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Get Involved in the NAIA-ATA:

If you are interested in becoming involved in the NAIA-ATA, please contact any officer or regional representative. Elected and appointed positions that are open are listed in the Nominating Committee Report.

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NAIA-ATA Meeting at Indianapolis

There was a tremendous turn out at this years NAIA-ATA meeting with over 50 Athletic Trainers attendance. It was very exciting to see everyone there and thanks to everyone who has volunteered to get involved in the various committees.

Brian Anderson, president of the College Sports Medicine Foundation gave a presentation regarding numerous topics pertaining to the college and university setting specifically. Brian made it known that the CSMF is a non-profit consulting agency that is available for the use of all college and university athletic trainers and institutions. Check out his web page at www.csmfoundation.org.

Nominating Committee Report:

Various leadership positions were filled at the NAIA-ATA meeting at Indianapolis this summer.

- Research and education committee: Randy McGuire (Georgetown College), Dustin Wilson (Union College).
- CATS/NATA Liaison: Randy McGuire (Georgetown College)
- Region 8 Representative: Adam Thompson (Indiana Wesleyan)
- Scholarship & Awards Committee: Jason Miller (Lambuth), Amy Roberts (Avila)

Leadership is a great way to become active in the profession and the NAIA. Interested parties should contact any member of the Board of Directors, Committee Chair, or Regional Representative. Current vacancies are:

- Region 3 Representative

President's Letter

Welcome to the 2005-06 school year! After a very successful NATA convention the NAIA-ATA board is rearing to go this year. We were all very excited to have 50+ ATC's from the NAIA at the members meeting at Indy. We have all the board positions filled and only one regional rep position to fill and we had many volunteer for committees at the members meeting. I would like you to know that the board members are doing a great job representing you and I am very excited about this year. Our representation at the national level is better than ever. Renee Wiebe is doing an excellent job of communicating with the board and getting things done at the NAIA.

We created two new committees to tackle what seem to be the "hot topics" for those of us in the NAIA; communication and coverage. The web page committee will work on revamping the web page to be more informational and user friendly. The championship committee will work on standards for championships both regionally and nationally.

The NAIA ATA exists to serve you and our profession and I believe improving our communication to and from you will serve us best this year. We will continue to focus on the importance of regional reps to facilitate this process to ensure all athletic trainers are aware of NAIA information and also to establish an avenue in which your issues can be addressed. I encourage you to get involved in your area to be a part of helping improve athletic training in the NAIA.

Lastly we have formed a relationship with the Collegiate Sports Medicine Foundation, a non profit organization with the goal of "improving the day to day of the college athletic trainer". They are very excited to work with the NAIA-ATA to help our members.

Thank you for your time and I wish you the best for this year. And if any of us on the board or your regional rep can be of assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact us.

God Bless,

April Reed

Newsletter Returns to Digital Publication:

This issue of the NAIA-ATA Newsletter will be mailed electronically to members that have email and Internet access. An attachment will be e-mailed to members who have an e-mail address on file with the NAIA-ATA each time a new newsletter is ready. The newsletter will also be placed on the NAIA web page along with previous issues, which will be archived. Members wishing to be added to the e-mail list may complete the directory update form that is in the current NAIA-ATA Membership Directory & Handbook or by e-mailing Stana Landon at stana.landon@eou.edu.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Web page:

Josh Erickson (William Penn University), Linda Ruggles (Biola), and Jason Miller (Lambuth) volunteered to serve on the web page committee.

National Championship:

A committee for national championship coverage coupled with regional and conference playoff coverage has been formed. John Bartholomew (Graceland), Brian Coble (Carroll College), and Jim Richards (Northwest University) volunteered to serve on the committee.

Randy Biggerstaff (Lindenwood) presented to the Host Seminar in Olathe, KS on August 12th on what the NAIA needs to know about athletic training and hosting a national championship.

Medical Aspects Committee Report:

Aaron Gill was appointed the new Chair of the Medical Aspects Committee at the NAIA-ATA meeting in Indianapolis in June.

The medical guidelines handbook has been revised and will be posted on the NAIA-ATA webpage. The guidelines that have been added include: concussion guidelines as well as venue specific guidelines for championship events, regional and conference playoffs.

The medical guidelines are intended for use by NAIA institutions, their Athletic Directors, Certified Athletic Trainers, Coaches and National Host Agencies.

The Medical Guidelines Handbook was developed by the NAIA Medical Aspects Committee and was prepared for the purpose of providing current medical recommendations pertaining to athletic participation in order for institutions and agencies to have a model by which to ensure a safe competitive environment. These guidelines are not intended as mandates or to be considered all-inclusive, it is to be used as a valuable resource.

Stana Landon along with the assistance of the officers, Aaron Gill and Renee Wiebe created the first NAIA-ATA Manual which provides information about events, programs, history, awards and officers and regional chairs this year. It is posted on the website and will be updated and posted yearly.

Award & Scholarship Winners:

This years NAIA Athletic Trainer of the Year is Jim Richards. Richards has been at Northwest since 2001. He has served as director of the Washington State Athletic Trainers' Association, on the Medical Aspects Committee for the Washington Interscholastic Association, and organized the medical staff for the Washington State High School basketball championships. Richards received the Washington State Athletic Trainers' "Excellence in Service" Award in 2005

Jennifer Rambur was awarded the 2005 Al Ortolani Undergraduate Scholarship. While at the University of Mary, Rambur has worked with various athletic teams and served as a student assistant in the classroom and works as a Certified Nursing Assistant on the weekends. She is also secretary for the University of Mary Athletic Training Student Association and volunteers her time for Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity.

NAIA College & University Sports Medicine Meeting Sponsored by CSMF

The Collegiate Sports Medicine Foundation invites you to attend 1st Annual NAIA College and University Sports Medicine Meeting to be held in San Francisco, CA on June 5 – 7, 2006.

Topics include but are not limited to the following: Appropriate Medical Coverage / Staffing Concerns, Emergency Action Plans, AEDs, Catastrophic Protocols, Concussion Testing Protocols, Drug Administration (Rx and OTC), Drug Testing and Policy Development, Eating Disorder Management, Environmental (Heat, Lightning, Cold) Policies, Etc.

This meeting will consist of 21 CEUs and 24 if you attend the mini course (Collegiate Revenue and Reimbursement Strategies) for \$100 (Paid Prior to May 12 and \$150 after May 12. The cost for the mini course will be \$25.

More information about this conference can be found at www.csmfoundation.org.