125.00
Non-Members \$365.00 (Join the NATA at www.nata.org)

Register by logging onto the FWATA website (www.fwata.org) and select the Annual Meeting. You will then be able to connect to the registration website.

If you need to pay by check please complete the online registration form and mail the check payable to FWATA to:

FWATA
925 Calle Tio, Nipomo CA 93444

Any registration questions please contact:

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Hotel Accommodations at Las Vegas Hilton Resort



Room Rates:

\$139 single or double occupancy
(We apologize that previously the wrong rate of \$119.00 was printed.)

Reservations:

800.732.7117

Mention Far West Athletic Trainers Association to receive special rates. Reservations should be made by March 27, 2007.

Website:

www.lvhilton.com

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS!

The District's two primary fundraising activities geared toward scholarships are the "Annual Golf Tournament", as well as the "Silent Auction" held in conjunction with the Annual Honors and Awards Banquet. You can play an important role in helping sustain our outstanding scholarship program.

Annual FWATA Golf Tournament

Come on out and enjoy a day of golf at the beautiful Silverstone Golf Club! You do not need to know how to golf, just come out with some friends to have some fun! We always enjoy having new golfers out there. One of our Title Sponsors will once again be our friends at Alert Services and Jeff Nelson. Thank you for your many years of support for the tournament and the athletic training student Scholarship Fund. The tournament will be on:

Thursday, April 26th
Silverstone Golf Club
12:30 pm Check-in and Lunch
1:30 pm Shotgun Start



Golf Package includes: Green Fee, Shared Cart with ProLink GPS, Unlimited Use of 62,000 sq ft practice facility prior to the event, Grilled Lunch, 2 Drink Tickets, Dinner Buffet, Golfer Gift Package, Opportunity to win a Complimentary Foursome Certificate

There many ways to support the tournament and educational development for our future professionals including various levels of sponsorship, donation of funds or gifts and prizes, or assistance in obtaining sponsorships. Discounted rates are available. Find out more at www.fwata.org/symposium/golf_tourney07.html. Come and play! Make sure to register for the golf tournament on the registration website.

Golf Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

Title Sponsorship \$1000

Foursome tournament fee, a title sponsor banner will be prominently displayed at the tournament, name/company will be displayed on a tee sign and on the cover of the tournament program, your name and/or logo will also be included in the Symposium Packet as a title sponsor of the golf tournament.

Tournament Sponsorship \$400

Single Golfer Tournament fee, name/company will be prominently displayed on a tee sign and in the tournament program, your name and/or logo will also be included in the Symposium Packet.

Tee Sponsorship \$100

Your name/company will be prominently displayed on a tee sign and listed in the Golf Tournament Program.

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Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner and Scholarship Fundraiser Silent Auction

Saturday, April 28th

Last year in San Diego we were able to recognize our Hall of Fame and Award Winners at a dinner. This dinner is covered in your registration fee and you are able to purchase additional dinner tickets, if needed. This was a special event as everyone was able to relax and not feel pressured to rush to the next session as we all have done in the past when it was held during the lunch hour. Make plans to attend this special dinner to recognize some special people in our profession.

Second Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Silent Auction

Once again, this year there will be a silent auction held during the Honors and Awards Dinner. If you have never been to a silent auction, all you need to do is pick out what items you would like to bid on and then put your name down on the bid sheet with the amount you are bidding. Throughout the evening you can check back on the items you are interested in purchasing to see if your bid still remains the highest bid. The real fun starts during the final countdown as you check to ensure you are going to "win" the item. Once the bids are closed the convention committee will finalize the bids and the winning bidders will pay either by cash, check or credit card to claim their "Prized Items"! Last year's popular items were the autographed Michael Jordan Basketball, autographed John Wooden Pyramid and book, autographed Pro Bowl Footballs, autographed Shaq photo, jewelry, scrapbooking certificate, and the coffees, chocolates and macadamia nuts from Hawaii!

Some items already submitted for the auction include an autographed Sharks jersey, autographed Michael Jordan basketball, John Wooden items, autographed UCLA basketball, Tupperware and Hawaiian Goodies! These items will be displayed at the exhibits during the convention so please stop by to see what you can bid on for yourself or as a gift!!

