



LATA Lagniappe

Summer 2012

Williamson Inducted into LATA Hall of Fame

The Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association recently held their summer symposium in Monroe, LA on June 7-9. During this event, **Robert Williamson**, LAT was inducted into the Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame. This was a special moment for Robert as he was honored in the city where he spent the majority of his professional career in athletic training. Congratulations to Robert and his family on this outstanding recognition.

Other awards announced at the banquet include:

Gordon Reynolds Scholarship: Brianne Bourgeois, St. Amant

Eugene Christmas Scholarship: Nicole Phegley, SLU

Bubba Porche:

- High School: Kyle Arceneaux, St. Amant
- College: Nicole Phegley, SLU

Legislative Task Force Formed at Recent Governmental Affairs Workshop

LATA hosted a Governmental Affairs Workshop prior to the recent summer symposium. The workshop was led by **Gerard White** (LATA President), **B.J. Duplantis** (LATA Governmental Affairs Chair), **Judy Pulice** (NATA National Manager, State Legislative & Regulatory Affairs), and **Iva Thibodeaux**. During this workshop, members discussed the legislative process, the history of the Louisiana Law, recent legislative items affecting athletic trainers, and the future direction of the legislative agenda for athletic trainers in the state. The organization decided to create a legislative taskforce to form a unified direction for future legislative sessions. The taskforce members should be named by July 1, 2012.

Executive Committee Seeks Feedback on Consensus Statement

During the summer general business meeting in Monroe, the Executive Committee discussed their support of a statement designed to help the various orthopedic health care providers to better understand the value of the certified orthopedic technologist. This statement helps to explain the OTC who serves as a physician extender to also be an ATC. The statement entitled "**Benefits of the Certified Athletic Trainer as a Physician Extender to the practice of Orthopaedic Surgery**" has been sent in an e-blast to all members registered on the LATA website. Members are invited to review the statement and provide feedback on a brief survey. The email provides a link to both the statement and the survey.

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Profile of a Pioneer

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 johndboudreaux@yahoo.com. Possible questions are listed below

- How long have you been an athletic trainer?
- How did you get interested in athletic training?
- What jobs have you held throughout your career?
- Explain your past roles as a member of the LATA organization.
- What rewards or honors have you received throughout your professional career?
- What is the biggest milestone you have seen the athletic training profession reach?
- What is the most important thing issue facing this profession in the next five years?

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 johndboudreaux@yahoo.com for the next issue. Some possible questions are listed below

- **What caused you to become interested in athletic training?**
- **What is the most interesting injury you have seen as a student athletic trainer?**
- **What is your dream job?**
- **What is your favorite class?**
- **What is the best part about being an athletic training student?**

SELU wins Quiz Bowl at SEATA Symposium

Submitted by: Josh Yellen

Southeastern Louisiana competed in and won the Quiz Bowl Competition at the 27th Annual Student SEATA Symposium. The team name was "The Dragon Slayers" and consisted of four senior students. The faculty advisor for the team was Tracie Parish.



From Left to Right: Blayne Lewis, Jonathan Ferguson, Megan Dufresne and Matt Doell. Faculty Adviser: Tracie Parish

Vice President Finalizing Policy and Procedures

LATA Vice President, Phil Shaw, has requested and received assistance from the Executive Committee as well as Committee Chairpersons and members in the formation of LATA's Policy and Procedures Manual. This Policy and Procedure Manual is designed to capture existing policies and procedures of LATA, its Executive Board and organizational committees in an effort to guide the membership in all LATA related matters. Once complete, nothing in this document is intended to conflict with the current Constitution and By-Laws of LATA or NATA.

Arceneaux Receives Distinguished Service Award

Submitted by: Gerard White

Scott Arceneaux will receive the 2012 Distinguished Service Award from the executive committee of the LHSAA. This award will honor Scott for the work he has done with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) and the All Star games. Congratulations to Scott who currently serves as Director of Sports Medicine and Head Athletic Trainer at St. Amant High School.

HCR 69 Filed with Secretary of State

During the recent legislative session, **HCR 69** by Representative Ligi has been passed and filed with the Secretary of State. This resolution amends administrative rules relative to examination requirements for athletic trainer certification and eliminates the "four strike" policy for state certification. **HB 362 (Act 706)** allows automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in high schools that participate in interscholastic athletics under certain circumstances. For more information on legislative activities affecting athletic trainers in Louisiana, please visit <http://www.latainc.org/legislative>.

History of LATA Being Recorded

Bob Goodwin, chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, and J. D. Boudreaux, chair of the Public Relations Committee are in the process of recording the history of the LATA organization. Mr. Goodwin is in the process of documenting a written history. The Public Relations Committee will attempt to gain video footage from current members to augment the written history.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

CONTACT: B.J. DUPLANTIS

A committee meeting was held at the Summer Business Meeting with nine members in attendance. New business discussed included a formation of an ethics subcommittee, the role and need for a lobbyist, internal communication within the committee, review of the 2012 legislative session, and the need for all members of this committee to take state ethics training. In addition, Ray Castle has been named Vice Chair and Marcella Babcock appointed as secretary. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Winter Business Meeting.

