



LATA Lagniappe

October 2009

Letter from the President

A Message from Gary Lewis

With the advent of autumn, athletics are in full swing. Not only are we dealing with the traditional athletic injuries and prevention, but we now find ourselves worrying about dealing with the spread of the H1N1 virus.

The LATA Winter Business meeting is quickly approaching. The Education Committee has put together an outstanding program for our winter meeting on December 12th at the Loews Hotel in New Orleans. This meeting is very important because we will be nominating new officers for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Continuing Education. Your involvement in the process of selecting our new leaders for the future is necessary so that the LATA can continue to grow and thrive.

The LATA website is still a work in progress. Hopefully, by the winter business meeting it will be up and running.

The LATA is your professional organization. Please step forward and get involved. Hope to see you in December in New Orleans.

Tracking all High School Athletic Trainers

Submitted by: Alex Dibbley

The time has come to finalize the 2009 version of the secondary school athletic trainer location project. We would like to be as accurate as possible, so we are calling on all high school athletic trainers to get the word out to your colleagues to visit the website to check your information for accuracy. The site to visit is www.zeemaps.com/74976. This is a benefit to all in the profession, so please participate!

LATA Now on Facebook!!!!

LATA now has a group on Facebook. At release of this issue, 104 members have currently joined the group. Please encourage other athletic trainers to join. This group is meant to help distribute information and to direct athletic trainers to our soon-to-be redesigned website.

Winter Clinical Symposia and Business Meeting to be Held in New Orleans

On December 12th, LATA will be hosting the annual Winter Clinical Symposia and Business Meeting. Every attendee will have an opportunity to earn 6 CEUs and to nominate candidates for the upcoming summer elections. More information concerning the meeting should be available in upcoming e-blast.

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Profile of a Pioneer

Jim Murphy

Head Athletic Trainer

Director of Sports Medicine

McNeese State University

How long have you been an athletic trainer?

- I became certified in 1974.

How did you get interested in athletic training?

- My high school coach at Springdale High School in Springdale, PA signed me up for a Cramer correspondence course. He also taught me how to tape ankles and treat various athletic injuries.

What jobs have you held throughout your career?

- I was a summer assistant for the New Orleans Saints in 1972 and 1973. I worked for The Sports Medicine Center of Dallas from 1974-1975. I have had two different stints (1975-1988 and 1994-present) as the head athletic trainer at McNeese State University. I also worked for Physical Therapy Services Group from 1988-1994.

Explain your past roles as a member of the LATA organization.

- A few roles that I have undertaken in LATA are President, Chairman of the Legislation Committee when the certification passed, member of the Ethics Committee, and current member of the Hall of Fame Committee.

What rewards or honors have you received throughout your professional career?

- LATA Hall of Fame 1989
- Jim Finks Award
- 2009 SEATA College/University Athletic Trainer of the Year

What is the biggest milestone you have seen the athletic training profession reach?

- A number of big milestones have been reached including recognition of athletic training as an allied health profession, licensure of athletic trainers, growth in the membership of athletic

training, and the addition of female athletic trainers.

What is the most important thing issue facing this profession in the next five years?

- The most important issue facing this profession currently is to define our role in the medical community.

If you know anyone who was integral in developing the LATA organization and would like to be interviewed for future issues, please contact J.D. Boudreaux at latapublicrelations@yahoo.com

Mourning the Passing of a Fellow Athletic Trainer

On August 8, 2009, Lori Groover passed away after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Lori Mobley Groover served on the GATA Executive Board from January 2003 through December 2006, serving as President from January 2005 - December 2006. Lori served as SEATA Secretary until the time of her passing. LATA and SEATA members are requested to send any photos, letters, or funny stories about Lori to Donna Wesley, who will compile a book for Lori's family. Following Lori's funeral, her parents requested that guests write a "Lori story" in a book, and we want to give members that were unable to attend the opportunity to submit their memories. Members can either email or mail these to Donna Wesley at dwesleyatc@yahoo.com or at 414 Oak Road, Fulton, MS 38843.

