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*Mark Doughty*

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Welcome to the Seventh Issue of the Athletic Training Perspective. Please take the time to read this issue very carefully as it contains current information for the practice of athletic training.

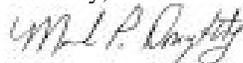
This issue covers a variety of topics. Many of these topics answer questions frequently received in correspondence by the Athletic Trainers' Section.

Investigations and spot checks are an important part of the Board's function. Ohio's athletic trainer licensure law continues to be one of the best and broadest. Help us protect and preserve our place in dealing with the physically active by reporting unlawful practice. Please remember that the Athletic Trainers' Section is charged with protecting the public health, safety, and welfare.

I would like to extend an invitation to any licensee to attend a Section meeting to gain a better understanding of how the regulation and licensing process works.

We will strive to continue to keep licensees informed of the latest practice information. You, as licensees, need to do your part to stay abreast of the current practice act and any changes that are made affecting the practice of athletic training.

Sincerely,



Mark Doughty, AT  
Chairman

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## COMPLAINTS

If you wish to file a complaint please write to:

**The Athletic Trainers Investigative Committee  
77 South High Street 16th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0317**

Please include your name, address, and telephone number. Although your complaint will be held in confidence, your cooperation is valued, as the Investigative Committee cannot respond to anonymous complaints.

Professional concerns regarding the practice of athletic training should be forwarded to the Board in writing.

Please be sure to read the Athletic Training Practice Act and prior newsletters before forwarding any correspondence to the Athletic Trainers Section.

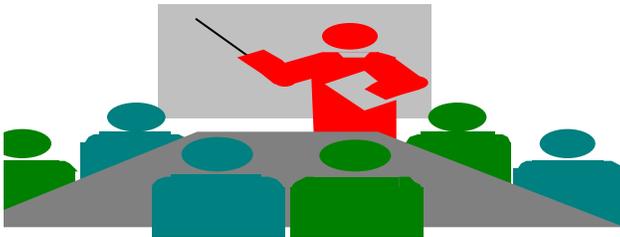
Correspondence must be received at least 5 days prior to a regularly scheduled Athletic Trainers

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## TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR

*(Subject to change)*  
September 20, 2001  
October 18, 2001  
November 14, 2001  
December (No Mtg.)



All meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please call to verify the time and place of the meeting.

**DID YOU KNOW,  
That as of July 20, 2001,  
The OT/PT/AT Board has  
16,279 licensed professionals?**

Occupational Therapists	3537
Occupational Therapy Assistants	2026
Physical Therapists	5586
Physical Therapist Assistants	3744
<i>Athletic Trainers</i>	<i>1386</i>

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## LICENSE VERIFICATION

The cost of verifying your license to another state board is \$30.00. You can save time by sending a cashiers check or money order payable to “**Treasurer, State of Ohio**”. Your request cannot be processed without this fee. The appropriate forms must be enclosed to facilitate processing. Requests should be forwarded to the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, 77 South High Street 16th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6108. Processing takes approximately three weeks.

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## SPOT CHECKS

To assure consumer protection, the enforcement staff conducts random/unannounced inspections of athletic training personnel. These visits are a proactive approach to affirm compliance with Ohio laws and rules and include, but are not limited to: verifying the credentials of athletic training personnel, reviewing patient documentation of athletic training services, verifying proper supervision of unlicensed supportive personnel and other assistive athletic training personnel, and checking the display of wall certificates. Spot check information is reviewed by the Athletic Trainers Investigative Committee each month and a follow-up letter is sent to the licensee. The Committee clarifies any misinterpretation of the law, and makes necessary recommendations for change.

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## Message From The

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are always trying to find better ways to serve you. This year we have devoted a tremendous amount of time to developing a new web-based licensing system. Unfortunately, we have encountered a few bumps along the way, but eventually we will have a system to better serve you. The system we are trying to develop will streamline the licensing process, increase efficiency, and will allow immediate real time web access for licensure verification purposes. Our current on-line verification system has about a two-week delay.

We are also in the process of creating a new laminated stock identification card. This card will not only list when your license expires, but it will also list the number of continuing education hours you need to comply with Ohio's Athletic Trainers continuing education laws.

We recently hired a new Administrative Assistant, Mary Jo Tilton. Mary Jo recently relocated to Columbus from Florida. She is a former legal secretary with strong accounting skills. We are excited to have her as a part of our team and look forward to her positive influence on the growth and advancement of our agency, which ultimately translates into better service for you.

