President’s Message

June has come and gone, and so has another great PATS Symposium. Every year, the Convention Committee continues to work hard for the membership to improve this event and this year was no different. There was extended programming on Thursday to kick off the weekend, additional workshops were offered, and a PATS fundraiser was held. These were all excellent changes to the schedule. Additionally, the Moyer lecture and Hall of Fame banquet were separated giving both events their own “time to shine”. Thanks to the Convention Committee for their continued efforts.

The Executive Board believes it is our responsibility to develop ideas and present them to the membership that will allow PATS to continue to advance our great Society. For those of you that were not able to attend this year’s symposium, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the proposed by-law changes that were voted on during the Annual Business Meeting. First, the Executive Board felt the proposed new language for the Regional Representative would further clarify who was able to run for these positions. This proposal was approved by the membership at the meeting. The new wording can be found on the website. The proposed changes to the Presidential term and the addition of a Vice President were not approved by the 110 voting members present at the meeting. There was excellent, lengthy discussion about both proposals but in the end, the membership voted against the recommended proposal.

The business meeting was one of the highest attended business meetings in the recent past. There was excellent participation in the discussion, and athletic trainers (ATs) from all settings, and ages. With that said, I wonder why more than 90% of the voting membership was not there to exercise their right to vote on by-laws that would have an impact on their society. As Dan Quigley’s email signature says, “decisions are made by those that show up” and this was indeed the case. Some people were working, some at weddings, some were attending graduation or parties, and some simply wanted a weekend off since they had been working softball, baseball, and track and field events for the previous 8 to 10 weekends. These are all acceptable reasons for not being able to attend the business meeting but we missed you all the same.

Currently, our by-laws state that any changes to them must occur only at the annual business meeting at the symposia. Prior to this meeting, the Executive Board had discussed proposing a change to this by-law. The Board is looking for ways to include more input from our members. By incorporating modern day technology and allowing by-law changes to be voted online, as we do our elections, it would be our hope to increase the number of ATs that impact the Society. With more than 1900 eligible voting ATs in the Commonwealth, this may provide a more accessible method of voting for our membership. We would like to hear your ideas, thoughts, and feelings on this idea.

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The leadership of PATS has created an online discussion forum for the membership. Please visit the threaded discussion using this link and let us know how you feel about this idea. We are interested in knowing how the membership feels about the online by-laws voting. In the future, please feel free to use this forum to generate your own discussion on topics related to athletic training; we would like to hear what you have to say.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette
Yvette Ingram PhD, LAT, ATC
President

Treasurer’s Report
Dave Marchetti, PATS Treasurer

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PATS ANNUAL MEETING AND CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM
Liz Gulich Evarts- Convention Symposium

Our 2013 annual meeting and symposium was held at The Woodlands Inn located in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Attendees were offered 16 credit hours of continuing education and were also offered two additional workshops. This year we again offered a forum: Battling the Unseen Opponents - A Review of the NATA Position Statement. We targeted all health care providers by reviewing important safety updates for today's athletes to help prevent sudden death in sports. Topics included: General Medical Conditions and Lightning Safety, Exertional Heat Illnesses and Related Conditions, RTP on the Court and College Campus after Concussion, RTP on and off the High School Field and Brainsteps Program for the Academic Athlete.

Once again we had a successful golf tournament to raise money for the PATS Scholarship fund, which provides three $2,000 scholarships to students pursing athletic training careers. The annual golf tournament also includes a silent auction and raffle with many great items. A few of this year’s items were: Heath Miller autographed football, Claude Giroux autographed hockey stick, tickets to a Yankees game, and a fan pack to the Altoona Curve which featured club box seats and the opportunity to throw out the first pitch.

Next year PATS will be held in Gettysburg June 11-14 at The Wyndham. We will again offer educational sessions for all healthcare providers working with the physically active or educating future providers. Look for specifics in future newsletters.

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While in Gettysburg, you can visit many of our nation’s historical sites. The Wyndham is just minutes from the David Wills house where President Lincoln drafted the Gettysburg address, General Lee’s headquarters, the civil war wax museum, the former home of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and of course the battlefield itself that was the turning point of the civil war 150 years ago.

