



Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association

August 2011 E-Blast

August Feature Article

Paul Plummer, President-Elect

Have you heard about the new law in Indiana regarding Athletic Trainer Reimbursement? Licensed Athletic Trainers (LAT) can no longer be discriminated against by payers not wanting to reimburse us for services we're licensed and trained to perform.

House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1467 will require insurers that cover physical medicine and rehabilitative services to cover those services if they are provided by a LAT within the LAT's scope of practice. Importantly, the law will not require insurers to cover all LAT services. Instead, the law takes away the ability of an insurer to refuse to cover services provided by LAT's, if the insurer generally covers those services and the services fall within the LAT scope of practice.

(Continue reading @ www.glata.org)

"Note to Membership: This feature article expresses the opinion of the author. The article does not represent the opinions of the GLATA Executive Board, the GLATA, or its membership."

From the Desk of GLATA President, Tory Lindley

For those that were not able to attend the GLATA Business Meeting in New Orleans at the end of the month, we reviewed the keep action items from our June Board Meeting, updated progress on our strategic initiatives and recognized the achievement of multiple GLATA/NATA Award winners. In addition, we had a very successful Member Appreciation event at the meeting, sponsored by Sports Health.

I would like to extend special thanks to the GLATA Executive Board for their hard work over the past few weeks. We completed a productive and successful Board Meeting in June in Wheeling Illinois. The leadership and energy of your elected and appointed members is outstanding.

Also, special thanks to the State Leaders and members of MATS for acting as outstanding hosts for me at their spring state meeting. I enjoyed my time in Northern Michigan and was honored to deliver the President's Excellence Award to Meg Frens.

Please start thinking about GLATA award nominees and GLATA Elections applications. Both will sneak up very quickly on us this fall.

Here's to a safe and restful remainder of your summer!

From the Desk of GLATA President-Elect, Paul Plummer

The offices of President- Elect and Secretary are open for nominations. Deadline for nominations is October 1, 2011. Please complete the nomination form located on the GLATA website and submit to Paul Plummer, President-Elect, via email at pauleplummer@yahoo.com. If you are interested or have questions, do not hesitate to contact Paul Plummer.

From the Desk of GLATA Vice President, David Craig

GLATA Award nominations for Golden Pinnacle, Dedicated Service, Outstanding Educator, and Honorary Membership are due October 1, 2011. Completed nominations must include a nomination form, letter of nomination, and the candidate's resume or CV. Forms are available on the GLATA website. Please contact David Craig (dhcraig3@yahoo.com) with questions.

From the Desk of GLATA Secretary, Kristen Streeter

Contact info changes need to be made through the NATA Membership Dept ([membership @ nata.org](mailto:membership@nata.org))

GLATA will be moving to a new Facebook page over the next week, due to the archiving of group pages by Facebook. If you do not receive a Facebook message or an email from me within the next 2 weeks please contact me (kmstauffer18@hotmail.com) so I can add you to this members only page. You can also search for the page and request to be added, search for GLATA Members. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your patience in this transition!

News from Illinois

Eric Streeter, IL Representative

Governor Quinn signed HB200 into law on Thursday, July 28, at a ceremony held at Soldier Field in Chicago. The “Protecting our Student Athletes Act” now becomes Public Act 97-0204. Please watch your mailbox for more information from the IATA.

Elections are open and applications are due to Bill Hughes, Past President by Aug 8th. Open positions are President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Region Three Representative, and Region Four Representative. Contact President Mike Overturf at iata_president@illinoisathletictrainers.org or Past President Bill Hughes at whughes@naperville203.org for more information.

News from Indiana

John Locke, IN Representative

The IATA Annual Summer Symposium was a great success. The capacity registration of 68 people heard a fantastic program presented by the staff of St. Vincent Sports Performance. The Annual Golf Outing was also a great success with the proceeds benefiting the LAT-PAC. Thanks to all those who participated in these events and especially to our sponsors.

Many of the IATA award deadlines are approaching. Please consider nominating a deserving individual. Forms can be found at: <http://www.iata-usa.org/CriteriaNomination>.

