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Getting to Know Your Board

By Christopher Cross

I thought that as we are underway with a full NAIA-ATA Board of Directors, we ought to put a face with a name. We often will see emails or names written, but when we see them at the NATA Convention or at athletic events, we don't recognize them. So, let me introduce the Board of Directors:



PRESIDENT:

Susan Ganz, Point Loma Nazarene University
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PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Christopher Cross, Cedarville University
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If you see any of these people, please thank them for their service.

NAIA-ATA BOD welcomes President Elect

The NAIA-BOD welcomes Christopher Cross (Cedarville University) as the new President-Elect of the NAIA-ATA.

Mr. Cross serves as Assistant Professor of Athletic Training and is Cedarville's sports team's Head Athletic Trainer. He obtained his B.S. in Sports Medicine from Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, WV and a M.S. in Athletic Training from West Virginia University. Prior to coming to Cedarville University, he was the Director of Athletic Training for Salem International University. In this position, he was responsible for oversight of both the academic and athletic aspects of the athletic training department. Mr. Cross is married to Barbara and has three boys, Mason, Colby and Tyler.

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Mr. Cross states, "Through my experiences at small universities, as a student, staff and now faculty member, I have developed a knowledge of the intricacies and hardships that a majority of the members of the NAIA struggle through on a daily basis. I would like to develop the Athletic Trainer's Association of the NAIA into a support system for the membership to utilize."

Letter from the President

By Susan Ganz

As the fall season comes to a close I wanted to give you an update on some things that have been happening with the NAIA-ATA board of directors. After a number of changes over the past several years we now have a complete board and almost all of the committees are filled. It is a pleasure to welcome Christopher Cross to the board of directors as the new President Elect. After various meetings, emails and phone calls I am excited about the plans we have for this year.

One of the most exciting things that has occurred which you will be seeing soon is that the long anticipated webpage will soon be here. It has been approved by the NAIA and the website is being designed and soon to be installed. The intent of the updated web page is that it will be more informational and user friendly. Information such as contact information for regional reps, championship event information, and different templates and policies are available or will soon be available on the web page. The championship committee is working on standards for championships both regionally and nationally, by this summer they hope to have a guideline for how to travel to the various championship events.

We will continue to focus on the importance of sectional reps (formally regional reps), to facilitate this process which will ensure that all athletic trainers are aware of NAIA and NAIA-ATA information and also to establish and avenue in which your issues can be addressed. Randy Biggerstaff will continue to serve as the sectional representative coordinator. If you do not know who you're sectional rep is or have any questions, please feel free to contact Randy. Make sure that you send all your contact information to your sectional rep so the NAIA-ATA can have a complete data base of all athletic trainers. I encourage you to get involved in your area to be a part of helping improve athletic training in the NAIA.

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April Reed will continue as the NAIA Liaison for the CUATC where she has been an active voice for the NAIA. She has been instrumental in developing a strong relationship between the NAIA and the NCAA particularly in regards to the medical handbook. We also encourage you to get involved and find out who your representative is to the College and University Athletic Trainers committee (CUATC) for the NAIA. This can be another voice for us at the national level. If your region does not have an NAIA rep to the CUATC we encourage you to consider getting involved. I encourage you to get involved in your area to be a part of helping improve athletic training in the NAIA.
Thank you for your time and I wish you the best for this year. And if any of us on the board or your sectional rep can be of assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact us.

God Bless,
Susan Ganz, PhD, ATC
NAIA-ATA President

A Staff of One—Plus?

By Linda Kaminskis

Many NAIA-ATA ATC's are stand alones. So how do we, at the colleges without an athletic training education program, manage to deliver quality health care to our athletes? Here are some of the strategies I'm hearing about:

-emply nursing, pre-med, pre-physical therapy and physical education majors as helpers
-practicum for first aid or gasic athletic training class
-credit course- Intercollegiate athletic training
-partnership with local high schools-students interested in athletic training profrssion shadow and help out the college ATC
-volunteers (offer them food or a free t-shirt)

I would be interested in what others of you do to help diver quality health care to our NAIA student-athletes. Send your ideas to lkaminskis@goshen.edu

In Remembrance

Mr. Al Ortolani passed away Friday November 28, 2008. Mr. Ortolani was the Athletic Trainer at Pitt State (kan.) when Pitt State was NAIA. He served as Head Athletic Trainer from 1956-1995.

Ortolani was the first athletic trainer inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame. He has been inducted into five Halls of Fame, including the PSU Athletics Hall of Fame for meritorious achievement in 1992 as well as the National Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame.

The NAIA-ATA student scholarship is named after Mr. Ortolani.

Ortolani was born August 31, 1928, in Huntington, N.Y. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Virginia, brothers Frank and Emil Ortolani and five adult children: Alfred F. Ortolani and his wife Sherri, Debbie Grimaldi and her husband Gary, Jamie Ortolani and his wife Jenny, Dianna Holman and her husband Mike, and Jennifer Tavernaro and her husband Bobby.