Gettysburg has many non-historical attractions as well. There are outlets and a large farmer’s market if you enjoy shopping. You can spend a day on the golf course and the evening exploring haunts on a ghost tour or enjoy a day of wine tasting just 15 minutes away at the Adams County Winery. There are also several local favorite restaurants to try: such as Blue Parrot Bistro, One Lincoln, The Pub or Dobbin House Tavern. The area and symposium offers something for everyone and we hope to see you there in 2014!

**PATS Hall of Fame Class of 2013 and Award Winners**

**Steven “Chip” Sheer**

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society (PATS) held the annual symposium in Wilkes Barre on May 30-June 1st. The athletic trainers of the commonwealth had the opportunity to learn cutting edge techniques to improve their practice and earn continuing education in order to maintain their license. Overall 320 athletic trainers attended the event including more than 40 athletic training students from the various approved athletic training education programs at universities and colleges from across the Commonwealth.

At the PATS awards banquet hosted Friday evening, PATS presented various awards to deserving members. Four scholarships were presented to college athletic training students from across the state. Receiving the Phillip B. Donley Scholarship was Frances Anne Erndl of King's College (Wilkes Barre, PA). The Richard M. Burkholder Scholarship was awarded to Mario Mascioli of West Chester University (West Chester, PA). Receiving the PATS, Inc Scholarship was Megan Plumb of East Stroudsburg University (East Stroudsburg, PA) and accepting the National Athletic Trainers’ Association District 2/Joe Iezzi Scholarship was Amanda Fernandez of Duquesnes University (Pittsburgh, PA).

The Distinguished Merit Award was presented to athletic trainers practicing within the Commonwealth. This year’s Distinguished Merit Award winners were: Rick Burkholder Jr., AJ Duffy, John Moyer and Paul Scheuch. Bob Shank and Ellen West received the PATS Service Awards. The Physician Award was presented to Dr. Vincent DiStefano, MD of Devon, PA.

The highlight of the awards ceremony was the induction of the Class of 2013 Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame. Yvette Ingram, PATS President explained “Hall of Fame inductees are caring individuals who give so much of themselves to the profession. They sacrifice precious time to make the Society better. They lead with their hearts and set a moral compass for all of us to follow.”

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### Update Your Information

If you are a PATS member and not receiving this newsletter electronically, we need your help. We have taken great strides in the development of our Society's Electronic Newsletter. It saves money and time and provides valuable information. Please go to the NATA website "Members Only" section and update your email address. Please be assured your information will not be released. It will be used for PATS/NATA membership communication only.

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Three deserving athletic trainers, Julie Ramsey Emrhein, Barry McGlumphy, and Linda Platt Meyer were the 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees. Julie Ramsey Emrhein after being inducted into the Hall of Fame reported “I am extremely humbled and honored to receive such recognition. I have always respected those individuals that have been inducted into the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame and I feel extremely honored to be recognized along with them,” Linda Platt Meyer said. “Being inducted into the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame is a true honor and high privilege and one of the highlights of my career. Throughout my life, I have not been one to set goals for accolades, but to set goals to do the right thing because things need to be done. I am truly honored to be inducted to this prestigious category. It is my perception that all of the HOF members have been recognized as leaders in our profession not for their titles or positions, but for their actions. Leadership is an action, not a position.”

### NATA ANNUAL MEETING & CLINICAL SYMPOSIA

**Team Work in Las Vegas!**
Jason Vian, MS, MBA, LAT, ATC, CSCS
PATS COR chairperson

The 2013 NATA convention in Las Vegas rolled out several projects to the attendees. These projects have taken a great deal of time & effort on the part of many pro-active NATA members. The result of this time and effort has yielded some very worthwhile results to all ATs across the country. During Monday’s Committee Day a joint meeting took place with COR, CUATC and SSATC to continued to show the support and work done by the various committees that directly or indirectly affect all Athletic Trainers (ATs).

Among these projects is a very exciting program formed by a partnership between Wells Fargo, NATA, and ImPact. The program is titled ’The Play it Safe Concussion Care Program’. Several representatives from the partner companies were present to discuss it including Mike Lamb, Vice President with Wells Fargo Insurance who leads the program. Mr. Lamb, who is a former football player for USC and noted he deeply believes Athletic Trainers are leaders in concussion management and a key component of this program. Other representatives including John Breckenridge, Wells Fargo Senior Vice President of the Student Insurance Division, Labiba Russo, Chief Training and Education Officer for ImPact and new ImPact CEO Mike Westfall were on hand to discuss the program, as well.