You can help the silent auction be even more successful. Do you know an owner of a business (restaurant, coffee shop, clothing, etc) please let me know! You can help by donating items to be auctioned off at the Silent Auction. The item can be sports-related but this is not required. Other items to consider auctioning off are baskets filled with special items, gift cards, one-night/week at a timeshare/cabin, etc. With a little creativity, we each can probably come up with one or two items. If you, your institution, your employer or student club can help play a role in obtaining auction items please contact me at 714/937-2157 or email:

hazelando@aol.com

Thank you in advance for getting an item for the auction!!

Mahalo! Arigato! Gracias!

DOG & PONY SHOW

Please remember to attend on Sunday at the end of the general session. You can win a special raffle prize as well as be entertained by Bill Chambers. For those that have never attended this special raffle make sure you stay till the end of Sunday's session!!

2007 FWATA Annual Symposium

Check out the great program put together for this year's Annual Symposium. You won't want to miss it!

General Session Topics and Faculty

www.fwata.org/symposium/general_session.html

Athletic Training Student Session

www.fwata.org/symposium/student_session.html

Help Wanted for the Annual Meeting - FWATA Booth

Kelly Berardini, MHA, ATC

FWATA PR Committee Chair

Planning to attend the NATA 2007 Annual Meeting? We're looking for athletic trainers and athletic training students to help staff FWATA's booth in the exhibit hall. As you know, this year's meeting will be held June 26 – 30 in Anaheim, CA (right across the street from "the Happiest Place on Earth" – Disneyland!). Please contact Kelly Berardini, MHA, ATC at kberardini2@yahoo.org if you can spare an hour or two (or more!) at the meeting.



National Athletic Trainers' Association

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The Far West Athletic Trainers Association would like to recognize District 8 members receiving NATA Awards and who are to be recognized at the 2007 NATA Convention in Anaheim.

Hall of Fame:

Tom Abdenour

Julie Max

(approved 2006)

Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer:

Carolyn Greer

Athletic Trainer Service Award:

Jeff Hogan

Robert Kersey

Congratulations to all the award winners. We look forward to seeing you receive your award at the NATA Convention in Anaheim.

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FWATA District Treasurer Report

Dr. Ky Kugler, ATC
FWATA District Treasurer

The 2006-2007 budget is on track to remain balanced. As we proceed to the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2007) all members will be able to view the 06-07 final budget summary, the proposed 07-08 budget and the 2006 San Diego convention summary report in Las Vegas during our clinical symposium. I encourage all members to ask any questions and to interact with myself and the rest of the Managing Board regarding the FWATA finances.

Changes for the 07-08 budget year may include increases in accommodations and per diem for the FWATA chair positions and the FWATA representatives to NATA committees. Mileage allowances, hotel pricing and per diem requirements have all changed during for 2007 and to stay up to date with federal law, the budget will need to reflect these new financial numbers.

I encourage all of you to learn more about the District 8, FWATA membership awards and take the time to nominate your colleagues for these awards. Chris Mumaw is chairing this important committee and with the Hall of Fame event being an important piece of the convention symposium, I encourage you to contact him for further information.

Currently, eight FWATA scholarships are available for our District 8 undergraduate and graduate students. Please encourage all students to take advantage of the eight scholarships offered by FWATA and contact Dr. Jason Bennett, Scholarship Chair with any questions. Please also go to our website and investigate the money available for research and grant support.

District 8 continues to support the NATA Research and Education Foundation with funding going to scholarships recognizing Mr. Jack Rockwell Scholarship (\$2,000), NATA District Memorial Scholarship (\$200) & Moose Detty Scholarship (\$500). District 8 members continue to contribute \$3 per member to the NATAREF as well.

Current Finances of FWATA as of February 6, 2007:

FWATA General Fund	\$ 152,553.00	(as of 2/06/07)
FWATA Investment Portfolio	\$ 117,037.00	(as of 12/31/06)
Total Assets/Equity	\$ 269,590.00	

I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming symposium in Las Vegas and please remember that all of the FWATA budgets, reports and decisions made by the Managing Board relating to fiscal matters are open to membership and public scrutiny.

PR Committee Needs You!

Kelly Berardini, MHA, ATC
FWATA PR Committee Chair

The FWATA Public Relations Committee is searching for athletic trainers to serve on the committee. Hawaii and Nevada ATs, come join your California PR-loving colleagues!

We're also looking for athletic trainers to serve as media interview subjects. Are you articulate, comfortable on camera and/or a skilled writer? We need athletic trainers representing a variety of practice settings, including physician extender, outpatient rehabilitation, secondary school, college/university, industrial/occupational and performing arts. Coaching/guidance for interviews will be provided.