News from Michigan

Jan Lauer, MI Representative

MATS recently had their Honor and Awards banquet and these individuals were recognized:

Bryan Baines, High School AT of the Year
Holly Kasavana, MATS Distinguished Service
Emilee Anderson and Allison Reddick, MATS Scholarships
Meg Frens, GLATA President's Excellence Award

News from Minnesota

Dawn Hammerschmidt, MN Representative

Concussion Bill was signed into law (Minnesota Session Law, Chapter 90) on June 8, 2011 by Minnesota Governor, Mark Dayton. This law goes into effect for the 2011-2012 school year and September 1st, 2011 for youth sports.

The 19th Annual MATA Golf Outing was held June 28, 2011 at Bunker Hills.

The National High School Athletic Healthcare Conference was held on July 20, 2011. Heartland Orthopedic Specialists was the host site for the

News from Ohio

Laura Harris, OH Representative

The OATA hosted two Critical Incident Stress Management Workshops over the summer. Thanks to Perry Denehy, 24 new ATs have been trained to be crisis intervention responders.

OATA members are encouraged to refer to the website (www.oata.org) beginning September 1st in order to read candidate biographies and vote for the new OATA Leadership. No paper ballots will be mailed this year; all voting will be conducted on-line.

News from the Young Professionals Committee

Young professionals-have you ever wished someone would provide you with mentorship within the profession? Experienced professionals-do you wish you could tell a younger professional all the things you now know about athletic training? Luckily GLATA's Young Professionals' Committee is looking for both types of professionals to be a part of our exciting mentoring program. If you are interested, please contact Katie LaRue-Martin at katie.172@gmail.com or fill in the form on the GLATA website.

News from GLATA Development Director, Jeremy Cleven

Thank you to Sports Health and John Rooney for their sponsorship of the GLATA Membership Appreciation Event held at the NATA meeting on Monday, June 10!

Held in conjunction with the GLATA Business Meeting, the Event was a special opportunity for the Executive Board to show their gratitude to our Association members. Two lucky members left the Event with a \$500 Sports Health Gift Card, while 20 members received a \$25 prepaid debit card!



News from GLATA Research Committee

GLATA Research Committee Research Assistance Awards

The GLATA Research Committee is now accepting applications for research assistance funds of up to \$1500. To be eligible for these funds you must be a certified member of the GLATA. Two awards are available annually for certified student members. There are two award cycles annually with application deadlines of September 15, 2011, and January 15, 2012. Instructions and the application can be found at <http://www.glata.org/index.cfm?nodeID=21274>.

GLATA Research Committee Call for Abstracts

Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Symposium, March 15-17, 2012, Wheeling, IL.

Original research and case study abstracts for presentation in the free communications sessions of the GLATA Annual Meeting are now being accepted. Both professional and student members are encouraged to apply. The submission deadline is 5:00pm on November 15, 2011. Electronic submission instructions and applications can be found at <http://www.glata.org/index.cfm?nodeID=21274>.

General Announcements.....

New Members: Please use the following login/password combination for access to the Members Only section of the website if the login indicated on the website does not allow you access. There may be a slight delay between the time you join and when the database update is completed. Please contact GLATA Secretary Kristen Streeeter (kmstauffer18@hotmail.com) if you are still having difficulty.

Thank you for your patience.

Login: Guest2010 Password: GLATAguest

GLATA would like to welcome new members as of July 1, 2011

Aaron Alford
Kelsey Carter
Amanda Angela Coilan
Pamela deVeaux
Sadie E. Grace
Evan Michael Greenhall
Ann Christine Hernandez
Abigail Hoard
Kristen Marie Huffman
Samantha Kae Huisman
David Jameyson
Kaitlin Kelly
Amanda LaCoy
Jennifer Katilyn Lawrence
Emily Leskowicz
Patrick Mallaney
Kayla McClure
Rebecca O'Connell
Amanda Perillo
Samantha Polson
Heather Potts
Heather Pruemmer
Kirstin Robinson
Megan Saunders
Meredith Schmitt
Lawrence S. Soloff
Mark Trissel
Troy A. VanBlaricum
Samantha Wilson
Nichole Witter-Graham
Yuichiro Yoshida
Kevin Zablan