The program offers ATs the opportunity to participate and earn extra revenue by first becoming an ImPact Trained Athletic Trainer (ITAT) after which those ATs will have the opportunity to help in the administration of baseline tests among other services through ‘The Play it Safe Concussion Care Program’. Please note that not participating in program does not affect one's ability to use ImPact as they may be presently using it.

Another completed project announced at this combined meeting was the roll out of the College/University Value Added Model. This is a tool that ATs within a college/university setting can use to help educate administrators regarding the value ATs bring to their institutions and the type of return on investment that an AT brings to the setting. The model itself was presented by Kenny Boyd, Head Football Athletic Trainer at the University of Texas. It shold be noted that this model is a ‘living document’ that may change as time goes on, based on feedback.

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Finally, the creation of a Secondary School Value model work group was announced. The goal of this work group will to create a similar type of document as the College/University model, which will serve the needs of those working within the Secondary School setting.

To learn more about the ‘Play It Safe Concussion Care Program’ please visit: https://www.wellsfargo.com/com/insurance/concussion-care

To Learn more about how to become an ImPact Trained Athletic Trainer (ITAT) please visit: http://www.impacttest.com/training/itat

To learn more about the College/University Value added model please visit: http://www.nata.org/revenue-models

STUDENT SECTION

The “Rock” Wins 2013 PATS Quiz Bowl
Greg Janik, PATS Past-President

The Seventh Annual PATS Susquehanna Health Quiz Bowl competition was held at the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers’ Society (PATS) Annual Symposium on May 30th in Wilkes-Barre, PA. There were 27 students representing 9 different colleges and universities including California University of PA, East Stroudsburg University, Eastern University, Duquesne University, King’s College, Lock Haven University, Marywood University, Penn State University, and Slippery Rock University. The 2013 Quiz Bowl winners were from Slippery Rock University: Kaitlin McGinnis, Michelle Roberts, and Allison Bird. Slippery Rock University becomes the first team to win the coveted PATS Quiz Bowl trophy a second time. Congratulations SRU!

PATS would first like to thank the sponsor of the event Susquehanna Health and Mike Ludikowski. Also, PATS expresses thanks to the organizers of the Quiz Bowl including: Lindsey McGuire for handling all of the technology of the memorable event, Greg Janik for moderating, and Aaron Hand for volunteering his time to help make this event run smoothly. Finally gratitude goes out to our judges Guy Sanchioli, Jim Stricek, and Kathy Wright. Together the PATS Quiz Bowl was yet another great competition.

D2 Quiz Bowl Team Finishes Third
Michael Goldenberg, MS, ATC
District 2 Director

I’m proud to announce that our D2 Quiz Bowl team placed 3rd in the national tournament. I could not be more proud of Kathryn Barr, Kate Zimmerman and Patrick Fava. They started slow, but had an awesome second round. The three of them also decided to donate the $250 for finishing 3rd back to the district to be used for next year’s team.
EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

PATS Online Forum
Jason Erlandson, PATS Northcentral Representative

The PATS Executive Board is happy to announce the launch of the PATS Online Forum. This is an on-line discussion forum where members can have the opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions about issues within the Society, including specific boards for various work settings. To participate in the forum, one must be a PATS member and register for the forum at this site: www.gopats.org/forum.

PATS Exhibits at BIAPA
Scott Kimbel, Southcentral Representative

In June PATS was able to exhibit at the 13th Annual Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania convention in Lancaster, PA. Many new connections were made with other allied health providers including Speech Pathologists, Brain Injury Specialists (BIS), Rehabilitation Counselors, and Speech Therapists. PATS believes the alliance between the BIAPA and us is a perfect match and we are excited to be able to continue this partnership with them.

Evaluators Needed for “Re-Entry Professional Challenge Program”
Dr. Thomas B. Franek, PhD, ATC

The PATS Executive Board is accepting applications from Certified Athletic Trainers within the Commonwealth who are interested in serving as evaluators for the newly developed “Re-Entry Professional Challenge Program”. The Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine in collaboration with PATS, have developed a Re-entry Professional Challenge Program for Certified Athletic Trainers within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This program was developed to outline the process by which a practitioner, who has a) allowed their Pennsylvania State Athletic Training License to expire and b) has not practiced in a time span of two (2) years, may have their license re-activated.