The development of the Health Care Integrity Practitioner (HIP) Data Bank on the national level and the implementation of the Child Support Enforcement Act on the state level has had an intimate impact upon the way we do business at the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board.

In 1996 Congress passed a law creating the HIP Data Bank. It was created to help deter fraud and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery. The Athletic Trainers Section is now required to report any disciplinary action to this data bank. The Federal government requires the Board to collect social security numbers for this purpose.

The Board is also required to collect social security numbers to enforce state, federal, or local child support orders. This means that when a court issues a child support default order and forwards it to the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, the Board must suspend a license to practice until the judgement is reversed or the terms of the order have been fulfilled. For more information please review Section 3115 of the Ohio Revised Code, or contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

Thank you for taking the time to review our newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Carl G. Williams, M.P.A.  
Executive Director

### THE USE OF AED'S BY OHIO ATHLETIC TRAINERS

The availability of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for use by athletic trainers is becoming more widespread. To practice as an athletic trainer, you do not have to become certified in the use of AEDs. That decision is entirely up to you and/or your employer. As with any technique or procedure, proper training prior to implementation is necessary.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION – WHAT CAN I GET CREDIT FOR?

Continuing education coursework must specifically pertain to the practice of athletic training. For instance, subjects such as time management skills and giving Power Point presentations do not specifically pertain to athletic training and therefore, will not be assigned continuing education credit hours.

**The Athletic Trainers Section and the NATA BOC are two separate and independent organizations. The Section may not approve every continuing education course approved by the NATA BOC.**

### PROFESSIONAL COURTESY – ASSISTING ATHLETES FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

Often, athletic trainers who host athletic teams that are traveling without an athletic trainer have questions regarding the amount and level of care which should be extended to visiting teams. For instance, some have asked: Can or should I tape an athlete from another team, either prophylactically or for an acute or sub-acute condition? How should we handle other forms of treatment before a contest, like stretching or hot packs?

It is the position of the Athletic Trainers Section if a host athletic trainer wants to assist a team with general warm ups such as stretching or offering a hot pack, the decision is theirs to make. The Board has only

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cautioned athletic trainers from providing treatment and care to athletes for acute conditions with regard to return to play decisions. If a visiting athlete sustains an injury and the visiting team has no medical coverage, extending the provision of basic first aid is appropriate.

If an athlete needs special athletic training care and your athletic trainer is not traveling with the team, the Board recommends contacting the host school to see if a licensed athletic trainer will be covering the event. If so, you should contact that athletic trainer personally to discuss the possibility of gaining their assistance in caring for the athlete. Understand it is entirely the host school's athletic trainer's decision to determine if they will assist with the care of the athlete, other than the rendering basic first aid.

If an athlete needs advanced athletic training services, they should receive services before leaving for the sporting event, or the athletic trainer should travel with the team and provide the services.

Please remember to be professional and courteous of a host athletic trainer's time and space. Communicate your needs and your teams needs prior to an event. Communication and professional courtesy is the key.

## DOCUMENTATION AND SIGNATURES

Athletic trainers should document their evaluations, progress notes, treatments and any other services they provide. The Athletic Trainers Section does not provide or give specific recommendations on forms or items which need to be documented. Documentation formats should be designed by you or your employer. Board investigators will check for proper documentation of athletic training services. They will review the format of an athletic trainers' evaluations, progress notes and treatment logs.

Any service rendered by a licensed athletic trainer must be documented, and signed by that athletic trainer. Athletic trainers who are supervising student athletic trainers must co-sign all documentation for services rendered.

## VOCATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAMS IN OHIO

There are vocational schools in Ohio, which appear to offer athletic training courses. However, these course descriptions can be misleading, in that they inform potential students that by taking a course the student will be qualified to assist athletic trainers with patient care activities.

In fact, high school students are not "Students" for the purpose of the exemption from licensure provided under Section 4755.65 of the revised code. High school students should be referred to as "student aides." High school student aides are unlicensed persons as defined by Rule 4755-46-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The Athletic Trainers Section has contacted several vocational schools and provided information and education on Ohio's law as it pertains to athletic training.