Step up and promote your profession to enhance public awareness and support critical legislative efforts! Interested athletic trainers, please contact Kelly Berardini, MHA, ATC at kberardini2@yahoo.org.

Volunteers for NATA Annual Meeting June 26-30, 2007

We have a great opportunity to host the NATA meeting this year in District 8. Members from around the world will be coming to Anaheim and we want them to see how great it is to be in a FWATA-based site. Join us as we volunteer to serve our fellow members during this meeting. There are some great opportunities to help with this event – you can even offset some of your registration fees while meeting some colleagues you haven't met before.

Important Volunteer Criteria:

All volunteers must be certified members of NATA and pre-registered for the Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia. Athletic training students are permitted to volunteer for registration packet stuffing and the Career Center. It is mandatory for all volunteers to attend one general volunteer orientation. For your convenience, this orientation is offered at two different times and will take place at the Anaheim Convention Center in room 201A-D.

Tuesday, June 26, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 27, 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Watch for more information about how you can sign up to help out at the annual meeting AND save big bucks on your conference registration! For more information, contact co-hosts:

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Hawaii Athletic Trainer's Association

*Glenn Beachy, MS, ATC
HATA District 8 Representative*

New Hawaii Athletic Trainer's Association Executive Committee assumed responsibilities January 1, 2007.

The new officers for HATA include:

President: Darryl Funai, ATC - Punahou School - Honolulu
Vice-president: Randy Bisnett, ATC – Baldwin High School, Wailuku, Maui
Treasurer: Mike Caraang, ATC – Iolani School - Honolulu
Secretary: Brian Wong, ATC – University of Hawaii
District 8 Rep: Glenn Beachy, MS, ATC - Punahou School – Honolulu

We would like to thank the outgoing members for their service to HATA.

Zeny Galo Eakins - President
Sharon Kodama – Vice President
Keith Burgess - Secretary
Darryl Funai – Treasurer
Beth Young – District 8 Rep

2007 HATA Symposium

Plans for the 13th Annual HATA Symposium are being finalized. The Symposium will be held June 1-2, 2007 at the University of Hawaii. Please check the Hawaii web site (www.hawaii-ata.org) for updates and final information about the Symposium and the Golf Tournament.

Licensure

Cindy Clivio, chair of the Hawaii Licensure Committee, will be pursuing efforts at the 2007 Legislature to coordinate Licensure in Hawaii.

Clinical / Industrial / Corporate

Jason McCamey, MS, ATC

FWATA C/IC Chair

First, I'd like to say hello and let you know that I plan to do all that I can to represent the FWATA within the CIC. I have met or spoken to several of you in the past and for those I haven't I look forward to meeting you in Vegas.

Second, as most of you know Steve McCauley stepped down from his post and I was nominated and approved to fill in for the rest of his term. I know that I have rather large shoes to fill following Steve, but am up to the challenge and hope to continue to grow on what he has established. With only a few short months and one conference call under my belt at the CIC, I am certainly still getting my legs under me.

Lastly, I want to make the most of the next couple of months left in this nomination period and in an effort to do this effectively I need your help/input.

- 1) What you'd like to see from the CIC to help the FWATA?
- 2) How can I become more involved in upcoming events to assist all of you?
- 3) What topics would you like me to bring up while I'm in DC?
- 4) What is the best way to communicate the CIC discussions back to not only all of you, but to get the message out to our members?
- 5) Any other input you can offer.

One of the recent items the CIC has requested of me is to provide the following for a couple of the many CIC settings of employment for ATC's.

- 1: Number of people in the setting
 - National
 - District
 - State
- 2: Education issues
- 3: Employment Trends
- 4: Salary
- 5: Typical job description
- 6: Miscellaneous
- 7: Research Ideas
 - Outcomes
- 8: Value Model work to date/what needs to be done
- 9: Information on employment setting
 - Journals
 - Newsletters
 - Internet resources

Any member lists, member employment setting numbers, etc. would certainly be appreciated. As you can see without your help on this I would most certainly fail. I know that all of us are overworked and under appreciated, so any help in this regard would be GREATLY appreciated.

Memorials

*Our condolences to the family and friends of three District 8 members.
John Spinosa passed away December 23, 2006, Sandra Hart, passed away January 8, 2007
and Felix Rivera passed away February 8, 2007.*

Upcoming Elections and NPI Information

District Director and Secretary

Scott R. Sailor, EdD ATC
FWATA 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, Glenn Beachy, MS 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 Glenn Beachy, MS ATC at gbeachy@Punahou.edu. Platforms should be submitted as a Word® documents and will be posted on the FWATA website at www.fwata.org.