PATS is seeking qualified Athletic Trainers to administer the “Clinical Skills Assessment portion of the program as needed. Qualifications include the following:
- Current Athletic Training Program Preceptor: up to date
- Minimum 5 years of BOC Certification in good standing
- Minimum 3 years experience teaching athletic training in an entry-level Athletic Training Program (undergraduate or graduate) · Or by endorsement of their affiliated program director.
- Current Pennsylvania Athletic Trainer License in good standing
- Recommended by their PATS Executive Board Regional Representative

PATS is seeking 2 representatives from each region within the Commonwealth. The most qualified applicants including those representing diverse clinical practice settings (ie College/HS, Professional Sports, Industrial, Clinical, etc) will be selected by the Executive Board. Those Athletic Trainers selected as evaluators must complete evaluator training and must be willing to commit to a three (3) day testing period if presented with a candidate. Evaluators will receive a stipend following the completion of the testing period.

Any interested Athletic Trainer should send electronic versions of the following information to Tom Franek, Co-Chair Continuing Education Committee at tfranek@eastern.edu
1) A formal cover letter outlining their interest in becoming an evaluator
2) A current resume/CV
3) Request two (2) letters of recommendation (1 letter must come from the applicant’s PATS Executive Board Regional Representative)
PATS Branding Initiative
Paul LaDuke, Public Relations Chair

In the summer of 2012, acting PATS Public Relations Chair, Tim Doane, LAT, of Lehigh University began the PATS Branding Initiative. This initiative’s goal was to unify communications, logos, mottos, social media, taglines and mission statements. Two most visible results of this project to the PATS membership are email addresses and professional trade displays.

Early in the process, the need of a better communications system was identified. In the past, there was no uniform email address system for the PATS Leadership. Many of the PATS Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs were using personal email addresses, work email addresses or setting up their own personal account just for their PATS position. The lack of uniformity lead to difficulties in communications between the Executive Board and Committees and more importantly for the membership, business partners or professional organizations to communicate with the PATS leadership. In late 2012, PATS unveiled a new email system for use by the Executive Board and Committee Chairs. Now, if a member needs to contact the PATS President, the member can use president@gopats.org. Every two years, the PATS President will change, but the email contact will remain the same – president@gopats.org. The uniformity and permanence will greatly enhance communications to and from PATS leadership for years to come. Please take a moment to visit gopats.org, click on the Governance tab and explore the new email addresses listed for the leadership within PATS. The beauty of the system is in the simplicity. Committee chairs also have email contacts using the committee as the address. To reach the Public Relations Chair, email publicrelations@gopats.org.

Tim Doane stepped down from the chair position and Paul LaDuke, LAT, Lower Dauphin School District, volunteered to fill the vacant seat in November, 2012. Paul continued the vision Tim started working to purchase new PATS Displays. The displays were recently purchased and delivered for use at various conventions throughout the Commonwealth. If you were at the PATS Annual Meeting in Scranton, you may have noticed the PATS logo on the Table Throws at the Registration Table. This subtle addition to the displays adds a higher level of professionalism to them. Additional purchases were two retractable displays and two smaller table top displays. (See Pictures). The table throws, retractable displays and table top displays have updated artwork, feature the many varied practice settings within the profession and gives PATS a great variety of set up options. South Central Representative Scott Kimbel already used the new displays at the BIAPA Convention in Lancaster, PA in late June, 2013. The new displays are much lighter and more portable than the old, large display.

As a member of PATS, you may be aware that PATS has a Twitter feed and Facebook page. Search for #GoPATS on Twitter and GoPATS on Facebook. Jesse Townsend, Technology Chair, does a fantastic job of keeping social media up to date. The PR Branding Initiative made the “GoPATS” the uniform standard for the PATS website and social media accounts. If you are active on Facebook or Twitter, be sure to Like and Follow PATS.

The Branding Initiative also established our official slogan, mission statement and PR Tagline. The PATS Slogan is “The Keystone to a Healthy and Active Lifestyle.” The Public Relations Tagline, for use in external communications and promotional materials, is:

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society, Inc. is a progressive organization of licensed health care professionals who work under the direction of a physician. Our society continues to increase public awareness and education regarding Certified Athletic Trainers and the Athletic Training profession while serving as the premier source of information for public safety, injury and illness prevention, early intervention, patient care, and healthcare delivery for the physically active in the Commonwealth.

