



# Steve Risinger

## 1990 - 1992



### Accomplishments

- Hired Dick Harris, a former Senator from the Evansville area, to serve as the IATA's first lobbyist
- Developed the IATA's first licensure bill
- Started the IATA student scholarship program
- Hosted the 25th GLATA Silver Anniversary Meeting at the Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis
- Enhanced more public visibility and awareness by moving the IATA Hall of Fame display from the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in Richmond to Hinkle Field House on Butler University's campus. Ralph Reiff, Head Athletic Trainer at Butler, served as host.
- Implemented IATA's first membership directory
- Appointed IATA's first liaison to the IPTA to foster a better working relationship
- Enhanced the IATA's public relation effort by developing an informational brochure and display

### Challenges

- Financial support was always a challenge
- Soliciting member involvement in the IATAGetting a bill into the legislature
- Working towards having a state regulatory practice act

### Memories / Words of Wisdom

“Ralph Reiff and I were at the State Capitol to visit Senator Wiese from Ft. Wayne. We stood around a lot that day attempting to speak with individuals about sponsoring and writing an athletic trainer licensure bill. Dick Harris came by and at that time he was not our IATA lobbyist. He asked Ralph and me what we were up too and we told him about our frustration. He said ‘Hold on a minute’ and took a piece of paper out, scribbled a note and gave it to the guy at



the door of the Chamber. Within about five minutes Senator Wiese appeared and he spoke with us. Ralph and I looked at each other. It became very apparent to us that we needed a person to represent us in the legislature and few months later we hired Senator Harris as our first lobbyist. Sometimes you have to bring in the big dogs to get something done.

It takes many individuals to make an organization affective and function in an organized and cohesive manner. Indiana has been fortunate to have many individuals who have always been willing to give their time and talents to represent the state and district and national associations. We are very fortunate to have such individuals in our state. Thanks to all of you for your efforts.”