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Our Inaugural Issue!

Happy New Year from the NHATA Executive Board! As we venture into 2016 I'd like to express my gratitude to all of the members who make this association possible.

In 2015 we reached a milestone in the state of New Hampshire. For 25 years we have been an association of health care professionals dedicated to the welfare of active individuals in our charge. No matter the setting we now work in, we share a common



lineage of countless hours of observation at venues and clinics and a rigorous comprehensive education in the pursuit of passing the BOC certification exam.

In the spirit of new beginnings, I encourage you to become an active part of the NHATA by serving on a committee, attending meetings, or serving as an

executive officer. Your contributions will speak volumes.

I would like to thank the past founders of the NHATA, past Executive Board members, committee chairs and members for their efforts over the past 25 years. I look forward to congratulating the future leaders of the NHATA.

Wishing all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2016!

Chuck

Opinions Needed

In the past the NHATA has gathered either in the spring or early summer to hold it's annual state meeting. More recently, the reemergence of the Northern New England Athletic Trainers Conference has also been offered more consistently.

In order to best serve the membership, NHATA President Chuck Carter created a committee to establish the best time to

have a state meeting as well as offer other professional development opportunities here in New Hampshire. Led by Scot Ward (Keene, NH), the committee came up with a survey to help determine what time frames work best for the membership. They need your feedback in order to best choose dates for upcoming workshops.

Give us your opinion by filing out the survey on our webpage.

[Take Survey](#)

You can also copy and paste the following into your browser - <http://connect.nhata.org/index.php/survey/index?sid=234926&lang=en>

Licensure Defended Once Again

In 2004, thanks to the efforts of a few dedicated individuals, the NHATA was granted licensure by Governor Merrill under the oversight of the New Hampshire Office of Allied Health Professionals.

Over the years our licensure has come under the threat of being repealed; this was the case recently once again. A member of the NH House of Representatives put forth a bill to repeal licensure of Certified Athletic Trainers. Once the threat was detected, a coordinated effort between the NHATA, NATA, and our lobbyist was put into

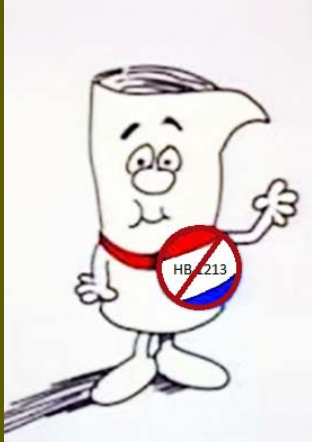
place.

Key members were quickly mobilized to meet with their local representatives to educate them about our profession. Also, on January 21st, several members testified in a public hearing on our behalf. Their efforts have been largely unheralded, but early reports were positive.

As of February 3rd, the bill was withdrawn! We were optimistic we would halt this repeal but it is always possible we will face the same fight in the future. We practice in a state and in a political climate where

efforts to deregulate institutions are not uncommon. It is time to come together as an organization and ACTIVELY sustain efforts to promote, perpetuate, and protect our profession and our organization.

This work can't be done by a few; it will take the efforts of every member to help maintain our credibility and licensure in the state. Please contact Chris Young, Governmental Affairs Committee Chair, if you would like to get involved. youngch@proctoracademy.org



FYI

Grants Available for Safe Sports School Application

District 1 plans to give out thirty-three \$75.00 grants to help ease the cost of the Safe Sports School application. They want as many new schools as possible and plan to distribute the grants throughout the six New England states. New Hampshire currently has 11 schools who have earned a 1st Team or 2nd Team Safe Sports School award. More information will be coming soon.

NHMI Offering Scholarship for HS Students Interested in Athletic Training

The New Hampshire Musculoskeletal Institute wants everyone to know they are now accepting applications for the 2016 Bertrand & Blanche Letendre Memorial Summer Athletic Training Camp Scholarship. If you know of a high school student who is interested in athletic training select or share the link below for more information.

<http://www.nhmi.net/scholarship.html>



Are you a high school athletic trainer? Are your services being included in the ATLAS (Athletic Training Location and Services) database? The NATA and the KSI are trying to determine which secondary schools (public and private) across the country have access to some type of athletic training services.

**The NATA
Secondary School
Committee and
the Korey Stringer
Institute want to
know "Are You
Mapped?"**

Help them out by clicking the banner above or copy and paste the link below and add your information to the map. Are you aware of a school in your region that doesn't have access to any services? Help KSI out and send them an email to let them know.

<http://ksi.uconn.edu/nata-atlas/>

Upcoming Events

April 10th

NHATA Student Symposium
Hosted by Colby-Sawyer College

June 10th & 11th

Northern New England Athletic Training Conference @ Lake Morey
Hosted by the [Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers](#)

July 23rd

The 2nd Annual NHATA Golf Tournament @ [Beaver Meadow Golf Course](#)
Registration opening soon!