The mission statement is:

Promote the profession of athletic training through public awareness and education.
Advocate the athletic trainer as a recognized health care provider for the physically active in the commonwealth through legislative and credentialing efforts.
Transact business on behalf of the Society's membership in a prudent, effective, and collaborative manner.
Serve the membership by providing a gateway to educational, research, scholarship, and networking opportunities.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

American Trauma Society, PA Division Announces 2013 Award Winners
Kaitlyn Byrnes

Robert Shank, A.T.C., Ed.D., E.M.T.-I, of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society, was selected to receive the Julia Cox, R.N. Distinguished Service Award at the recent American Trauma Society, PA Division's (ATSPA) Annual Conference Awards Banquet. Each year this award is presented to someone who goes "above and beyond" for trauma prevention and education. Shank earned this award for his commitment and dedication to trauma prevention and to ATSPA.

Shank was one of the founding members of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society, and he was inducted into its Hall of Fame. He was head athletic trainer at Dickinson College, worked on the medical staff for the United States Olympic Committee and was an assistant athletic trainer for the Washington Redskins football team when they held their training camp in Carlisle, Pa. He has lectured at Harrisburg Community College, Messiah College and the University of Virginia.

Shank is one of ATSPA’s most active and valued Board of Directors Members, and he serves as Assistant Treasurer. His support and involvement in ATSPA’s "What To Do About Youth Athletic Injuries" flip chart and program has helped educate coaches, athletic trainers, parents, athletes, etc. across the Commonwealth. Shank also aided in the creation of ATSPA’s new educational concussion program.

President of ATSPA Board of Directors, John M. Templeton Jr. M.D., presented the award at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on March 27, following the keynote address by Colonel Matthew Martin, M.D., F.A.C.S.


ATSPA recognizes individuals for their outstanding work in trauma prevention and education. ATSPA is a non-profit trauma prevention and education organization dedicated to reducing suffering, disability and death due to trauma. For more information, contact ATSPA at (717) 766-1616, 1-800-822-2358

NEWS AROUND THE COMMONWEALTH

Athletic Trainers Provide Services at Special Olympics
Justin P. Beaupre MS, ATC, LAT

This year Penn State University hosted the 44th Annual Special Olympic Summer Games. Each year this event brings more than 2,000 athletes, 750 coaches, and over 2,500 volunteers from across the state.

This year, over 30 Athletic Trainers, students, and physicians volunteered their time to ensuring the health and safety of the athletes during competition and festivities. Athletic Trainers, Kim Stoudt (Alvernia), Jayme Galdeiri (Geisinger), and Tammy Thomas (Hermitage S.D), spend the Spring finding donors for supplies, recruiting volunteers, and organizing physician services for the 3-day event.

The games this year had the largest volunteer medical staff since it began! The event is filled with many wonderful experiences, building of new friendships, and even a dance party! Special Olympics is a wonderful opportunity for athletic trainers and students to get involved with a great organization and learn from many incredible experiences.
Athletic Trainers Work with Football Camp for the Stars
Heather Kinney, MS, LAT, ATC

On June 20 and 21, 2013, twenty seven athletes with Down Syndrome meet in the Pittsburgh region for the fourth annual Football Camp for the Stars. This camp was originally organized by Jim Tomsula, defensive line coach for the San Francisco 49ers. Jim brought the camp to Pittsburgh because of the high occurrence of Down Syndrome and wanted to give any athlete the opportunity to participate in sports that they love to watch.

Four athletic trainers from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) as well as the athletic training staff at Woodland Hills High School provided athletic training services to these remarkable and talented athletes. Working with a population of this kind is always rewarding. It’s a wonderful feeling to see smiles on their faces just by offering a drink of water or ice bag after they landed on a mat wrong.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN THE NEWS

Around Town: Scheuch Cited for Work by Trainers' Society
Paul Scheuch has dedicated more than 35 years of service as an athletic trainer. He was given the Distinguished Merit Award at the annual PATS Symposium this year. Paul has worked at Scranton Prep and Abington Heights. Scheuch has also had the opportunity to be an athletic trainer at the Olympic level. He retired in 2007. The full article can be read [here](#).

