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NATA Board of Directors - District 7

## DEFINITION

# RMATA

**VERB** 1 Collegiality. 2 Education. 3 Travel.

**NOUN** 1 Mavericks. 2 Mentors. 3 Students

**ADVERB** Unique

## RMATA Board of Directors

David Gallegos

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## NOTEWORTHY

The RMATA is rich in its history of leadership and innovative thought. Continuing that path are Dr. Nikki Harris, DAT, ATC, CSCS and Mark Letendre, ATC. Nikki leads our Career Advancement Committee charged with supporting the professional AT in years 7-12. Her energy and career path offer an excellent platform to help lead professionals in their first twelve years of service. Mark leads our NATA Political Action Committee, which is the unified voice of the AT in Washington, DC. He served on the inaugural committee as a D7 representative and now as the Chair. He will host a coffee social at RMATA for members who want to learn more about professional opportunities and the role of the PAC.

## NATIONAL BRIEFING

The last 2 years have been a tremendous growth period for our profession. Just like the RMATA, the NATA has the opportunity to revisit normal processes and look for new models to support professional development and advocacy. The NATA Month message, *Providing Health Care Everywhere*, could not be more true than over the pandemic. Among many actions, Athletic Trainers demonstrated their public health skills, interprofessional collaboration and advocated for their full continuum of care skill set. Please share the #NATM2022 in your social media efforts to continue our impact.

Our Task Forces are working diligently to create resources and vision in Public Health, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access, Data Science, and Compensation. The Board has also been hard at work vision casting and managing the association.

[Registration for COPA Con](#) is now open with early bird pricing through the 18<sup>th</sup>. The theme is *Driving Advancement Through Data* which speaks to all AT's. I highly suggest you review the impressive panel of speakers and the relevant content.

## NEXT STEPS

RMATA is hosting our in-person symposium in Albuquerque, NM March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am looking forward to catching up with great friends and learning from amazing speakers. [Registration is now open.](#)

I am searching for a District 7 representative for the Career Advancement Committee. Applicants must be in their 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> year of professional practice and interested in supporting career advancement. Those interested can learn more at our upcoming symposium, by reviewing the NATA committees website and by contacting myself or Dr. Harris. To apply, please submit a resume and a letter of interest.

This coming June will start my final year as District Director. I have been gratefully humbled to hold the position, help make national decisions and bring the passion of the RMATA to the NATA Boardroom. We are taking nominations and will close the nominating period at the conclusion of our RMATA Membership Meeting during our upcoming symposium. Once elected, the new Incoming District Director will spend the year shadowing and onboarding and officially take over in June 2023. It is a significant volunteer load, but one that has made a tremendous professional impact on me and made me love our profession even more. I invite you to self-nominate or nominate a colleague. Please communicate your interest with Justin Segotta, MA, ATC at [elections@rmata.org](mailto:elections@rmata.org).

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