



MoATA News

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Happy Holidays from the MoATA Executive Board!

Welcome Kitty

In August, Katherine "Kitty" Newsham, PhD, ATC was selected as MoATA president-elect.

Kitty is an assistant professor at St. Louis University. She earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, her Master's degree at Western Michigan, and her doctorate at Kent State. Prior to returning to Missouri, Kitty worked in Ohio and Indiana, serving on various committees

including the Board of Certification Standards Committee, the District 4 Education Committee, the IATA Governmental Affairs committee, and OATA Research and Education Committee. She currently serves on the District 5 Education Committee. Kitty begins her term as president-elect immediately and becomes president of MoATA in June 2013.



"I am looking forward to working with the MoATA Executive Board and MoATA members across the state. There is a rich tradition of athletic training here that we can use as we plan for the future of our association and the practice of athletic training in Missouri."



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MoATA Annual Meeting

This year's annual MoATA Symposium and Meeting will take place on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO on June 1-2, 2012. Brian Hughes (UCM Program Director) and Scott Winslow (MoATA Program Chair) are busy making plans. The

meeting will be begin with continuing education programming on Friday afternoon and run through Saturday afternoon. New members of the MoATA Hall of Fame are inducted during lunch on Saturday. The PAC Golf outing is being replaced this year by a Friday evening Bowl-

ing Tourney and Evening Social. Grab some friends and your UGLI-EST bowling shoes and shirts and join us for an evening of FUN! Awards will be given for : Best Team Shirt, Highest Team Score, Lowest Team Score, and Individual Style. Watch the [MoATA website](#) details.

Dates to Remember

- December 31: HB 300, Interscholastic Youth Sports Brain Injury Prevention Act takes effect
- April 1: Nominations for MoATA honors and awards are due
- March 15-17: MAATA in Topeka, KS
- June 1-2: MoATA Annual Meeting in Warrensburg, MO
- June 26-29: NATA Annual Meeting and Symposium in St. Louis

NATA is in St. Louis

visit <http://stl.nata.org/get-involved/volunteer/> for more information



Please contact Amy Schork at amyschork48@webster.edu if you are interested in volunteering

With the World Series at a successful end, St. Louis is preparing to host the NATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia.

Athletic Trainers from around the world will once again converge on St. Louis between June

26-29, 2012. It takes hundreds of volunteers to support this event.

Amy Schork is the chair of the host committee and will help coordinate all these volunteers. The Volunteer Website will be released in March after registration

for the convention goes online. Volunteers help make the convention run smoothly, and if you work ten hours or more, you are eligible for graduated reimbursement of your registration.

Strategic Planning

The MoATA executive committee has been actively working on a strategic plan for our organization. We identified several goals that are very important to our members and are in the process of planning the steps needed to achieve them. The goals include:

increasing recognition and understanding of the athletic training profession by state and federal legislators, other health care providers, administrators and the public; updating the Athletic Training Practice Act to reflect current education, terminology, and scope

of practice; and pursuing legislation that will prohibit discrimination against licensed athletic trainers providing services covered by third party insurers.

MoATA Goals

- Increase the recognition of our profession
- Update the AT Practice Act
- Continue to Pursue Reimbursement

Day at the Capitol

MoATA's Day at the Capitol each spring has been a growing opportunity for Athletic Trainers and Athletic Training Students to meet with our state legislators. Many of our members have taken advantage of this experience to meet and discuss the athletic training profession and pending legislation with their legislators. The Day at the Capitol has been great for bringing us together

as a group and recharging our efforts and helping to educate athletic training students on the legislative process.

It may not be the best method to connect with our legislators however. After speaking with Dale Amick, MoATA lobbyist, and attending the BOC Regulatory conference, we decided to change our focus for Day at the Capitol.

Our Governmental Affairs committee is working diligently to implement a plan that includes small groups of Athletic Trainers from each part of Missouri visiting the Capitol each week. By the end of this session, our legislators will have a better appreciation for the profession.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact MoATA Governmental Affairs Chair, Josh Thompson and watch for

e-blasts and information on the [MoATA website](#).