Use of Athletic Trainers on the Rise in the High Schools
USA Today features an article discussing athletic trainers. Diana Miller, an athletic trainer at Robert E. Lee High School in Virginia, recounts a conversation on an airplane. Miller explained in detail to a co-passenger exactly what an athletic trainer does. USA Today spoke with NATA President Jim Thornton to get more insight on the increase of athletic trainers in the high school setting. Thornton also discussed the ongoing debate of changing the profession's name. The article can be read [here](#).

Keep Youth Sports Safety Top of Mind: Guidelines from National Athletic Trainers’ Association
Sports safety should be of the utmost importance for all, including our youth athletes. Larry Cooper, chair of the NATA Secondary School Committee, supports this in saying, “Each athlete is entitled to appropriate care, prevention and treatment of injuries should they occur.” The article highlights 16 tips from the NATA on sports safety. Cooper also encourages participation in the NATA Safe School award program, which recognizes schools that develop and implement appropriate safe practices for athletes. The article can be read in its entirety [here](#).
REGIONAL RECAP

Northwest– Becky Mokris

As the newly elected Northwest Representative I’d like to say Greetings from our region!

In May, Edinboro University hosted a group of allied health professionals for an Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization (IASTM) Tecnica Gavilan event. It was a huge success with numerous allied health professionals from around the region. The event was so well received and Edinboro University hopes to put on another event next year for interested individuals. If you would like to know more please contact Becky Mokris at rmokris@edinboro.edu.

If you know of any CEU opportunities you would like posted, please don’t hesitate to contact me at northwest@gopats.org and I will send the information out to the rest of the region.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secondary School– Dan Quigley

The committee has had a busy year. We continue to work with the PIAA to develop a state wide post season pay scale along with guidelines for medical coverage. It is very important to have the proper coverage at these events. We are in the process of developing FAQ papers dealing with SOP, EAP, PPE, physician direction and new legislation. We will cooperate with the PIAA SMAC to evaluate the heat acclimatization policies.

Webmaster– Hank Fijalkowski

The PATS Webmaster is responsible for keeping the PATS website up to date with announcements, CEU opportunities, changes in governance, committees, posting the Quarterly Newsletter, Presidential Alerts and anything else that has to do with the website. They are also charged with maintaining and updating the Society's email list for use in sending out the Quarterly Newsletter and Presidential Alerts. In addition, they maintain the Society's webmail system which allows for an email address identifying a member's duties within the organization. Lastly, they are in charge of developing the yearly election ballot and submitting that to the membership. The Webmaster recently developed an online discussion board for members to post their thoughts and opinions with a hope of initiating a dialog concerning relevant topics.
Honors and Awards—Mark Keppler and John Post

The Honors & Awards Committee is working on several new initiatives for streamlining the awards program and creating more awareness of the current awards for the PATS, Inc. We have started discussions on the possibility of moving the Student Scholarships (4 awards currently) to the PATS Student Symposium. One reason for this move, is to present the awards to the recipients in front of their peers to increase awareness and generate enthusiasm in the hopes of getting more individuals to apply for these scholarships. We are looking into the logistics and feasibility of this move as it relates to the overall banquet experience at the annual meeting. Additionally, changes to the website for providing a clearer understanding of the Distinguished Merit Award, Service Award, and Team Physician Honorary Member Award are forthcoming. We want to clarify the criteria and make it easier for members to see these awards for what they are: recognizing excellence within our profession at the various career settings we work in across the Commonwealth. Finally, we are looking for one or two more individuals that are willing to serve and be actively involved with our committee as we are going through some minor personnel changes. Please contact co-chairs Mark Keppler and John Post at honorsandawards@gopats.org if interested. Thank you!

Revenue—Jason Vian

The Committee on Revenue is focusing on 2 main goals for the near future. First, to provide educational tools and/or materials for the Secondary School ATs to present the value of their services to various administrators. This will help ATs answer questions regarding what services they provide and how much of a financial impact they have and what kind of return on investment (ROI) an AT may have at a particular institution.

Interested in helping to support PATS effort to achieve reimbursement from insurers for services rendered by Athletic Trainers?! If so, please contact to Jason Vian, Chair of PATS COR to hear about a new initiative NATA has started to help states achieve this goal! Contact Jason at revenue@gopats.org

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