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Message from the President:

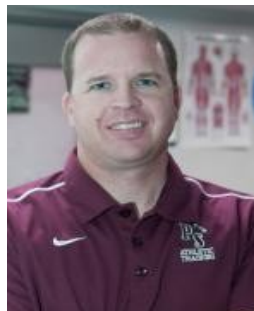
WSATA Members,

Summer is almost here and it looks like the weather is trying to catch up and make up for a gloomy spring. I hope you all get some well deserved time to enjoy your friends and families as we all thrive in one of the hardest working professions there is.

Hopefully you have noticed a few subtle changes to the web site and the flow of information within the Association these past couple of weeks. While the web site is still a work in progress to become a great resource for our members and the public, we continue to improve it as we speak. The Board of Directors has worked this past month to revise our WSATA By-Laws (should be posted within the next week) to be up to date with more current practices, created a WSATA Mission Statement and WSATA Statement of Commitment (both of which can be found at www.wsata.net), and putting together a vision for making WSATA more visible and accessible for you and others that may seek us out for professional reasons.

As we continue to move forward with the vision for our association we know it will only be as strong as the support it receives from our members. I hope to meet with you either in New Orleans this weekend or in Seattle on July 30th at our WSATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in Seattle to get your feedback and share ideas with you about how we can continue to serve our members and provide the professional support for Certified Athletic Trainers in all settings. If not in person please feel free to contact me and share your thoughts about how we can make WSATA a great organization for some of the hardest working people in any profession!

Respectfully,
Craig Bennett
WSATA President



CONGRATS TO JOE GAINES!!!

The NATA Secondary Schools Athletic Training Committee (SSATC) is pleased to announce that Joe Gaines, Athletic Trainer at North Central High School in Spokane, has been selected as the recipient of the 2011 Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Recognition Award. This award is sponsored by Gatorade because of its belief in the importance of competent medical care (in the form of athletic trainers) in the high school athletic setting; this award is one way Gatorade supports our setting. While there were several highly qualified nominees, Joe's application stood out among them. Nominators cited his commitment to excellence, his commitment to the school and larger community, and his ever-present professionalism and integrity. Joe receives a plaque acknowledging this honor, as well as Gatorade products valued at \$750. Nominator Keith Eggleston, Joe's supervisor at Rockwood Clinic in Spokane, urged the committee to select Joe because of Joe's constant willingness to go the extra mile, often at his own expense, to help athletes, community members, and people halfway around the world in need of medical attention.

Congratulations to Joe Gaines, District 10's winner of the 2011 Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer Recognition Award.



**SEND US
PICTURES OF
ATHLETIC
TRAINERS IN
ACTION FOR OUR
WEBSITE!**

Please send your
pictures to:
khildenbrand@wsu.edu

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE—Chair Denton Norwood

The WSATA has set up a Facebook page to help keep our members connected! It is up and running, so make sure you 'like' our page to get updates about what is happening within the organization, current articles and information on athletic training, and stay up to date on events! To find the page, log into Facebook and search for Washington State Athletic Trainers' Association.

As members, this page is available to you to keep you connected with the other athletic trainers in the state of Washington. We will post current news articles about athletic training, concussion management, injury prevention and other hot topics surrounding our profession. We will also be keeping you updated about the State Meeting and other upcoming events. We encourage you to make this as interactive as possible, so please feel free to post, comment, and start discussions.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE—Chair Dana Gunter

Athletic Trainer Practice Act: What Athletic Trainers Need to Know

Plan to attend this summer's 2nd Annual Washington State Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium and take this opportunity to meet with the Washington State Department of Health's Athletic Trainer Licensing Advisor, Jennifer Santiago. Current practice act information as it relates to various worksite settings; best practice updates from the BOC Regulatory Conference and more.

BOC Conference

The fifth BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference is coming up in July and your Government Affairs Chairperson will be attending this 2 day learning opportunity. The conference is designed to create a communication network between state athletic trainer leaders and state regulatory boards. Program topics include best practices in topics such as brain injury, public safety and reimbursement. There will be representatives from the BOC, CAATE, NATA Government Affairs and the NATA Executive Committee on Education. I look forward to sharing what I learn at the State Meeting in July.

Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee position opening in the DOH:

Do you have a friend, colleague, spouse or significant other who could represent the general population of health consumers as well as athletic trainers in the state of Washington? Read on and find out how they can get involved and make health care safe and effective for all:

The Department of Health is seeking to fill the vacant public member seat on the AT Advisory Committee. This fifth member must be appointed from the public at large, and have an interest in the rights of consumers of health services. All members are appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health. Each member of the committee must be a resident of Washington State. Public member representatives may not:

- Have been a credentialed health professional during the previous two years.
- Be a member of any other health care licensing board or commission.
- Have a fiduciary obligation to a facility rendering health care services.
- Have a financial interest in the rendering of health services.

Please go to the following link for additional information on this Advisory Committee:

www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/professions/Athletic/licensure.htm

This is a Washington State Department of Health Advisory Board. The Board may meet once per year. Last year they met in August. An application can be obtained from the following link:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/documents/BCCSecApptApp.pdf>

You may contact Jennifer Santiago at the Washington State Department of Health

jennifer.santiago@doh.wa.gov

Your thoughtful consideration of this request is appreciated. If you have any questions about serving on the Committee, please feel free to contact me, Dana Gunter, Government Affairs

Chairperson at danagunter@comcast.net



HOPE TO SEE YOU IN NEW ORLEANS!

NWATA BUSINESS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 20th FROM 6:15-7:15pm

SECONDARY SCHOOLS COMMITTEE—Chair Jen Carrol

As sports have wound down our committee has been hard at work on a few different projects. We are working on the mentoring program that has been mentioned before. If you know of new athletic trainers moving into your league please let us know so that we can get them paired up with a mentor. On the flip side of that if you are willing to help mentor and be a resource for new athletic trainers to your league and the Secondary Schools setting please let me know also.

Health Care Week is also fast approaching in Spokane at Gonzaga University in July and at PLU in August. We will be participating in their Health Care Fair to introduce high school students to our great profession and the educational opportunities that are available to them.

We have also been working to put together an accurate list of athletic trainers at specific high schools and their contact information. This information is being used for a project by the NATA SSATC, for statistical purposes for our state and for our mentoring program.

I look forward to talking with many of you at the State Meeting in July! If you would like to get involved with any of these projects please feel free to contact me at:

jennifer.carrol25@gmail.com

Enjoy the summer and take the time to recharge the batteries!

MESSAGE FROM REGION 1 REPRESENTATIVE

I have recently been made aware of a few issues regarding our practice act, which has recently had to involve Dana Gunter as well. I would just like to say thank you to the athletic trainers within Region 1 who have been diligently protecting our profession by being aware of our practice act and reporting issues accordingly.

If any of you have witnessed or have questions about someone who may be misrepresenting themselves or our profession or if you have questions about other issues related to Governmental Affairs within Region 1 please contact me at csauer@whitworth.edu

We would also like to start recognizing members who are doing positive things within our local community, so if you have anyone or anything you think should be promoted please email me at the above email address.

Thank you again for all of your diligence in protecting our profession!
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**Register for the
2011 Annual
Meeting and Clinical
Symposium on July
30, 2011 hosted by
UW Athletic Training
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WSATA Mission

The Washington State Athletic Trainers' Association (WSATA) is the professional organization dedicated to serving Licensed and Certified Athletic Trainers in the state of Washington. WSATA aims to advance and promote the profession of Athletic Training through research, education, professional development and service to our members. WSATA is committed to taking an active role while collaborating with other allied health professions to educate and provide appropriate medical care for physically active populations.

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WSATA COMMITMENT

WSATA is the official state organization representing Licensed and Certified Athletic Trainers in the state of Washington. WSATA is a resource for Athletic Trainers and the public.

WSATA promotes the core values of professionalism, leadership and mutual respect for other allied health professions in an effort to be an active and effective member of the health care community in the state of Washington.

WSATA expects its members to comply with the NATA Code of Ethics and NATA Membership Standards, Eligibility Requirements and membership Sanctions and Procedures. WSATA strongly emphasizes the importance of maintaining current Board of Certification, Inc. requirements and expects practicing members to abide by Washington state licensure requirements as set forth by the Washington State Department of Health.

WSATA is committed to supporting Licensed and Certified Athletic Trainers in the state of Washington in an effort to position the profession of Athletic Training as a leader in providing educational and health care services to athletes and individuals engaged in physical activity.