Decision on New Website to Be Made Soon

The Executive Committee has met concerning the website. Ray Castle has also submitted a sample website to the Executive Committee. LATA members can expect a decision concerning the website soon. The new website should be able to be viewed by all members in the near future. Be expecting an email concerning this topic soon.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This section is reserved for an interview with a high school or collegiate student athletic trainer. If you have a student that you would like to be spotlighted, please submit some information to latapublicrelations@yahoo.com for the next issue to be published in January. Some sample questions include:

- What caused you to become interested in athletic training?
- What are some of your career aspirations?
- What is your dream job?
- What is your favorite class so far?
- What is the best part about being an athletic training student?

COMMITTEE UPDATES

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

CONTACT: B.J. DUPLANTIS

No updates on this committee currently. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting prior to Winter Business Meeting.

HALL OF FAME

CONTACT: BOB GOODWIN

No updates on this committee currently.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS

CONTACT: CARY BERTHELOT

No updates on this committee currently. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting prior to Winter Business Meeting.

EDUCATION

CONTACT: KAREN LEW

No updates on this committee currently. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting prior to Winter Business Meeting.

New Corporate Sponsor

Submitted by: J. Mike Dawson

I want to announce that my business as an Independent Associate with PrePaid Legal Services, Inc. and Identity Theft Shield are officially a corporate partner with the LATA. I am excited about this opportunity to assist my fellow athletic trainers with a truly valuable service and at the same time help raise additional revenue for the LATA. In fact, \$50.00 from the sale of each combined legal plan with identity theft (26.95/month) will be donated back to the LATA from ANY LATA referral.

To find out more information, I encourage you to watch the 9 minute video clip at: <http://www.jmike.info>, it will give further plan details on the services. If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me for a meeting or enrollment. You can also find out more about the PPL Provider Law firm at:

<http://www.provosty.com/profile.htm>

Thank you for taking the time to review these services and I look forward to helping you and the LATA.

McNeese State Receives Initial ATEP Accreditation

Submitted by: Chad Chaisson

On August 26, McNeese State University received initial accreditation for their Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). McNeese State joins other universities in the state that already have their accreditation including Louisiana State University (Ray Castle), Southeastern Louisiana (Karen Lew), Nicholls State University (Celest Weuve), University of Louisiana-Lafayette (Toby Dore), and Louisiana College (Mike Brunet). If any high school students are interested in athletic training as a career, please contact the curriculum director of the school that interests you.

NATA's Fair Practice Lawsuit Settled

The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) announced today that an out-of-court settlement was reached in its Fair Practice Lawsuit against the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) on Sept. 21, 2009. The NATA filed suit against the APTA for antitrust violations that unfairly restricted athletic trainers from practicing manual therapy and gaining access to continuing education courses on manual therapy. The case was scheduled for a status and scheduling hearing in Federal District Court in Dallas on Sept. 22. For more information, please go to <http://www.nata.org/newsrelease/archives/000665.htm> and read corresponding article.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LATA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

PLACE: NEW ORLEANS SUPERDOME

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2009

TIME: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Induction of the 2009 Hall of Fame members Del Flair and Dr. Greg Stewart

LATA WINTER CLINICAL SYMPOSIA AND BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: LOEWS HOTEL 300 POYDRAS STREET

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2009

TIME: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

A chance to earn 6 CEUs and become involved in LATA committees

SEATA CLINICAL SYMPOSIA

PLACE: PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL

DATE: MARCH 18-21, 2010

LOCATION: MARRIOTT BAY POINT GOLF & SPA RESORT

LATA SUMMER SYMPOSIA

PLACE: BATON ROUGE, LA

DATE: JUNE 3-5, 2010

HOST: LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

If anyone has an event to be place on the calendar for future issues, please email the event, date, place, and time to latapublicrelations@yahoo.com so we can include the event on the list.

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FINANCE

CONTACT: SCOTT COCHRAN

No updates on this committee currently. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting prior to Winter Business Meeting.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

CONTACT: MIKE BRUNET

No updates on this committee currently. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting prior to Winter Business Meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

CONTACT: JAMIE COCHRAN/J.D. BOUDREAU

The goal of our committee is to try to release four issues of Lagniappe per year. (January, April, July, and October) The next issue of Lagniappe will be released in January 2010. Updates from the winter business meeting will be included in that issue. If you would like to include any information to the members of LATA, please submit it to latapublicrelations@yahoo.com. We also have begun a Facebook group for LATA. We are anxiously awaiting a decision on the new version of our website.