HALL OF FAME

CONTACT: BOB GOODWIN

A committee meeting was held at the Summer Business Meeting with three members in attendance. The committee discussed the criteria for induction into the Hall of Fame as well as the status of the written history of LATA being compiled by Bob Goodwin.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS

CONTACT: MICKI COLLINS

A committee meeting was held at the Summer Business Meeting with five members in attendance. The committee discussed By-law changes as well as policy and procedures for this committee. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Winter Business Meeting.

EDUCATION

CONTACT: WILL KELLER

A committee meeting was held at the Summer Business Meeting with three members in attendance. The committee discussed the importance of using money received from annual awards for educational purposes. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Winter Business Meeting.

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McNeese State ATEP wins Food Drive at SEATA

Submitted by: Chad Chaisson

SEATA held a Food Drive competition for all colleges in District 9. McNeese State University Athletic Training Education Program won the Food Drive competition held at the SEATA Symposium for all colleges in District 9. McNeese State ATEP supplied the food drive with over 800 can and food items.



From left to Right: Chad Chaisson PD, Lisa Fuselier, Amy Locklin, Josiah Eastman, Lauren Richerson, Travis Theriot, Lauren Lewis, Alyssa Bobbett, Lindsey Zwahr, Andrea Leger, Jessica Veillon, Falon Orphey, Stephanie Boudreaux CIE.

Meeting Scheduled to Discuss By-Laws

LATA Secretary, Micki Collins, along with the Organizational Affairs Committee has announced a meeting on July 24 in Baton Rouge to discuss LATA By-Law changes. If anyone is interested in attending, please email Micki Collins at msandy1@lsu.edu to allow the Committee to prepare for the meeting.

LATA Names Regional Representatives

Info obtained from: www.latainc.org/lataregions

The Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association has developed a regional council system designed to improve communication and promote collaboration among fellow athletic trainers, school administrators, and the public. A Regional Chairperson will serve as a resource for the exchange of knowledge and the dissemination of current information within his/her respective region of the state regarding health care issues specific to athletes. This system will help athletic trainers, school administrators, and the public identify and contact local health care professionals in providing athletic training services or asking questions related to athlete safety. A regional map can be found on the website. Regional Chairpersons are as follows:

Region 1: TBA

Region 2: Cary Berthelot, MA, ATC, LAT

Region 3: Ray Castle, PhD, ATC, LAT

Region 4: Larry D'Antoni, ATC, LAT

Region 5: Chad Arceneaux, ATC, LAT

Region 6: Jake Duhon, ATC, LAT

Region 7: Lennis Watson, ATC, LAT

Region 8: Lani Corbin, ATC, LAT

Region 9: Chris Brister, MS, ATC, LAT

Successful Summer Symposium Held in Monroe

The annual LATA Summer Symposium was held in Monroe, LA on June 7-9. Multiple presenters spoke on the topics of professionalism and head trauma. The attendees also received a CAATE update as well as presentations on athletic training opportunities in various settings (USOC and military). Finally, other health professionals, including a massage therapist and chiropractor, discussed their role in the athletic training environment. Sincere appreciation goes out to the University of Louisiana Monroe staff and Executive Committee for hosting a successful summer symposium.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

28TH ANNUAL SEATA ATHLETIC TRAINER STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

PLACE: ATLANTA, GA; CROWNE PLAZA RAVINIA
DATE: JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 2, 2013
HOST: SEATA

38TH ANNUAL SEATA CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM AND MEMBERS MEETING

PLACE: ATLANTA, GA; CROWNE PLAZA RAVINIA
DATE: MARCH 8-10, 2013
HOST: SEATA

LATA 2013 SUMMER SYMPOSIUM

PLACE: GONZALES, LA
DATE: JUNE 6-8, 2013
HOST: ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOLS

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

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FINANCE

CONTACT: SCOTT COCHRAN

A committee meeting was held at the Summer Business Meeting. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Winter Business Meeting.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

CONTACT: MIKE BRUNET

A committee meeting was not held at the Summer Business Meeting. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Winter Business Meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

CONTACT: J. D. BOUDREAU

A committee meeting was held at the Summer Business Meeting with four members in attendance. This committee discussed the importance of representatives from different regions to provide information to publish in Lagniappe and NATA News. The committee decided to work closely with the newly established Governmental Task Force and Regional Council System to disseminate information throughout the state. If you would like to share any information with the members of LATA, please submit it to johndboudreaux@yahoo.com. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Winter Business Meeting.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

CONTACT: ALEX DIBBLEY

A committee meeting was held at the Summer Business Meeting with ten members. This committee discussed the serious sports injury law as well as creating an email sub-list to improve communication among high school athletic trainers. This committee will continue the process to collect forms, templates, and protocols to be posted on website for the use by all high school athletic trainers. If you would like to join this committee, please attend committee meeting at the Winter Business Meeting.