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# IATA NEWSLETTER



## LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

BY MAKENNA TURK, IATA PRESIDENT

There is something really refreshing about the first true sunshine of spring isn't there? Reinvigorates a bereaved heart that survived Winter Part 1 and Winter Part 2: Fake Spring and makes us not question every life decision as much when that random middle of April blizzard inevitably comes. That urge to spring clean and get out to do some yard work kicks in, dads can finally break out the grass stained white New Balance sneakers and/or Crocs with white mid-calf sock combo and cargo shorts that are further above the knee that anyone thought possible and life can't be better. Idaho can rest assured that Spring is actually here when Jacob Casebolt has Chaco tan lines on his feet, Pennsylvania has Punxsutauney Phill and Idaho has Jacob's Chacos. But I digress...

As we transition into spring I think it is a great time for IATA to reflect and do our own spring cleaning. NATM has passed reminding us of all the Idaho Athletic Training Community has to offer and why its so darn special. The IATA GAC will soon have survived another legislative session allowing Lauren and Nick to take a well deserved 18 hour nap. We prepare for familiar faces to leave IATA and new faces to join us, we have learned and grown from mistakes and shortcomings that make us even more dedicated to advocating on behalf of the Idaho Athletic Training Community. The start of spring is a great opportunity to take a deep breath, reflect and start anew!

I can promise that IATA has more life than ever and is beyond eager to serve on behalf of the Idaho Athletic Training Community. Dave Hammons is trailblazing a journey towards Third Party Reimbursement in Idaho, Jared Olsen is taking on the Secondary Schools Committee Chair position full steam ahead ready to rebuild the IHSAA SMAC and do amazing work on behalf of High School ATs and their patient populations, Karla Judge and Dani Moffit have put together a SPECTACULAR IATA 2025 Summer Meeting & Symposium to take place July 18-19 in Pocatello, and so much more to look forward to! Please take advantage of IATA's ambition, our hearts are in the right place and we are ready to get to work with your best interest in mind. Whether it be addressing the wants and needs of the Idaho Athletic Training Community as a whole, of individual IATA districts, of a specific practice setting, or of yourself as an individual. Whatever capacity we are needed we will be there. Additionally, If you have your own ambitions but need help getting started please reach out to your district director! IATA is here to empower you and help nurture your ambitions by either getting you involved in an official position in IATA or by partnering with you and provide you the tools and resources you need to pursue your ambitions and do the amazing things I know all Idaho Athletic Trainers are capable of. I appreciate you all and I am thankful every day for the opportunity to fulfill the role of IATA President, let's get after it!

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# IATA Summer Symposium/Business Meeting

