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The summer is complete and the fall season sports are up and running. We at the IATA have had a busy summer and expect to have an even busier fall. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 30th and Monday, October 31st as we jump right into our Fall Meeting. On the agenda will be Executive Council member nominations for President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. Another important item to be discussed is our new law HEA 1467. Next on the agenda will be GLATA elections, SAAC, and address questions on a district split. As you can see there is much to accomplish, but as tradition predicts, the IATA is one of the most active states and tends to be at the forefront compared to other states in our productivity and efficiency in getting things done in a timely manner and with the most participation.



John Locke, LAT, ATC

With that being said, how does the IATA take the next step in promoting its membership to the public? How do licensed athletic trainers (LAT) promote themselves and the profession of athletic training within the state? I believe these questions are vital, and have been discussed in all levels of our profession numerous times. With the new legislature enacted this public relation educational information about an athletic trainer’s duties and responsibilities within their scope of practice is important.

One method of educating the public of our skills and profession is to volunteer our services to organizations within our communities. As the public continues to be exposed to athletic trainers and their skills, more and more opportunities will become reality. We have seen this throughout the past few years since our licensure act in 1998. Many organizations such as Special Olympics, community youth sports, American Red Cross and other similar organizations are a few of the opportunities that exist for volunteerism within our communities.

Let’s continue to hold up our Indiana traditions of leading the athletic training profession through the next few years of growth by promoting and educating of special talents and skills to the community around us.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Indianapolis for the fall meeting at the end of October.

Until next time, follow your heart and be a great service to others.

John Locke, EdD, LAT, ATC
President, IATA

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REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!
IATA 2011 Fall Symposium
October 30-31, 2011
IATA 2011 Awards Banquet
October 30, 2011

Sheraton Hotel & Suites-Keystone at the Crossing
Indianapolis, IN

Registration on the IATA website coming soon!



CALL FOR DIVERSITY CHAIR

There is currently an opening of Diversity Chair on the Membership Committee. If you have thought about getting involved in the state association, now is your opportunity! If you have an interest or know someone who you think would be great in this position, please contact Membership Chair, Barb Caton, or President, John Locke.



CALL FOR FINANCE CHAIR

Finance Chair, Pete Dewar, will be completing his term at the end of March 2012 and we are currently looking for individuals interested in chairing this committee. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving in this capacity, please contact either President-Elect, Scott Lawrance, or President John Locke. There is an opportunity to “learn the ropes” from Pete before he steps down as chair.



CALL FOR OFFICE NOMINATIONS!

IATA Executive Committee

Have you ever thought you’d like to serve your profession, but you weren’t sure how to get involved or what to do? Do you know someone who’s talked about getting involved in the state association, but hasn’t jumped into it? If so, consider nominating yourself or a colleague for one of the open IATA Executive Committee positions: President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Please email Scott Lawrance (*scott.lawrance@sbcglobal.net*) or call Central Office Management (317-484-2630) to submit your nomination or if you have questions regarding any of the open positions.

Nominations will be accepted until the close of the Annual Business Meeting held at the IATA Fall Symposium on October 30, 2011.

Concussions in football: The moment of impact

By Mark Lazerus 648-3140 or mlazerus@post-trib.com Last Modified: Aug 19, 2011 07:46PM

Annie Gonzalez doesn't strike you as the type to stand up to a fire-breathing, sideline-stomping football coach. She's a genial sort with a big smile and a quick laugh. But on Friday nights, she has a job to do. And you'd darn well better let her do it.

"I was working a football game in Fort Wayne," Gonzalez recalls. "A kid had taken a hard hit, and the coach said he was going back into the game, that he was fine to play. But he clearly wasn't. So he yelled and screamed and said he was going in, anyway. So I just took the kid's helmet away and he was done for the night. They can hate me all they want, I'm not going to risk a kid's safety in any way."

Meet the last line of defense on the football field, the true strong safeties — the athletic trainers.

Read this entire article at:

<http://posttrib.suntimes.com/sports/6870735-417/concussions-in-football-the-moment-of-impact.html>



Concussions in football: The long-term impact

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Mark Leto won't soon forget the sight — stunning black spots shrouding the brains of three elite athletes, on display for athletic trainers across the country at the national convention in New Orleans.

One of the cross-sections was from the brain of former Bears player Dave Duerson, who knew something was wrong with him and chose to kill himself by shooting himself in the chest, so others could benefit from an analysis of his damaged brain.

Another was from a boxer who died in his 70s after a lifetime of headshots. The third was of a 21-year-old University of Pennsylvania football player, Owen Thomas, who hanged himself last October after what friends called a sudden, emotional collapse.

All three had dark spots on their brains, a sign of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), the result of relentless blows to the head over the course of their athletic careers.

And none could be diagnosed until they were dead.

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COMMITTEE ON REVENUE



The Committee on Revenue (COR) now has several new documents on the IATA Website that may assist with reimbursement efforts in your clinical practice setting. These documents provide the membership with interpretation of the HEA 1467 Athletic Trainer Reimbursement, a Licensed Athletic Trainer Reimbursement Checklist, CPT Rehabilitation Codes, Scope of Practice guidance, and contact information of the IATA COR who are Paul Plummer, Brad Gerig, Mike Bayci, John Doherty

Please contact any member of the Committee or Chair, Kip Smith (wksmith@indiana.edu), with any successes and/or issues that may arise during this implementation period.



SUMMER SYMPOSIUM REVIEW

The Indiana Athletic Trainers Association Summer Symposium was held on July 16th and 17th at the St. Vincent Sports Performance Center West, in Indianapolis. Sixty-three athletic trainers attended the two day seminar on a holistic approach to improving the performance of an athlete presented by St. Vincent Sports Performance: Darrell Barnes LAT, CSCS, Greg Moore CSCS, Brandon Johnson CSCS, and Lindsay Langford MS, RD, CSSD (Sports Dietician). This symposium was a great hands-on learning experience for practical applications.



Licensed Athletic Trainers Political Action Committee (LAT-PAC)

Why was LAT-PAC formed?

LAT-PAC was formed to empower Indiana Athletic Trainers to be more involved in the determination of state laws and policies. IATA decided to create a mechanism that would allow the athletic trainer profession to channel its financial and grassroots support to help elect candidates to the state legislature who are responsive to the athletic trainer profession's goals and viewpoints.

The purposes of the LAT-PAC:

- Increase the awareness of the profession of athletic training to legislators within the State of Indiana;
- Utilize the political process to the advantage of the IATA;
- Further the interest of the IATA by endorsing candidates and contribute funds to endorsed candidates;
- Encourage athletic trainers to be active participants in the governmental process and lastly;
- Organize fund raising events to support future LAT-PAC legislative efforts.

I already pay NATA & IATA dues! Why contribute to LAT-PAC?

- NATA & IATA dues can not be used for contributions to candidates
- LAT-PAC helps us influence individuals who support IATA views to the state legislature
- LAT-PAC provides vital access to Members of the Indiana State Legislature and their staff to talk about legislative and regulatory issues
- Other groups have PACs. Let the athletic trainer profession be the voice of ATCs, not some other occupation or group

LAT-PAC (Licensed Athletic Trainers Political Action Committee): PAC Members

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