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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 as vacant in the directory section of this newsletter.

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NATA Convention:

Early bird registration is due by April 29, 2005. Hotels are filling up fast. The NAIA-AIA meeting is Tuesday (6/13) at 3:30. More information will be sent out in May about the convention and meeting location.

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New Faces on the Board of Directors

This summer at the NAIA-AIA meeting at the National Convention in Baltimore, MD a new Board of Directors were elected to office. Here is an introduction to the new board.

President – April Reed

A former 2-sport standout at Azusa Pacific in the mid-1990s, April Reed is currently in her fifth season as Azusa Pacific's head athletic trainer.

Reed returned to her alma mater in 1999 after serving a year as the head athletic trainer at Caltech. Previously, she served 3 years as an assistant and intern at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif., and a year in Gary Souza's Physical Therapy Clinic in Diamond Bar, Calif.

Reed has quickly emerged as a leader among athletic trainers in the Golden State Athletic Conference and the NAIA. Already, she has built a coalition that implemented standards for responsibilities and minimum coverage for conference schools and has acted as conference liaison at NAIA-ATA convention meetings. She is currently the chairperson of the NAIA ATA medical aspects committee and is the NAIA rep to the college and university athletic trainers association. Reed also serves on the Cramer Sports Medicine national advisory council. A former NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete, Reed graduated from Azusa Pacific with a bachelor's degree in 1995. She earned her master's degree in sports medicine from Long Beach State in 1998.

President-Elect – Susan Ganz

Susan is entering her eighth year at Point Loma Nazarene University where she is the head athletic trainer/associate professor. Prior to working at Point Loma she worked at Pasadena City College for six years. Susan travels with volleyball, women's basketball and baseball. She teaches Management of Allied Health Care, Individual & Dual sports, aerobics and is one of two Approved Clinical Instructors for the two Clinical Practicum courses. She received her BA from Azusa Pacific University in 1988, MS from Austin Peay State University in 1989, and her PhD from University of New Mexico in 2003. Susan volunteers on the Professional Rodeo circuit as an Athletic Trainer.

Vice President – Janelle Handlos

Janelle is entering her fourth year as assistant athletic trainer/instructor at University of Montana-Western where she is an alumna of. She is entering her final year of doctoral coursework in Educational Leadership from the University of Montana – Missoula.

At Western Janelle has had the opportunity to travel with volleyball, rodeo, and basketball teams. As vice president I am looking forward to increasing communication in the NAIA-ATA to build a stronger association and better support system for the certified athletic trainers who work exceptionally hard in our small institutions.

Secretary - Stana Landon

Stana is entering her third year at Eastern Oregon University. She was hired in 2001 as EOU's Assistant Athletic Trainer and was promoted to Head Athletic Trainer in 200e. Prior to working at Eastern Oregon University Stana was the Head Athletic Trainer at Beaverhead High School in Dillon, MT from 2000-2001. Stana received her BS from University of Montana-Western.

Past President – Dick Bobier

Dick is entering his fourth year at Oklahoma Baptist University as the Head Athletic Trainer. Prior to working at OBU he was the Athletic Trainer at Midwest City High School from 1994 – 2001. From 1985 – 1990 he was the Wrestling and Track Coach at Midwest Cit High School. Dick taught at the Midwest City – Del City Public Schools from 1981 – 2001. He taught at the Mustang Public Schools from 1977 – 1981. Dick received his BS from Oklahoma State University in 1977 and his Med from Oklahoma City University in 1994.

CATS – NATA Liaison – Aaron Gill

Aaron has been the Head Athletic Trainer at Holy Names University in Oakland Ca. since 2002.

Previously he was employed as a Clinical Exercise Specialist, Muir Orthopedic Specialists (Walnut Creek, CA), and 2001-2002. He received his BA at the University of Arizona

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President's Letter to the Membership

Dear Members,

After a number of changes in the board of directors for the NAIA-ATA I think we are on track to pick up where the previous Board left off and make some good progress for athletic training in the NAIA. After various summer meetings, emails and phone calls I am excited about the plans we have for this year.

