



# WYOMING

## Athletic Trainers' Association

### WyoATA Bi-Annual Secretary Newsletter:

January 2018

Dear WyoATA Members,

I hope that you all had an exceptional holiday season and are enjoying the New Year. The Board of Directors has some exciting things in store for the WyoATA members in 2018. Please consider participating in promotional events, meetings, and committees where you can. Participation by all ATs is important. So, please be aware and on the lookout for news and updates throughout the year from the BODs. Good luck in all of your sports seasons, and health care ventures.

Please feel free to contact the board members at the association e-mail listed below with any comments, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Cammie Brost  
WyoATA Secretary  
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### NEWS, UPDATES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### **Dues Increase:**

During the Board of Directors meeting in July, 2017; the board discussed and voted to increase the WyoATA membership dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00. The money from the increase in membership dues will go to the funding of the annual state symposium and to the WyoATA legislation account. It was decided upon, that \$5.00 of the \$10.00 increase per WyoATA member will support the state symposium to help furnish presenters, venues, and other amenities. The remaining \$5.00 of the \$10.00 increase per WyoATA will be transferred to the WyoATA legislative account. It is crucial to continue to build this account for any future legislative needs.

#### **Vision Statement:**

The collective goal of the board is to help provide more job opportunities in Wyoming and getting athletic trainers recognized and involved in our communities. To move forward in a progressive direction, Jenna Walker proposed the adoption of a vision statement. During the Board of Directors meeting in December, 2017; the WyoATA board adopted the following vision statement:

***“Recognized in every community as essential licensed health care practitioners, providing unique athletic training services”.***

#### **Ribbon Weeks:**

You should have received an e-mail from the PR representative, Chellsie Johnson, outlining the community based awareness campaign, “Ribbon Weeks”. The project aims to raise awareness and funds for an organization of your and your institutions choice, in your school or logo colors. This program is aiming to correspond with the NATM logo: Compassionate Care for All. We encourage all Wyoming ATs to support this program and participate. For more information, contact Chellsie Johnson or a board member.

#### **Ticket Incentive:**

The WyoATA Ticket Incentive will be occurring again this year. This is a program to promote AT involvement within the WyoATA. The objective is to be involved in as many WyoATA events, meetings, and activities as possible. Every time a member is involved in association business they receive a “ticket”. The more “tickets” you have the better chance you

have at winning a prize. The WyoATA Ticket Incentive will be closing at the Annual Meeting, this summer. Prizes will be given out at the meeting.

Some ways that you can earn “tickets”:

1. Sending news to the PR representative Chellsie Johnson at [cdseyler@gmail.com](mailto:cdseyler@gmail.com). Please send any AT related stories, information, and/or pictures. Let’s get Wyoming in the NATA news!
2. Run for open positions on the WyoATA board or committees.
3. Participate in Ribbon Weeks or other NATM activities.
4. Attend the WyoATA business meeting at the RMATA Symposium and/or attend the Wyoming Athletic Training 2018 Meeting & Clinical Symposium.

### Website:

Check out the new, Wyoming Athletic Trainers’ Association, website at: <https://www.wyoata.org/>

As the website becomes more developed; we will be adding information for the members to have access to. Information that you can find on the website includes; the WyoATA Mission Statement, the Board of Directors contact information, President and Secretary Newsletters, association Bylaws and Constitution, and WyoATA membership application. We are currently working on a members’ only login section.

**\*Reminder\*** For Secondary School Athletic Trainers, the ATLAS Project questionnaire should be updated annually to help gather the most current data and help update AT services throughout the US. Please visit: <https://ksi.uconn.edu/nata-atlas/> and complete the survey.

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## COMMITTEES:

The WyoATA board is working to get more members active within the association. The WyoATA BOD adopted and developed committees within the association. The following committees have been proposed: Honors/awards/scholarships, Symposium coordinator, Program Coordinator, Exhibit Coordinator, Historian, and Governmental Affairs Committee. The WyoATA BOD is going to be approaching members on assuming the committee representative positions. Be on the lookout for e-mails of inquiries. Please consider contributing to the WyoATA.

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## RMATA SYMPOSIUM

**2018 RMATA Symposium**

**\* April 12-15, 2018 \***

**Salt Lake City, Utah**

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## Wyoming Athletic Trainers’ Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium

The 2017 Wyoming Athletic Training Annual meeting and symposium was successful. Those who attended earned 10 Category A CEUs. The presenters and topics were excellent. We had a special course presented by HawkGrips, the Monday after the meeting. 20 people took advantage of the opportunity, and all became Level 1: IASTM Fundamentals Certified. We hope to continue our social event in the future, as it was well attended and enjoyed by all. Keep watch of your email to get the latest information on the 2018 event; date, time, and venue TBD. Take advantage of this opportunity to network and connect with Wyoming Athletic Trainers.

**Event Planning Application:** During the December 2017 Board of Directors meeting, the board agreed upon the use and purchase of the event planning App, Caboodle. This program will allow us to manage our meeting with ease, and be essentially paperless. Some of the notable features include, online registration and payment, online event schedule and surveys, vendor/sponsor adds, and a mobile app.

