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DEFINITION

RMATA

VERB 1 Collegiality. 2 Education. 3 Travel.

NOUN 1 Mavericks. 2 Mentors. 3 Students

ADVERB Unique

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NOTEWORTHY

I am excited to be able to share the recording of the 2019 RMATA ACS presentation on the Evolution of Athletic Training Education and the Certification Exam: Roots of a Profession. It might just be the most valuable presentation on the educational history of our great profession. I urge you to watch the presentation and share it with all your AT friends, both District 7 and all other districts. You will have the opportunity to listen to 3 of the first 4 Professional Education Committee Chairs: Dr. Gary Delforge, Dr. John Schrader and Dr. Robert Behnke discuss topics such as AMA recognition and accreditation. You will also have the opportunity to listen to J. Lindsay McLean, credited with developing the original certification exam, discuss the importance of professional credibility and a common body of knowledge. The entire presentation is moderated by Dr. David Perrin. I have watched the presentation a few times and each time, I take away something new. I am sure you will too. With the current shift in AT education, understanding our history and using it to inform our future is extremely important. [CLICK HERE](#)

NATIONAL BRIEFING

Each month the NATA reports on supported initiatives and connects them to the NATA strategic plan of Advocacy, Engagement and Development. These monthly reports are archived on our website [HERE](#). This is a great report to understand how the association supports the profession and where your dues are directed. We have a yearly membership renewal rate over 75% which is well over the 35% average for comparable allied healthcare associations. I believe that is because of transparency and value. [READ SEPTEMBER 2019](#)

NEXT STEPS

The Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee has a District 7 opening. The Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee (SSATC) is dedicated to recognizing the unique concerns and responsibilities associated with the secondary school athletic training practice setting, and to developing and providing materials and information that may enhance the effectiveness and marketability of athletic trainers working in this setting. This committee has created excellent resources for our secondary school ATs. Their most recent resource is the [PASS](#) system, which is helping ATs establish a strategic and comprehensive approach to best practices in secondary school athletic healthcare. If you are interested in supporting their effort, please forward a resume and cover letter to D7Director@rmata.org by January 15th.

Happy Holidays!