## THE NATA REPORTING POLICY

The Board often receives information from national credentialing agencies and other regulatory bodies such as National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, (NATA BOC). Our collaboration efforts are often a two way street. As a regulatory agency, we are responsible for consumer protection. To be effective, it is essential that we have the most up to date disciplinary and adverse actions taken against a licensee on file. As regulators, we are responsible for alerting consumers and other interested parties that adverse actions have been taken against a license. If the Athletic Trainers Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board takes disciplinary action against you, under state and federal law, we may be required to report this information to other states, licensing jurisdictions, certification boards, and/or national reporting agencies such as Health Integrity & Protection (HIP) Data Bank and the NATA BOC.

## CAAHEP AND THE STUDENT EXEMPTION

The pending changes in the state and national education requirements for athletic training licensure and certification, and the student exemptions will be determined by the Section on a case by case basis. Until January 1, 2004, when CAAHEP approved programs become the standard: a person should use the following guidelines:

- If a person plans to pursue certification via the internship route, they must graduate by January 1, 2004. You must also qualify for the NATA BOC certification/licensure exam in order to satisfy the student exemption under Rule 4755-46-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- If a student is currently enrolled in an athletic training curriculum or a CAAHEP approved program, they satisfy the student exemption.

- To satisfy the student exemption under Rule 4755-46-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code, all students graduating after January 1, 2004, must graduate from a CAAHEP approved program to qualify for licensure by the State of Ohio or certification by the NATA BOC.

## HOUSE BILL 585 UPDATE – THE APPLICATION OF TOPICAL MEDICATION

House Bill 585 redefined the definition of athletic training to include the application of topical medications. This law was changed to comply with a previously written opinion by the Ohio Attorney General, which stated in part that if this language was not specifically written in a professional practice act, then that profession could not perform this service. The professional association was very active in making sure that athletic trainers were included in this new requirement. Section 4755.60 of the Athletic Training Practice Act now states...

(A) "Athletic training" means the practice of prevention, recognition, and assessment of an athletic injury and the complete management, treatment, disposition, and reconditioning of acute athletic injuries upon the referral of an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatry, a dentist licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code, a physical therapist licensed under this chapter, or a chiropractor licensed under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code. **ATHLETIC TRAINING INCLUDES THE ADMINISTRATION OF TOPICAL DRUGS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED BY A LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AUTHORIZED TO PRESCRIBE DRUGS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4729.01** of the **REVISED CODE** . Athletic training also includes the organization and administration of educational programs and athletic facilities, and the education of and consulting with the public as it pertains to athletic training.

(B) "Athletic trainer" means a person who meets the qualifications of this chapter for licensure and who is employed by an educational institution, professional or amateur organization, athletic facility, or health care facility to practice athletic training.

(C) "The national athletic trainers association, inc." means the national professional organization of athletic trainers that provides direction and leadership for quality athletic training practice, education, and research.

(D) "Athletic injury" means any injury sustained by an individual that affects the individual's participation or performance in sports, games, recreation, exercise, or other activity that requires physical strength, agility, flexibility, speed, stamina, or range of motion.

## REFERRALS FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING

Under Ohio law, athletic trainers may practice upon the referral of the practitioner licensed under Chapter 4731 of the Revised Code, a dentist licensed under Chapter 4751 of the Revised Code, a physical therapist licensed under this chapter, or a chiropractor licensed under Chapter 4734 of the Revised Code. *(4755.60 (A) Ohio Revised Code) and (4755-42-02 Ohio Administrative Code)*

Practitioners licensed under Chapter 4731 of the Revised Code who are authorized by division (A) of Section 4755.60 of the Revised Code to make referrals to athletic trainers shall be those persons licensed under Chapter 4731 to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, and podiatrists. *(4755-42-02 Ohio Administrative Code)*

Practitioners licensed under Chapter 4731 of the Revised Code who are not authorized to make referrals to athletic trainers are: physician's assistants, and the limited branches of medicine.

