

RMSATA Newsletter

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www.rmata.org/rmsata

Upcoming Events 2008

Feb. 10th

AZATA Winter Meeting. Phoenix, AZ. 7 - 5:30 Annual Sessions. 8 - 9:45am Special Sessions for College Students.

Feb. 24th

Utah Sports Medicine Symposium. Event description with time, location, and other key information. See "The columns" for instructions on creating this sidebar.

March 3rd

UATA Spring Educational Seminar. Head and Facial Injuries in Athletic Populations. IHC Utah Valley Sports Medicine Clinic.

April 5th & 6th

CATA Annual Meeting. Colorado Springs. Held at Colorado Springs Marriott.

May 1st - 4th

RMATA Symposium. The event will be held in Phoenix, AZ at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale. More info @

www.rmata.org/symposium

June 17 - 21

NATA Annual Meeting
This year's national meeting is being held in St. Louis Missouri. You may want to begin planning for your trip now this summer.

Hopefully now this is the second time you all have seen the new RMSATA newsletter. We hope that you will find this monthly newsletter to be informational to both what is going on in your region and that maybe we will all stay in better contact with one another. I am asking all students to think about their interests and if they can contribute to the Rocky Mountain Student Athletic Training Association. We are still looking for students to act as student representatives for the state that they are enrolled for their athletic training program. We are not asking for a large amount of time dedicated to working on the improvement of the student association but we are asking for support. For more information look to the "A Call for State Representatives article".

Last Issue

- [The Website](#)
- [New Links](#)
- [New Constitution](#)
- [Athletic Trainer or Athletic Therapist](#)
- [Getting Involved](#)

If you wish to view the last issue please visit the RMSATA website and download the January newsletter.

RMATA Symposium

The 2008 Symposium is coming up fast and we recommend those of you who are considering going to this years symposium begin making arrangements for the travel and lodging.

There is now a link on the RMATA web page for both the online and mail-in registration forms.

Soon the schedule of events will be posted to the website so you can see what interesting things you may learn from this experience.

Student Session @ RMATA Symposium

We have posted a link to download the current 2008 presentation proposals at the RMSATA session. So far we have two proposals to present during the RMSATA portion of the symposium. We also have the time for the RMSATA meeting during the symposium. We have scheduled the meeting for the same time as last year, on Friday May 2nd from 12 (noon) to 5 pm.

We are also currently exploring ideas for the student social event, which we are hoping, to

blow out of the water previous social experiences. Unfortunately, we can only do this if we have a great participation by our student members by attending the RMATA symposium and then attending the student session. More information is located on the webpage.

BLOG

The new BLOG for the RMATA is up and running now and you can get your free access to the BLOG by going to the RMATA webpage and clicking on the link to the BLOG site. We are hoping to directly answer questions regarding athletic training and athletic training programs within the region. We hope to be able to post new information regarding whatever it is that the student body is interested in talking about and discussing. The best way to get a great BLOG going is to get on there today and see what is being discussed, and add your two cents. Or if you want to discuss something please feel free to add a post or contact one of the officers to get a new discussion started.

RMSATA PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

Are you interested in being the next student representative to the RMATA Board of Directors? We are now accepting applications for the positions of President and Secretary for the school year of 2008 – 2009. Want to get more involved in the student organization, have a voice? Here is what you need to do! Submit a brief bio of yourself and a short letter telling us why you want and would be a good selection for the RMSATA President/Secretary.

More information on the RMSATA webpage, or contact Nicole Sottnik RMSATA Secretary.

Membership Surveys

In our pursuit of having a stronger community of student membership in the RMSATA we along with the RMATA have posted on the main RMATA webpage a link to a survey about the RMSATA. We hope that your input will help create a more appealing approach to the student session at the symposium and in general.

Athletic Trainer vs Athletic Therapist Cont.

If you read last month's newsletter there was an article about the fact that there was a debate going on about the name of athletic trainers. The fact is that the name of athletic trainer is here to stay. The NATA had a discussion about the fact that the cost would be too great and the amount of time spent in individual states to enact legislation allowing athletic trainers to have some rights would be for nothing and they would have to do it once again to correct the name. There has been some headway in the last few months to raise support and awareness for the name of athletic trainers.

So, what can we do as students? One thing that we can do is prepare to assist current athletic trainers by supporting and raising awareness in our own communities. There is now an Athletic Trainer Month. Just like any other month to raise awareness this can be our time to inform our student athletes and staff about the name of athletic trainer and the importance of using the proper terminology. No longer do we have to be confused with a personal *Trainer*.

Mitchell Report & the NATA

As I am sure that all of you are aware of the Mitchell report and the implications that so many great MLB players were involved with the use of some sort of performance enhancing substance that got them where they are. Roger Clemens a well-known pitcher was accused of using performance enhancers in the Mitchell Report. While Clemens denies any possibility that he was using any of the substances listed in the Mitchell Report; but if any of you were able to watch the *60 Minutes* interview with Clemens did not answer a single question straight out. I am sure you can *youtube.com* it if you want to see it.

Here are links to the entire Mitchell report for those interested.
<http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/news/mitchell/index.jsp>

Here are links to the position statement that the NATA released in regards to the Mitchell report.
http://www.nata.org/members1/Mitchell_Report_talking_%20points_010408.pdf

And just for the record, if anyone watched the press releases of the Mitchell report, the correct terminology for athletic trainers was used.

NATA 'Change the World' initiative

By board directive, NATA is undertaking an exciting new initiative to address a shift in its demographic profile. In 2006, NATA experienced a decline in membership growth for the first time. Students and young professionals are not automatically joining the association the way they once did, and those who do join often don't renew.

Generations X and Y now comprise a majority of NATA members. The average age of our members is 31; the average certified member is 34. To remain a vibrant, growing association, we must rethink our services and offerings and their relevance to these young people who are not just the future but the present-day reality of NATA.

NATA has retained a noted consultant to work with a team of members and staff. We have reconfigured staff responsibilities and promoted Karen Peterson to a new director level position to provide increased focus and strategic oversight to student and young professional programs.

The consultant will report to the board in December.

Next Issue

Anyone who is interested in commenting on a topic or suggestions on topics for the next newsletter or pictures of your students in action working as athletic training students please send those on to Chris Erwin RMSATA President or Nicole Sottnik RMSATA Secretary.
Please submit articles, and events!