



Spring 2007 Newsletter

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Presidents Message

The KATS executive board met a few weeks ago. I wanted to get a newsletter out to the membership prior to the district meeting to update you on what we are working on.

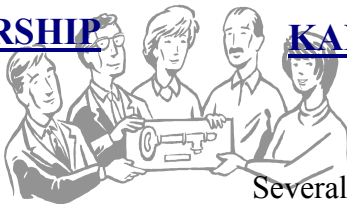
One of our main focuses the past few years has been fundraising to help cover the cost of Tom Bruno our lobbyist. We have renewed our contract for 2007 with Tom. We have plenty of money in our legislative account to cover the \$8,000.00 yearly fee for Tom's service in 2007. Without continued fundraising efforts we would quickly run out of money for our lobbyist. The last few years we have been able to apply for and receive about \$4,000.00 annually from the NATA. In 2007 that amount will be cut in half. Chris Fleming, an ATC in Wichita, has generously donated \$1,000.00 from a seminar that he holds in the summer the last few years. We have appropriated that money to our legislative account. The past two summers we have held EMS Seminars across the state. The first year we held three seminars and raised \$7,000.00. Last year we held two seminars and raised \$1,500.00. We are planning to hold three seminars this next summer. We will need ATC's to volunteer to speak at these seminars. If you are interested in helping please contact Travis Francis, Steve Barrett, or I.

We are pleased to announce that we are going to hold a KATS Seminar and meeting this fall. It is tentatively set for the first weekend of November in Wichita. We are going to try and have six hours of instruction with a short KATS business meeting over the lunch hour. We will get more information out to you later in the year.

I hope to see a lot of you at the MAATA District V Meeting in Topeka. It is being held Friday March 16th through Saturday March 17th. There will be a short KATS meeting Friday at 6:00 pm. We are planning on having a KATS social at Washburn University later that evening. You will find more detailed information about the social in the newsletter. Until then if you have any questions or issues be sure and contact one of the board members. Our contact information is on the front of the newsletter, or on the KATS website.

Brad Parry, MS, LAT, ATC
KATS President

2007 KATS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Last year the KATS Executive Board established two scholarships of \$250.00 for deserving athletic training students in Kansas. 2007 will be the first year that they will be awarded. We are pleased to announce that two students have been selected to receive these scholarships. They are Annalea Epp and undergraduate at Kansas University, and Kelsey Roberts an undergraduate at Fort Hays State University. We congratulate both of these students. They will be recognized at our state meeting in Topeka on March 16th.

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 2006. 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.

COMMITTEE OPENINGS

We still have one committee opening that we need to fill. It is the Clinical/Industrial/Corporate committee. We are looking for someone who is currently employed in this setting. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Brad Parry. We again want to thank the membership for their willingness to step into these leadership positions when asked.

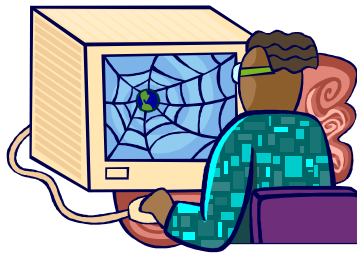
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

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. We are in the process of developing a Student Membership Form which will eventually be available on the KATS website. If students would like to join KATS please send your \$10.00 to Eric Magette 2203 Church St., Box 712, Eudora, KS. 66025

KATS SOCIAL

There will be a KATS social at the district meeting. It will be held Friday March 16th beginning at 8:30 pm. It will be held in the Alumni Room in the Petro Center on the campus of Washburn University. It is a short drive from the district meeting location. 17th Street borders the Expo Centre on the north. Go west on 17th Street to Washburn Ave. Take a left on Washburn Ave. Proceed approximately one block and the Petro Center will be on your right. We will post signs at the entrance of Petro to guide you to the Alumni Room. Beverages and snack food will be provided. TOSA Medical will be sponsoring the event. There will be no cost for the membership to attend.

KATS WEBSITE



The KATS website is back up and running with a new address. That address is www.ksathletictrainers.org. Mike Longhofer will serve 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 also. Both these services will be offered free of charge to the membership. All information should be emailed to Mike Longhofer at 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.

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).*

CALENDER/CEU/EVENTS

March 15-18, 2007: [MAATA Annual Meeting](#). (Once you are on their site, visit the Annual Meeting link on the left side.)

March 31, 2007: [High Plains Sports Medicine Annual Sports Medicine Symposium](#) in Hays, Kansas. Featured speakers will be Mike Flynn ATC, Pat Cawley VP of development at Breg, Karen Creel massage therapist, Dr. Greg Woods, & Dr. Alex Dicarvallo. Continuing education will be worth 5 units with a possible 6. If you have any questions contact the education department at Hays Medical Center 785-623-5500 ask for Deb McLaren.

June 1st and 2nd, 2007: [4th Annual Wichita Sports Medicine Symposium](#), Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School in Wichita, Kansas. The format should be the same as last year's with 10 CEU's for \$75. If anyone has any questions please contact:

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June 26-30, 2007: [NATA Annual Meeting](#)
Anaheim, Orange County, California