Other than filling spots on the Board, our focus this year will be on communication. Communicating information to you the certified athletic trainers in the NAIA; you communicating your needs and issues to us; and us communicating those issues to those in the NAIA at the national level. 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. It is for this reason we are focusing 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. We encourage you to get involved in your area to be a part of helping improve athletic training in the NAIA.

Other areas of focus for us this year will be to improve the web page for athletic training on the NAIA site. We plan to make it more accessible and to contain more information for you. Such information will include contact information for regional reps, and then all athletic trainers in each region, championship event information, and templates and examples of different forms such as emergency plans etc. We also encourage you to get involved and find out who your representative is to the College and University Athletic Trainers committee (CUATC) for the NAIA. This can be another voice for us at the national level. If your region does not have an NAIA rep to the CUATC we encourage you to consider getting involved. The commitment is little but the rewards can be great. 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

NAIA Liaison Report

Dear NAIA Athletic Trainers;

As the winter season comes to a close I wanted to write and give you an update on some things that have been happening at the NAIA National Office.

One of the most exciting things that has occurred is our renewed and expanded partnership with Cramer Products. In the Fall, Cramer Products was named the *Official Sports Medicine Supplier of the NAIA*.

Under its official status, Cramer Products will provide training supplies for many of the NAIA National Championships and will also continue to sponsor the NAIA Trainer of the Year, Regional Trainer of the Year and Student Trainer of the Year Awards.

You may have already received or will soon be receiving a Cramer Products banner to display in your Training Room compliments of Cramer Products. We hope that you will display this proudly and help us support our partnership with Cramer.

Many other changes have happened at the NAIA, including two New Vice-Presidents being named for Marketing and Membership. The Buffalo Funds came aboard as National Sponsor and Partner for the Champions of Character Program and we held our first Champions of Character Program Center Training session in December in an effort to expand and promote that program to our member schools and throughout our communities.

As we approach the spring and summer please remember to keep the NATA and the NAIA-ATA Meetings on your calendar. The Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN this summer June 12-16. Please check out their website for more information and to register as soon as possible.

Thanks again for all your hard work. Please contact me if you need any support or assistance from the National Office. I look forward to meeting you all at the 2005 Convention or possibly at an NAIA Championship.

Sincerely,
Renee Wiebe, NAIA-ATA Liaison

Annual Business Meeting Report

**NAIA ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
JUNE 17, 2004**

Meeting was called to order by Dick Bobier (Oklahoma Baptist), NAIA-ATA President Elect. Bobier introduced NAIA-ATA NAIA national office liaison Scott McClure. President-Elect Bobier introduced Steve Thorson of Premier Software, Inc. Thorson gave a brief presentation on eSimtrak.net; a web-based injury tracking software program.

Both McClure and Bobier discussed the resignations of the President and Vice-President of the NAIA-ATA Board in the past few months leading up to the business meeting. There was also discussion that the Secretary position may need to be filled due to the progression of officers to fill in vacancies. New officers were nominated and voted on for the positions of President-Elect, Vice President, NATA/Cats Liaison, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Scott McClure briefly discussed the injury reporting procedures for NAIA National Championships. Some event host athletic trainers are diligent in filling out and compiling the injury reports and sending them back to the national office. Other host trainers are not filling out the reports and sending them to the NAIA. McClure also discussed more stringent enforcement of the tobacco policy at all NAIA post-season events as a possible issue for the NAIA-ATA to address to the membership.

There was discussion concerning athletic training information that is included in information packets sent to potential qualifying teams for NAIA Championships. The NAIA-ATA members in attendance made an appeal to the NAIA national office to send any materials dealing with athletic training directly to the athletic training department. Materials sent to the specific sport coaches in an information packet were not always getting to the athletic trainer.

April Reed gave a committee report from the Medical Aspects Committee. She recommended the appointments of Diane Lloyd and Aaron Gill to this committee. Reed discussed the three new guidelines that were included in the 2003-04 Medical Guidelines Handbook. Possible new guidelines for the 2004-05 Handbook include a policy statement on AEDs and information on concussions.

