



Fall 2008 Newsletter

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Please submit any information for the newsletter by Jan 1, May 1, or Oct 1. E-mail requests to Amy Cahill @ amy_cahill@Via-Christi.org.

President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds everyone having a great fall season. It was great to see everyone in St. Louis. We had a great social with a tremendous turnout. I would like to thank Bryan Ball with Sport Health for their financial contribution for our social.

After serving on this board for the last nine years, the last three as President, I have seen the importance of KATS having a lobbyist. Tom Bruno serves as our watchdog, and has helped us twice successfully navigate our bill through the Kansas legislature. To continue to have the services of a lobbyist we need to raise about \$4000.00 each year. We conducted the EMS seminars throughout the state for three years. This past year we held a golf tournament as a fundraiser, and were able to raise almost \$4,500.00. We were very pleased with the success of the golf tournament. We feel that it has the potential of growing over the next few years. As members of KATS you all benefit from having a lobbyist at our service. When the golf tournament comes around next summer, try and help out in some way. If you play golf, put a team together and come join the fun. If you don't play, try and help us find sponsors for the tournament, or donate some money to the tournament. Several of you can get together and sponsor a hole as an example. With everyone pitching in this can become a great fundraiser for KATS.

The results for the KATS Board of Directors election are found in the newsletter. The new board will take the reins of our organization in January. I would like to thank the members of the past board for all their hard work and devotion to KATS. Those serving you the past three years on the board were Travis Francis, President Elect, Amy Cahill, Secretary, Eric Magette, Treasurer, Jaymie Ruder, Public Relations, and Steve Barrett, Past President. As Travis Francis, our new President, and the new board begin their term please try and be helpful and supportive of their efforts over the next three years.

I would personally like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve on this board the past nine years. It has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything do not hesitate to contact any of the board members.

Sincerely Yours,
Brad Parry, KATS President.

KATS ELECTION RESULTS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009 – 2011

An election was held in October to select a new board of directors for KATS. Their term will run from 2009 through 2011. Current President-elect Travis Francis will become the President of the new board. Those elected to the new board are:

President-elect – Amy Cahill, LAT, ATC

Secretary – Phil Vardiman, PhD, LAT, ATC

Treasurer – Eric Magette, LAT, ATC

Public Relations – Mark Padfield, MS, LAT, ATC

We would like to congratulate the new board, and thank them for devoting their time and talents in the service of KATS.

KATS Athletic Trainer of the Year

Several years ago we began selecting an ATC of the Year in Kansas. We are requesting nominations for this honor for 2008. 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. The nomination deadline is January 1, 2009.

KATS Scholarships

We will again be awarding two \$500.00 student scholarships at the District Meeting in March. 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 15th, 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.

KATS Website

We are pleased to announce that we have contracted with a new webmaster. Cecil Schmidt, a professor at Washburn University, will be our webmaster for the upcoming year. The KATS contact person for the website is Mike Longhofer. 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. The KATS website address is www.ksathletictrainers.org. If you have information you would like to have posted on the website please contact Mike at Kansas-atc@hotmail.com. Mike would also welcome any suggestions you have on how to improve the website,



KANSAS BOARD OF HEALING ARTS LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER

I just wanted to remind everyone of the license renewal changes the board of Healing Arts has made for this year. You should have received a reminder from the board a few weeks ago. The renewal process has been moved up a month by the Board of Healing Arts. License renewals are now made between October 15th, and November 30th. Renewals made between December 1st and December 31st will be subject to a late fee. If you have not renewed by the end of the year your license will expire. You can renew online at www.ksbha.org.



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. By becoming a member students become eligible for the two annual KATS scholarships, and can attend the annual KATS Seminar for free. Starting in 2009 all student dues that are collected will be given back to the new KATS Student Delegation to help fund student travel to the NATA sponsored iLead conference in Washington DC. The Student Membership Form is available on the KATS website. If students are interested in becoming a KATS member please send the form and \$10.00 to Eric Magette 2203 Church St., Box 712, Eudora, KS. 66025.

Event Calendar

MAATA District Meeting

March 27-28, 2009

Omaha, Nebraska

Please make sure to watch your e-mails for event updates through the spring!