Do you want to keep your job? Get an NPI - National Provider Identifier Number

NATA strongly encourages all Athletic Trainers to register for their **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. You don't have to be in a reimbursement situation to need an NPI number.

The National Provider Identifier is the result of the mandate in the 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) that the Secretary of HHS establish a standard national provider identifier. Though all healthcare providers will be eligible to receive NPI's, covered healthcare entities will be mandated to use the NPI as the sole provider identifier on all HIPAA electronic transactions. The 10 digit number will be assigned by a CMS-funded NPI "Enumerator" through the NPPES (National Provider and Plan Enumeration System). Recently there has been some federal advisory committee hearings to make HIPAA the standard instead of FERPA!

The NPI is a numeric 10 digit identifier, consisting of 9 numbers plus a check-digit in the 10th position. It is accommodated in all standard transactions and contains no embedded information about the healthcare provider that it identifies. When filling out your application use:

Provider Code 22 (Respiratory, Rehabilitative & Restorative Service Providers)
and **Taxonomy Code 2255A2300X** (Athletic Trainer)

To Apply go to: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.npistart>

To view the CMS Background and Application Process Information for Healthcare Providers Viewlet. This may take a few minutes to load. www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/npi/npiviewlet.asp

There is a link to help on the NPPES website, a toll free number 1-800-465-3203 or Contact [Patty Ellis](#), NATA Manager of Markets & Revenue 800.879.6282 ext. 133 [Click here for more NPI information on the NATA Web site.](#)

California Athletic Trainer's Association

Jim Pluemer, PT, ATC

CATA District 8 Representative

Dear Fellow Members,

Today, in the year 2007, the California Athletic Trainer's Association is on the brink of exciting times while suffering through some frustration in the past year. Issues that will influence the profession and characterize our state association for years to come are happening now. How will our membership rise to the task and contribute to the athletic training profession?

As a recap of 2006, Athletic Training in California won several battles on the legislative front with the success of passing a bill through the assembly and senate in our "fight to be defined." Our Athletic Trainer bill landed on the Governor's desk but met with a frustrating end in his veto. This is the second veto of an athletic training bill in California. Athletic Trainers in 44 of the 50 states have some form of regulation, registration or licensure. How far behind is California? Will the veto impede our legislative efforts or will it allow us to re-assess and push forward? Will the membership be energized to contribute more than ever to the effort?

On the legislative front, the California Athletic Trainers Association, under the outstanding leadership of Governmental Affairs Chair, Mike West, will be submitting a bill to define athletic training in California. Each member is asked to become involved and contribute to the legislative efforts in California. Contact any of the members of the CATA Board on how to get involved. All of our regions need more membership involvement to assist our state association on the legislative front. Every member should promote the profession on the local level. Make your community, in whatever setting you work, aware of the role you play in the health care community. Speak positively about athletic training and your role when speaking with patients, parents and associates.

California will be in the spotlight of the athletic training profession in the upcoming months as we host the national meeting. How will our state membership demonstrate its commitment to the profession? As a member of California, I ask all of you to look at this year as an opportunity to become involved in your profession. Present to your colleagues from visiting states across the nation that the State of California will continue to be a national player for many years to come. The NATA National Convention in Anaheim is an opportunity to show your commitment and passion. Therefore, volunteer in Anaheim and make the national associations visit a success.

This year, along with NATA in Anaheim and FWATA in Las Vegas, California Athletic Trainers Association will be hosting its first ever state meeting, which will be presented on a regional format. Please save the date of Friday, June 1st beginning in the early afternoon, where we will be teleconferencing to several sites across the state as we offer our membership a CEU opportunity. More information will be forthcoming on locations and timing.

Most importantly, 2007 is a great year to re-awaken your inner child and become involved in Athletic Training in California. Your state needs your time and effort to demonstrate the passion that California Athletic Trainers have for their profession. Make a personal commitment to get started today and get involved.

Governmental Affairs Committee Update

Michael Chisar, ATC MPT

FWATA Governmental Affairs Chair

There is much to report on the legislative front, both at the national and state level. Please take the time to read this update and information coming from the NATA and your state leaders over the coming months. For our efforts to be successful on your behalf, we will require action from as many of you as possible. Please be on the lookout for emails on these pieces of legislation and take a little time out of your day to answer the call for help.