President-Elect Bobier and NAIA liaison Scott McClure announced Diane Lloyd (College of the Southwest NM) at the 2004 NAIA-ATA Athletic Trainer-of-the-Year and presented her with a plaque. McClure also announced that Justin Gray, a junior at MidAmerica Nazarene (KS) University has been named the recipient of the 2004 Al Ortolani Undergraduate Scholarship Award. Neither Gray nor his nominating NAIA-ATA member were in attendance; so plans were being made to present the Ortolani Award later this year on the MNU campus. There was also discussion about increasing the amount of the Ortolani Scholarship Award. McClure said he would take that request to the national office.

Award and Scholarship

Lloyd Named NAIA-ATA Athletic Trainer of the Year

Athletic Trainer Diane Lloyd is the 2004 NAIA-Athletic Trainers Association (NAIA-ATA) Athletic Trainer of the Year. The award was presented at the association's annual business meeting in Baltimore, Md., held in conjunction with the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Annual Meeting.

Lloyd just completed her 27th year as a certified Athletic Trainer. She has served as the NAIA-ATA Region VI representative for the past four years and was recently named the chair of the NAIA-ATA regional representatives.

Lloyd is active on the Mustangs' campus and in the local community. Lloyd serves as the chair of the college's Faculty Council and annually administrates the Hobbs Public Schools sports physicals. She has also volunteered her services for the past three years at the College Conference Rodeo Championships.

Al Ortolani Scholarship Recipient

Student Justin Gray is the 2004 recipient of the Al Ortolani Undergraduate Scholarship, announced during the NAIA-ATA annual business meeting. The scholarship is given annually to a student who is pursuing a career in athletic training and has demonstrated excellence in the profession. Gray will be presented with the Ortolani Award and the scholarship check in a ceremony later this year on the MidAmerica Nazarene campus.

Reminder

The Scholarship and Awards Committee (SAC) would like to remind the membership that the NAIA-ATA offers a scholarship and an award annually. The Al Ortolani Scholarship is awarded to students pursuing a sports medicine career at a NAIA member institution. Students must apply to be eligible for the award. The Athletic Trainer of the Year Award is presented annually to a nominated certified athletic trainer at a NAIA member institution.

Nomination and application forms for these awards are available from the SAC, online or from national office. Both forms are due in the spring.

Regional Rep Report

Lloyd Named Regional Representative Coordinator

At the NAIA-ATA Annual Business meeting in Baltimore Dianne Lloyd was appointed as the Regional Rep Coordinator. As the Regional Rep Coordinator Dianne's main responsibilities will be to make sure that all the information from all the regions is updated and to act as a liaison between the NATA and the 14 regions.

Regional Representative Objectives/Purpose

The NAIA-ATA Regional Representative will be an ATC in good standing with the NATA/BOC and all applicable state agencies, with a minimum of one year of service at an NAIA institution, and an ability to accept the following duties and responsibilities while employed at an NAIA institution:

Duties and Responsibilities

- Contact the host institution or institutions close to a host city or any national tournament in your region; provide guidance and assistance for the host institution by working with them, the NATA Regional Chair (AD responsible for each region), and our NAIA-ATA Liaison –Renee Wiebe; a current schedule has been included.
- Follow-up with host institution and/or host city for any needs or guidance they might be seeking in preparation for the national tournament; work to ensure all emergency, rehabilitation, treatments, practice, and event needs are met.
- Update the current list of ATC/s at NAIA institutions and their position (full/part time, head/assistant...). Any updated information should be submitted to the President Elect for addition to the membership directory.
- Act as a liaison between the institution in your region and the NAIA-ATA Board of Directors (BOD), work to increase communication and relay information from the membership to the BOD, and provide direct support to the membership in any way possible.

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Directory Information Update Form

If your information is not correct or if you are unsure if your regional rep has your updated information please fill out the directory information form and send it to your rep.

NAIA-AIA Directory Information Update Form

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