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Washington State Athletic Trainers By Email
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Message from the President:

In my first message to the WSATA membership I would like to thank Mike Obergottsberger for the time, leadership and effort he gave serving as the President of WSATA. I have spent the past few weeks working to gain as much an understanding as I can for the issues related to athletic training in Washington. One thing is clear, we have great people working in the best interests of all of our members in all settings. As athletic trainers we need to be our own best advocates and supporters. Telling the public, athletes, parents, coaches, administrators and other health care providers about what we do and the services we provide is the easy part. Our challenge is showing others that we are the consistent, reliable and professional health care resource that we claim to be. I am looking working with you all as we address our professional needs and the needs of those we care for with enthusiasm and pride in our profession.

I encourage you to utilize the WSATA BOD, Region Reps and Committees to help you when you need it. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns as well. Our contact info is on our web site at www.wsata.net.

Enjoy the spring and keep your eyes open for upcoming events and new resources that we will make available shortly.

Respectfully,

Craig Bennett

WSATA President



SAVE THE DATE—July 30th

2011 WSATA State Meeting & Clinical
Symposium hosted by the University of
Washington Athletic Training Department

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CRAIG BENNETT & CHEREE SAUER ON THEIR NEW WSATA BOD POSITIONS!

During our Business Meeting in Eugene, a few important items were discussed. These include voting for our new logo shown below, this was created by University of Puget Sound Student-Athlete, Kainoa Correa.

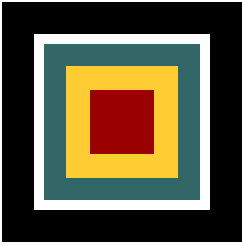


Also, the WSATA Bylaws and Constitution were amended to include online voting options. The approved changes to the Bylaws and Constitution are shown below:

Section 5. Elections. Board of director elections will follow the guidelines as described in the articles of incorporation, and will occur either during the WSATA membership business meeting held in conjunction with the District 10 spring symposium and business meeting or state business meeting and/or utilizing an on-line election process. The on-line election process would be available for the membership to vote for 2 week prior to the WSATA business meeting and closed on the date of the WSATA business meeting, as the elected official would be announced during the WSATA business meeting.

Section 1. All proposed amendments to the Constitution or By-laws shall be submitted in writing (via written or electronic mail) to the Board of Directors at least six (6) weeks in advance of online voting. The Secretary shall distribute copies of the proposal to all voting members at least three (3) weeks in advance of online voting through either email or website communication.

Section 2. A proposed amendment to the Constitution or By-laws that has been properly submitted requires a majority online approval of the voting membership and shall be necessary for the adoption of said amendment.



SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC TRAINERS
COMMITTEE—Chair Jen Carrol
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With winter sports having wrapped up and spring sports now well under way that means that we are drawing closer to the close of another school year. Our committee is continuing to talk with the WIAA as issues arise that affect athletic trainers and our ability to care for our athletes.

We have an exciting opportunity to get involved in helping to educate high school students about our great profession this summer with Washington Health Care Week. This is a one week summer camp for high school students that is run by Washington Business Week. They are looking for health care professionals to be judges, clinic advisors, and people to help in many other ways. We are planning to set up a booth as part of their career fair to teach the students about what our great profession is and has to offer them as a career pathway. There are 2 opportunities to get involved and help, July 10-16 at Gonzaga or July 31- August 6 at PLU. If you are a teacher and work the week as a clinic advisor you get 40 clock hours. If you are interested please contact me for more information.

Our committee is planning to start a mentor program for new athletic trainers coming into the secondary schools. This requires some help from all of you. We would like to create a list of people all over the state in each league and region that are interested in being mentors. If you are interested in being a mentor please contact me. As we get the details for this program worked out we will get it out to all of you on how we help to get people paired up.

As sports wind down don't forget to take some time to recharge your own batteries! Good luck to all with the remainder of spring sports!





PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE—Chair Denton Norwood
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The PR Committee is still looking for members interested in being a part of the PRC. Ideally, the committee would be composed of athletic trainers from various settings and regions. Currently we have one member that represents professional sports. We are looking for athletic trainers working in the secondary school, collegiate, and clinical settings. In addition, we want to ensure that the entire state is represented so individuals in the Spokane/Tri Cities/Wenatchee/Vancouver areas are encouraged to contact the WSATA PRC chair at dnorwood98@aol.com or to contact any WSATA BOD member.

With National Athletic Training Month wrapping up, please forward any NATM activities that you may have done to Denton's email dnorwood98@aol.com.

We are also looking for any newspaper articles or news stories that focus on athletic training as well. We would like to get these on the website. Please include the following with your submission:

- Name of the publication or broadcast
- Title of the article or segment
- Date published or aired



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More information to follow on www.wsata.net

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALING NOMENCLATURE: IMPORTANT DETAILS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are all well aware of the need to promote our profession with proper terminology as we have gone round and round with the “athletic trainer” vs. “trainer” awareness. Another item that validates our existence as a health care profession is the consistency of our credentialing nomenclature.

There was an excellent article in the June 2003 edition of the *NATA News* regarding credential listing, especially how to list multiple degrees, licenses, and certifications. Any members who would like to read the article can contact PR Committee chair, Denton Norwood at dnorwood98@aol.com, and he can forward you an electronic copy of the article

Also related, an NATA member contacted the NATA office regarding credential listing, the following is an excerpt from President Albohm's response that was posted to the NATA PR Think Tank:

"...I conferred with some of our leadership and the chair of our Nomenclature TF (*Task Force*), Dr. Chad Starkey, and all agree that we should follow AMA standards and guidelines. AMA guidelines list highest degree first, license second, and national certification third..."

- Marjorie J. Albohm, MS, ATC
President, NATA

The Public Relations Committee has recommended to the WSATA BOD that credential listing should follow the Nomenclature Task Force's recommendations, listing highest degree first, state license(s) second, and national certification(s) third. An example for an athletic trainer that has a Master's degree and state license would be as follows: *John C. Doe, MS, AT/L, ATC*

The WSATA BOD realizes that members have limited budgets and may have a substantial stock of business cards and letterhead with the incorrect credential listing. Given this situation, the recommendation would be to exhaust existing supplies, and when the time comes to reorder your supplies to make the correction at that time.