A referral relationship between a team physician and an athletic trainer should be one consisting of a protocol of care communicated between a team physician and the athletic trainer. This agreement should include procedures for prevention, recognition, assessment, management, and treatment of athletic injuries. *(4755.60 Ohio Revised Code)*

A physical therapist may serve as one of the referral sources for an athletic trainer. If a situation exists where a patient may benefit from athletic training services, i.e. a patient's condition is an athletic training injury, the physical therapist may refer that particular patient to an athletic trainer. If this procedure is followed, the athletic trainer shall determine the plan of care. *(4755.60 Ohio Revised Code)*

It is the responsibility of the athletic trainer to determine if a referral is within his/her scope of practice, level of competence, or experience. In the event that an inappropriate referral is received, the athletic trainer should contact the referring practitioner and discuss how to proceed. *(4755.64 (A)(7) Ohio Revised Code) and (4755-41-01 Ohio Administrative Code)*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF LICENSURE

A presentation was given to the Athletic Trainers Section by a licensee who was disciplined. One of the conditions of the disciplinary consent agreement, required the licensee to submit an essay, which we would like to share with you.

The licensing of professionals has been around for many years. Athletic training is no different from any other profession in this respect. In fact, licensing athletic trainers has brought more credibility to the profession in recent years. The strict standards that all licensed athletic trainers must adhere to have brought validity to the field that unlicensed athletic trainers do not benefit from. These benefits include:

- Raising public awareness regarding the importance of athletic trainers in clinical and school settings.
- Setting guidelines that must be followed by all athletic trainers gives patients, parents, and student athletes' confidence.
- Regulating the continuing education of athletic trainers, helps to keep athletic trainers abreast of the latest technologies and advancements in medicine. Regulation ensures that all athletic trainers follow the same guidelines for continuing education, which improves their knowledge when treating injuries.
- Keeping track of licensed athletic trainers so that employers do not hire unqualified or unlicensed personnel. By having a regulatory body to monitor athletic training employment, athletic trainers and employers can rest assured that only qualified people are employed.

Through this governing body, rules and polices are established for the good of each licensed professional. Athletic trainers can take comfort in knowing that if problems arise there is a resource to assist them.

Licensing has been an integral part in keeping the athletic training profession respectable. There are states that do not require licensure for athletic trainers, and subsequently have people practicing as athletic trainers who have not even met the national standard. Licensure benefits everyone.

**EXPIRED LICENSES**

**This list is accurate as of July 31, 2001. Please contact the board office as some licenses may have been reinstated since this publication.**

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| <b>James O. Bayman Jr.</b>    | <b>David V. Shaffer</b>        |
| <b>Douglas W. Branc</b>       | <b>Teresa M. Schroeder</b>     |
| <b>Kelly A. Donohue</b>       | <b>Somer L. Sharpstene</b>     |
| <b>William G. Drodody, II</b> | <b>Richard D. Shiveley Jr.</b> |
| <b>Kristen E. Ferullo</b>     | <b>Scott Shoemake</b>          |
| <b>Tara M. Gerlach</b>        | <b>David H. Shon</b>           |
| <b>Shannon L. Gordon</b>      | <b>Susan M. Sigward</b>        |