National Governmental Affairs Update:

Senate Bill 3963 entitled "Access to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services Improvement Act of 2006" was introduced and is an extremely important bill for our profession. No matter what setting you work in, the passage of this bill would legitimize athletic training as a health care profession and benefit us all in a number of ways. While the physical therapy establishment is organized and strongly opposed, a concerted effort by all of us can help pass this bill into law. Please refer to the NATA website for information on what you can do to help. I urge you to take an hour to write letters to your legislators and pass the information on to your family, friends, co-workers, team physicians, students, athletes and parents so they can join us in this effort as well.

California Governmental Affairs Update:

Mike West will once again be spearheading California's efforts to pass a registration bill that would mandate that only ATCs can use the term athletic trainer. Last year, a similar bill, SB 1397, had a relatively easy time passing both the Assembly and Senate but met opposition from the Department of Consumer Affairs at the 11th hour and was subsequently vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger.

Hawaii Governmental Affairs Update:

Cindy Clivio will be the point person for HATA's attempt to pass two bills this spring. The first bill is for licensure of athletic training and the second bill is to fund additional athletic trainers at the high school level. The licensure bill has passed its' first vote of many votes with no opposition

Nevada Governmental Affairs Update:

The Athletic Training Licensing Board, under the direction of Steve McCauley, is presently writing administrative language for continuing education and fees. They are also considering drafting language for a bill that would mandate athletic trainers at the high school level.

NATA EDAC

Paul Alvarez, PhD, ATC

FWATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee Chair

The NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC) will hold its mid-year meeting at the Embassy Suites Irvine March 16-18th. On Saturday the 17th, there will be time for local ATCs to visit with the committee to see the workings of an NATA committee or to share any concerns or compliments they may have.

The FWATA EDAC is still looking for one or two additional high school ATCs who have ethnically diverse students to join us with their students for NATA EDAC Career Day during the National Convention in Anaheim. Students will be given the opportunity to meet with EDAC members as well as other ATCs, a presentation in the NATA Career Center, time in the Exhibit Hall, and lunch, all sponsored by the NATA EDAC. The purpose of Career Day is to encourage prospective ethnically diverse students who are already familiar with ATCs to pursue athletic training as a career.

For further information on the mid-year meeting and/or Career Day, Please contact Paul Alvarez, FWATA EDAC Chair, if you are interested.

College/University Athletic Trainers Committee

Fran Babich, MS, ATC

CUATC Chair

Both the FWATA and the NATA College and University Committee met in January 2007. We are proud to announce that Nancy Smith from Sierra College will be our District 8 representative on the National CUATC. At the District level, the committee works as a liaison with the NATA committee to bring forward any issues or concerns from all college and university settings. We encourage you to please contact your division / setting representatives with any input that you may have that needs to be addressed at the District or National level. In addition, the FWATA CUATC will be presenting an educational session at the Annual District Meeting and Symposium. This year's session is titled "Tips From the Field". Several college certified athletic trainers from various settings will present information that can actually be used in your everyday athletic training room and/or program. We hope to see you there.

On the National level this year's CUATC highlights include:

- The CUATC and the NCAA will continue to fund the Exertional Heat Illness/Environmental Monitoring Study for another year
- An initial AMCIA Update was conducted in 2003 and the CUATC decided in June 2006 it was time for another. A survey was developed and distributed to members via eBlast and the *NATA News*. Only about 40 responses were received. From this as well as through other communication it was decided to develop an easy to understand web page to walk users through the updated AMCIA document and provide additional resources to assist them.
- Ron Courson, chair of the NATACUATC, presented at the American Football Coaches Association speaking on and showing the *Heads Up* video. This is the most recent video produced on the proper hitting technique to prevent head and neck injuries. The *Heads Up* video is available through the NATA website. In addition, Courson plans to draft a letter to ESPN about their recent Monday Night Football "Jacked Up" segment, which actually seems to "promote" illegal spearing heads down hits. He will ask Chuck Kimmel to co-sign the letter and will send a copy to the NCAA. The committee will also ask the liaison to the NCAA Football Rules Committee, to simplify the wording of the spearing rule, changing it to:

Helmet Contact Fouls:

No player shall initiate contact with another player with the crown or top of his helmet or use his helmet as the primary point of contact.

The committee will continue to make the initiative a priority and will make presentations at upcoming officials and administrators' meetings.