The Student Leadership Council is busy getting organized planning goals for the year. The Council is hoping to increase participation by the athletic training students in Missouri. They would like to have 2 students from each accredited program on the Council.

Currently only 5 schools are represented on the Council. If you are interested in joining the council, please contact Stephanie Hill.

The Student Executive Board for 2011-12 is:

- Abby Eckert
President
- Danetta Nelson
Vice-President
- Kemba Noel-London
Secretary
- Stephanie Hill
Director

Contact Stephanie Hill at Stephanie2012@live.Missouri.edu if you are interested in the Student Leadership Council.

Are You Licensed to Practice in Missouri?

Athletic Trainers in Missouri are Licensed Healthcare Professionals.

Licensure is NOT optional and Athletic Trainers practicing in Missouri without licensure are subject to new disciplinary procedures which can include conviction of a Class B Misdemeanor.

The Board of Healing

Arts and their Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee are seeing a significant number of violations by Athletic Trainers who are applying for initial licensure.

Any Certified Athletic Trainer who is hired to work in Missouri, including Graduate Assistants, must be licensed before they perform the duties of an Athletic Trainer. Graduate As-

sistants can NOT be considered athletic training students. Supervising Athletic Trainers allowing an applicant to perform duties of a licensed Athletic Trainer are also violating the law and are being disciplined for these infractions. Practicing under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer does not exempt the applicant from being licensed.

The BOHA Athletic Training Advisory Committee strongly suggests that licensure applicants not have any contact with patients until they are licensed. Licensure applicants should be restricted to administrative duties and other non-patient care activities.

Contact the MO Board of Healing arts with questions about licensure. 573-751-0098

Joplin Update

"The outpouring of support from my fellow athletic trainers during a time of huge need was amazing. I couldn't ask for better friends! Please tell every MoATA member how much we appreciate the thoughts, prayers, and help." from MoATA member

There were several MoATA members and licensed Athletic Trainers practicing in Southwest Missouri at the time that one of the nation's worst tornados in history struck Joplin.

MoATA conducted a Supply Drive organized by the ATEP students at Missouri State University at

the Annual Symposium and Meeting at MSU in June.

Joplin High School was one of the hardest hit. Knowing that students would need the support of the many teams that they participated in to help heal and rebuild, Athletic Trainers were

quick to donate. Donations poured in from around the state to start Joplin High back on the road to recovery. Coolers, tape, scissors, knee braces, crutches, cryocuffs, bandages, even a laptop were collected and stored until Joplin High was ready.



Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association

MoATA is on Facebook Like us!

Established in 1984, the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association is a not-for-profit organization of athletic trainers and other allied health personnel concerned with the care of athletes. MOATA members are dedicated to educating and promoting the need for Certified and Licensed Athletic Trainers in all settings where athletes compete.

MoATA Executive Board Members

President—Michelle Boyd, ATC

President-Elect—Kitty Newsham, PhD, ATC

Secretary—Karen Fennell, MS, ATC

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“What is the essence of life?

To serve others and to do good“ Aristotle

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NATA Research and Education Foundation State Representative

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Get your NPI number

The NATA strongly encourages all Athletic Trainers to register for their **National Provider Identifier number (NPI)**

Applying for an NPI number is quick, easy and free. The **National Provider Identifier** is the result of the mandate in the 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

(HIPPA) that the Secretary of HHS establish a standard national provider identifier. Though all healthcare providers will be eligible to receive NPI's, covered healthcare entities will be mandated to use the NPI as the sole provider identifier on all HIPAA electronic transactions. The 10 digit number will be assigned by a CMS-funded NPI "Enumerator"

through the NPPES (National Provider and Plan Enumeration System). The NPI is a numeric 10 digit identifier, consisting of 9 numbers plus a check-digit in the 10th position. It is accommodated in all standard transactions and contains no embedded information about the healthcare provider that it identifies. When filling out your

application use: **Provider Code 22 (Respiratory, Rehabilitative & Restorative Service Providers)** and **Taxonomy Code 2255A2300X (Athletic Trainer)**

To apply for an NPI, go to <https://NPPES.cms.hhs.gov>