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| <b>Stephen C. Hais</b>      | <b>Jeremy Simington</b>         |
| <b>Amy D. Higgins</b>       | <b>Nathan L. Sims</b>           |
| <b>Chad M. Hubbell</b>      | <b>Jamie W. Slegel</b>          |
| <b>Rebecca S. Long</b>      | <b>James M. Slough</b>          |
| <b>Traci L. Lozier</b>      | <b>Kristen D. Smith</b>         |
| <b>Thomas E. Mallette</b>   | <b>Shad J. Smith</b>            |
| <b>Robert E. Mangine</b>    | <b>Amy L. Snapp</b>             |
| <b>Aletha B. Maphis</b>     | <b>Deborah L. Spitzer</b>       |
| <b>Amy L. Martin</b>        | <b>James W. Stahl</b>           |
| <b>William P. Mauer</b>     | <b>Shane D. Stecyk</b>          |
| <b>Lori F. Mayo</b>         | <b>Michael C. Steinagel</b>     |
| <b>Kenneth L. Mazzei</b>    | <b>Christine M. Stephan</b>     |
| <b>Daniel McAllister</b>    | <b>Callie A. Stephens</b>       |
| <b>Kathleen L. Mears</b>    | <b>Robert L. Sterner</b>        |
| <b>Donald E. Metzger</b>    | <b>Jill Strayer</b>             |
| <b>Patirck J. Miller</b>    | <b>Jason Strouf</b>             |
| <b>Walter Roy Keola Min</b> | <b>Joseph D. Susi II</b>        |
| <b>William P. Mohn</b>      | <b>Erik E. Swartz</b>           |
| <b>Michael J. Moran</b>     | <b>Lisa F. Swartz</b>           |
| <b>Jennifer S. Moyer</b>    | <b>Kara S. Sylvester-Mracek</b> |
| <b>Bridgett A. Mullins</b>  | <b>Derek W. Tefft</b>           |
| <b>Lance Munksgard</b>      | <b>Laurence A. Thornton</b>     |
| <b>Robert B. Murray</b>     | <b>Linda M. Tinsley</b>         |
| <b>Diana S. Nemethy</b>     | <b>Rebecca L. Trimbur</b>       |
| <b>Sara C. Neumore</b>      | <b>Maxine M. Urton</b>          |
| <b>Gregory S. Newkirk</b>   | <b>Jason Vian</b>               |
| <b>Susan A. Norkus</b>      | <b>Amy J. Virden</b>            |
| <b>Christopher Orecchio</b> | <b>Scott M. Vonderharr</b>      |
| <b>David L. Owen</b>        | <b>David E. Waits</b>           |
| <b>Kristy L. Parry</b>      | <b>Nicol A. Werner</b>          |
| <b>Dennis J. Petrucci</b>   | <b>Tracy C. Whittaker</b>       |
| <b>Robert Pettitt</b>       | <b>Daniel T. Whitted</b>        |
| <b>Matthew J. Pincura</b>   | <b>Kenneth N. Wiehe</b>         |
| <b>John K. Pittner</b>      | <b>Steven M. Wilcox</b>         |
| <b>Laura E. Preslock</b>    | <b>J. Nathan Wilder</b>         |
| <b>Renee L. Quallen</b>     | <b>Sandra A. Wilkinson</b>      |
| <b>Dave A. Rauch</b>        | <b>Ann M. Williamitis</b>       |
| <b>Christopher T. Ray</b>   | <b>Jason L. Wilson</b>          |
| <b>Edward R. Reichert</b>   | <b>Sharon Winiecki</b>          |
| <b>James L. Rinaldi III</b> | <b>Stephanie A. Wolf</b>        |
| <b>Belinda Roddy</b>        | <b>David K. Wolfe</b>           |
| <b>Colleen M. Saringer</b>  | <b>Jason D. Yost</b>            |
| <b>David A. Zenobi</b>      | <b>Kimberly L. Zirbel</b>       |

**BOARD STAFF**

When you contact the Licensure Board office, our highly dedicated and competent staff will assist you. The Board's staff consists of nine people:

- Executive Director** - *Carl G. Williams, MPA*
- Enforcement Supervisor** - *Lisa Navarro*
- Investigators** - *Amanda Hateley and Kimberly Stein*
- Executive Secretary** - *Stephanie Youst*
- Administrative Assistant** - *Mary Jo Tilton*
- Certification Licensure Examiners** - *Mary Jane Langlois, Diane Moore, and Thanh "MAI" N. Vo*

**Name • Address • Employment Change / Duplication Request Form**

This form must be notarized and a notarized duplication of legal documentation should accompany this request for name change, wall certificate, and identification card requests (Marriage License, Divorce Decree, other legal papers).

**General Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Profession \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_

**Name Change**

**From** \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last  
**To** \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last  
 Reason: Correction Marriage Divorce Other Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**Address Change**

New Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Change**

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suite # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Duplicate Request for Wall Certificate**

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ How do you wish your name to appear on your new wall certificate?  
 Reason: Correction Marriage Divorce Other Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**Duplicate Request for Identification Card**

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason: Correction Marriage Divorce Other Explain \_\_\_\_\_

I, being duly sworn, depose and say that the information referred to in this form are true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Licensee** **Date**  
 Subscribed to and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Notary Public**

**My Commission Expires**

**SEAL**

Fee Schedule	Wall Certificate	Identification Card	Please make Money Order, Cashier's Check, Or Business Check
OT/OTA	\$20.00	\$10.00	Payable to: <i>Treasurer, State Of Ohio</i>
PT/PTA	\$20.00	\$10.00	
AT	\$20.00	\$10.00	

**For Office Use Only** DOCUMENT ATTACHED [ ] YES [ ] NO  
 Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ CK/MO. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Issued Date: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Wall Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTPTAT-FORM 001 Revised 3/20/98

Please forward completed form to: OTPTAT BOARD 77 S HIGH ST 16TH FL COLUMBUS OH 43215-6108

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