- The CDC and NATA developed a MRSA survey that was distributed to the NATA members. Feedback was received from approximately 400 members. The CDC plans to use the feedback to develop educational materials for NATA members and the public. ESPN *Outside the Lines* is doing a story on MRSA.
- Mandatory CPR certification for coaches in the college setting was voted down while mandatory medical examinations prior to practice for any athlete entering inter-collegiate athletics was approved.

Lastly the FWATACUATC wants to encourage all of you to promote the people you work with. We want to make sure we can award deserving certified athletic trainer from our District for the NATACUATC Awards. The awards are Head Athletic Trainer of the year, Assistant Athletic Trainer of the year, and Above and Beyond Award. They are awarded to each setting within college and university systems. The awards will be promoted in the next two months' eBlasts and nomination forms can be found at the NATA website.

Welcome Nancy Smith, ATC

Nancy Smith is the new District 8 Representative to the College and University Athletic Trainers Committee (CUATC). The purpose of the CUATC is to identify and address issues of concern to the athletic trainer in the college and university setting. You can find information on the CUATC, including minutes and the CUATC award forms, on the NATA web site. If you have questions or issues for this committee, please contact Nancy at nsmith@sierracollege.edu or 916.781.0486.

NATA Foundation

Brent C. Mangus, EdD, ATC, LAT
District 8 Foundation Chair, Board of Directors



As the NATA Foundation's District 8 Director, I would like to make a call to all Far West members to support the Foundation in 2007. Your commitment to the Foundation is crucial in fulfilling the Foundation's mission of "Supporting and Advancing the Athletic Training Profession through Research and Education". As you know, the Foundation has provided over 1 million dollars in undergraduate and graduate athletic training scholarships and over 1.5 million dollars in research grants, and continues to provide educational opportunities for athletic trainers nationwide. Our noble mission could not be accomplished without the help of the NATA members, such as you. Your time and effort is appreciated by students and professionals alike.

The Foundation strives to ensure success for athletic training students through the Scholarship Program. Since 2002, The Foundation has given over \$40,000 in scholarships to deserving students in our district. In 2006, the following District 8 students were awarded scholarships: Haley Daniel (U of Pacific), Jayme Burns (CA State Fullerton), and Adam Cady (CA State Fullerton). The Foundation accepted scholarship applications for 2007 awards through February 10th. I hope you encouraged eligible entry-level and post-professional students to apply. It would be nice to have many more District 8 scholarship recipients at the scholarship lunch in Anaheim this summer.

District 8 members were also awarded research grants through the various Foundation Grant Programs. In total over \$148,000.00 has been awarded to District 8 recipients since 1997.

District 8 members have always met the annual planned giving goal to the Foundation. Please join your fellow athletic trainers in District 8 who have donated so that we can meet our goal again this year. Donating to the NATA Foundation is easy. You can donate online at: <https://secure.e-builders.net/forms/onlinedonform.htm>.

This is an important time for us to show our solidarity as a profession. We are being attacked from many different directions and we need to demonstrate our value as a profession. Providing scholarships and research grants is one way the general public will acknowledge our value as a health care profession.

Thank you in advance for your support of the NATA Foundation.

Secondary Schools Report

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FWATA Secondary Schools Committee Chair

Do you have an outstanding Student Athletic Training Assistant? If so, have them apply for the 2nd Annual Jack Cramer Secondary School Student Scholarship. Applications are being accepted now through April 1, 2007. There will be a finalist from each district and the overall winner will receive the award during the Anaheim 2007 NATA Annual Meeting. The criteria and application can be found at www.nata.org/cramerscholarship/index.htm

Check out a brand new feature on the NATA website—"HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTION". This site was created specifically to meet the needs and interest of our secondary school aged students who are interested in a career in athletic training. A \$30.00 subscription gives unlimited access to the site which includes career information, a chat section, an "Ask the Experts" section and the subscriber will receive their own subscription to the NATA NEWS. The link for students is www.nata.org/highschoolconnection. You can see a preview through the members only section at www.nata.org/members/hsc.

The FWATA Secondary Schools Committee will hold a meeting in Las Vegas for any interested athletic trainers during our FWATA Annual Meeting. There will be an update on activity at the District and National level. Check your program in Las Vegas for time and place.

The Secondary School Specialty Program in Anaheim will be held on June 28 from 6:30-8:30 a.m. Get up early and support the speakers, Stacey Jensen Ritter, Brian Smith, and Frank Sakelarios who all hail from our own District.

Make plans to come on out to Las Vegas for the:

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