



# Fall 2007 Newsletter

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## Presidents Message

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and surviving the busy fall season. I enjoyed seeing a number of you at the NATA Symposium in Anaheim this past June. The board is working on a few issues at this time. I would like to take a few moments and update you on some of those issues.

The Board of Healing Arts Athletic Training Committee met this past June. When our Athletic Training Bill was first passed into state law it was set up to mirror the qualifications set by the BOC. To become licensed in the state of Kansas you had to show completion of a degree from an internship or curriculum program, and that you had completed the hour requirement that had been established by the BOC. As we all know those requirements have changed since the passage of our bill. The BOC now requires completion of a degree from an accredited curriculum program, and proof that you have successfully completed the required competencies as set by the BOC. We are planning to reopen our bill this next legislative session to clean up our requirements so that it again more closely mirrors the requirements set forth by the BOC. We hope this will be a fairly easy and painless process. One thing we have learned from past experience is that it is difficult to predict how smoothly a bill will move through the legislature. We may be calling on some you to help lobby legislators as we move through the process.

We held three EMS seminars in July and August. It was a successful fundraiser for us again this year. We made over \$3,000.00 for our legislative account. This also allows us to apply for more legislative funds from the NATA for 2008. There is a complete report on the seminars in the newsletter. I would like to take a moment and thank several athletic trainers who helped pull these together. Steve Barrett headed up the effort. He put together the brochure, got them mailed out to all 11,000 EMT's in the state, and collected the registration forms and money. He also put on the seminar in Dodge City. I would also like to thank David Carr, Travis Francis, and Brad Jones for their help in putting on the seminars in Lawrence and Wichita. Thanks also go out to all the ATC's that took time out of their summer to speak at the seminars. They are listed with the report in the newsletter.

Finally, we are getting ready for our first KATS seminar. The preliminary information about the seminar is in the newsletter. It will be held in Wichita on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a short KATS meeting over the lunch break. More information and the registration form will be emailed to you in the next few weeks. If you have any concerns or issues that you need addressed feel free to contact any of our board members. Our contact information can be found on the KATS website.

Brad Parry, MS, LAT, ATC  
KATS President

## FIRST ANNUAL KATS SEMINAR

Last February the board approved the creation of an annual KATS Seminar. This year it will be held on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> in Wichita at Via Christi Hospital. Each year we plan to select a topic to cover thoroughly in the day long seminar. This year the day will be spent discussing the spine. The seminar will be worth 6 CEU's. Over the lunch hour we will conduct a short KATS business meeting. We have tried to hold down costs for the membership. The cost breakdown is listed below;

### **Certified KATS Members - \$10.00**

Non Members - \$50.00

### **Student KATS Members – Free**

Student Non Members - \$20.00 - *\$10.00 of your fee will go towards your KATS Membership for 2008.* The seminar brochure will be emailed out to all members in the next couple of weeks. It will also be available on the KATAS website. We hope to see you there.

## COMMITTEE OPENINGS

We have two committee openings that we need to fill. They are on the Governmental Affairs Committee, and the Clinical/Industrial/Corporate Committee. If you elect to serve on one of these committees you would represent Kansas on the District Committee. It is a great way to start in a leadership role within our organization. If you are interested, or have questions about service on one of these committees please contact Brad Parry at [bparry@cox.net](mailto:bparry@cox.net).

## STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The board would like to encourage athletic training students to join KATS. For \$10.00 a student can become a member of the state association. Unlike certified members, student's NATA dues do not automatically make them members of KATS. KATS does not receive a portion of their NATA dues. If students would like to join KATS please send your \$10.00 to Eric Magette 2203 Church St., Box 712, Eudora, KS. 66025



## KANSAS ATC OF THE YEAR

Several years ago we began selecting an ATC of the Year in Kansas. We are requesting nominations for this honor for 2007. We are looking for an ATC in the state who has gone above and beyond the call in helping to better the profession, or by making a large impact in their community through their efforts. If you know of any ATC's in Kansas that you feel are deserving of this award please contact KATS President Brad Parry. We would ask that you include a short explanation of why you feel this person is deserving of this award. You can email your nomination to Brad at [bparry@cox.net](mailto:bparry@cox.net).

## KATS WEBSITE



I would like to remind you of a few services that we offer on the KATS website. We changed the address of the site about a year ago. That address is [www.ksathletictrainers.org](http://www.ksathletictrainers.org). Mike Longhofer has been serving as our webmaster with help from Washburn University student Dave Eldridge. They both have been working very hard to improve the site. We will offer two services through the website to the membership. If you are holding a seminar we will be more than happy to advertise the event on the website. We will also allow you to post athletic training positions that are available in the state. The only requirement to post a job opening on the KATS website is that you have to have posted the position on the NATA website. Both of these services are free of charge to the membership. All information should be emailed to Mike Longhofer at [Kansas-atc@hotmail.com](mailto:Kansas-atc@hotmail.com).

Mike would like to dress up the website with some new pictures. If you have any digital pictures of Kansas ATC's in action, please forward those pictures to Mike at the above email address.

## KATS SCHOLARSHIPS

We will again be awarding two scholarships at the District Meeting in March. The board approved raising the two scholarships from \$250.00 each to \$500.00 apiece for 2008. Applicants must be a college student in Kansas who is pursuing a career in Athletic Training. They must also be a student member of KATS. The application criteria and the application form can be found on the KATS website. Applications need to be postmarked by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and sent to Steve Zimmerman, our Scholarship Committee chairperson. His address can be found on the website. KATS will also pay for the recipient's registration fee for the district meeting.

### Friendly Reminder

If you have not heard the Board of Certification has made the following Continuing Education reporting changes for the next CE (CEU) reporting period. For those of you whom your *last names beginning with H-O will need 50 hours by December 31, 2007*, and P-Z will need 75 hours by December 31, 2008. After you fill the requirements for this staggered period each category will then return to the 3-year reporting cycle. *Also CEU's are no longer awarded for maintaining Emergency Cardiac Care (aka: CPR).*

There is also a user friendly website to record your continuing education units, [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org)!

## CALENDER/CEU/EVENTS

**KATS Seminar** – November 4, 2007 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center Wichita, KS 67214. See above article for details.

**Please call Brad Parry or Amy Cahill to enter an event in the KATS Newsletter!**

## EMS SEMINAR

We held three EMS seminars this past summer. This is KATS main fundraiser to help off set the cost of our lobbyist. We moved a couple of the seminars to new sites this year. We held seminars in Lawrence, Wichita, and Dodge City. After expenses we cleared \$3,300.00 on the three seminars. This doubles the amount that we made last year. Our largest expense by far is mailing out the brochures to the 11,000 EMT's in the state of Kansas. We may have discovered a more efficient method to communicate the seminar information to many of the EMT's in the state. This would help us reduce our expenses for the seminars for next year. The board will also discuss the possibility of not doing the EMS seminars next year. If we do not hold them we will need to come up with some alternative fundraiser. We had a number of ATC's that helped out by speaking at the three seminars. The board thanks each one of you for taking time out of your summer to help. The speakers at each seminar are listed below.

### Lawrence:

David Carr  
Steve Hawkins  
Murphy Grant  
David Snyder  
Phil Vardiman  
Eric Magette  
Wayne Harmon

### Wichita:

Carolyn LeFevre  
Malia McLain  
Amy Cahill  
Jeryln Peak  
Matthew Way  
Chris Dooley  
Janet Walton-Miller

### Dodge City:

Michael Pelton  
Steve Barrett  
Greg Greathouse