JULY 18 - 19, 2025

Pocatello, ID - Idaho State University

**Registration: Online/On-Site**

**Friday and Saturday (Certified AT-IATA Member): \$110**

**Saturday Sessions (Certified AT -IATA Member): \$60**

**Friday and Saturday(Certified AT-Non IATA Member): \$125**

**Saturday Sessions (Certified AT - Non IATA Member): \$75**

**Student Registration:**

**Friday and Saturday sessions: \$50**

**Saturday Session: \$25**

**Friday July 18th**

**Registration 2pm to 3pm PST**

**3-5PM Load Management and Injury Prevention with lab**

**Tayler Elizondo, PhD (abd), MS, CSCS, CES**

**5-9PM Honors, Awards and Trivia Social**

**Portneuf Valley Brewing - 615 South 1st Ave Pocatello, ID 83201**

**Saturday July 19th**

**7:45 - 8:30AM Registration and Breakfast**

**8:30 - 9:30AM Working with the hearing impaired**

**Lisa Illich, MCSD, CCC-A (audiology)**

**9:35-10:35AM - How to use an interpreter**

**Katherine Tarp, PhD Spanish**

**10:45 - 11:45AM - Sports Medicine in the Native American Community**

**John Sunchild, MS, LAT, ATC**

**12-12:30PM Business meeting/Lunch**

**12:45 - 1:45PM Wilderness Medicine**

**Darin Jernigan, MS, DPT, WEMT**

**1:50-2:50PM Body Image**

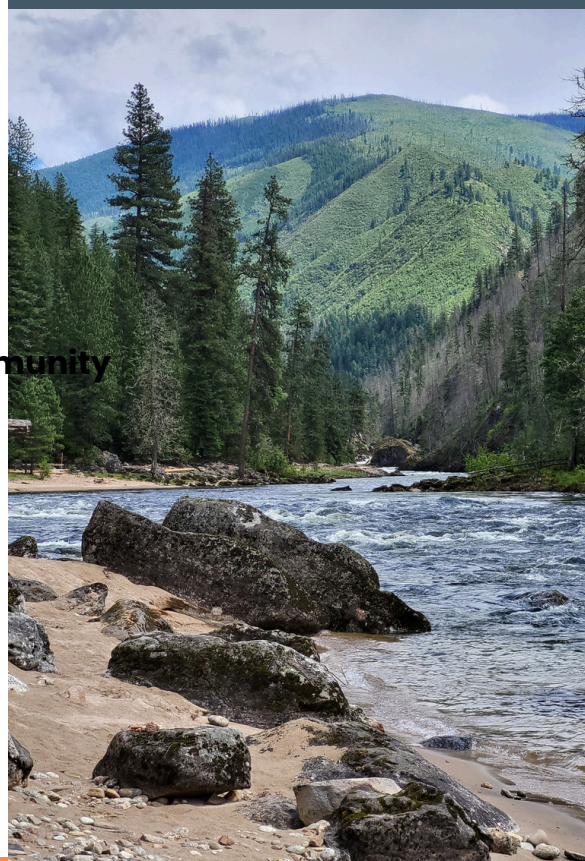
**Janette Olsen, PhD Public Health**

**3-5PM Personal Safety/Self Defense**

**Derek Daniels, Lieutenant Pocatello Police Department**

**IF YOU NEED IATA TO STEP UP AND  
ADVOCATE ON YOUR BEHALF OR IF  
YOU NEED IATA TO EMPOWER YOU  
TO ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF, FOR  
YOUR COLLEAGUES, YOUR  
PATIENTS, YOUR COMMUNITY OR  
WHOEVER YOU WANT TO IMPACT  
WE ARE ALL HERE FOR YOU IN  
WHATEVER CAPACITY YOU NEED US.**

**MAKENNA TURK, IATA PRESIDENT**



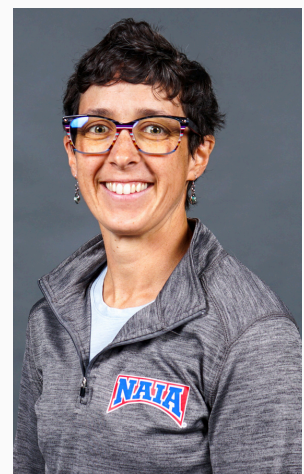




## Thank you NWATA

BY TARYN CADEZ-SCHMIDT, IATA SECRETARY/TREASURER

To begin, I have been placed into the role of Secretary/Treasurer and co-chairing with Tracy Collins the Public Relations Committee for the Idaho Athletic Trainers' Association in August, so to say I am a learning novice in the role is to put it nicely. As a newly elected BOD member placed into business meetings for the NWATA and the IATA along with being a presenter for the NWATA with a lecture and two labs, a whirlwind of experiences and networking like I've never experienced could have only been fostered by the NWATA Program committee and the IATA. Thank you to all the individuals who developed and worked tireless hours to create a conference that was real and wholesome. From the reassurance I was in the correct room, to the towels needed for the labs, the support from my fellow committee chairs in the IATA business meeting. to the membership who did not hesitate to discuss concerns, to the district's presidents who took my questions with patience, Thank you. The app that was used for the conference was clear for all of the other presentations and if there were any concerns, they were answered immediately. Dinner was a lovely atmosphere with the appeal of a game I can't quite get my head around, toss a bean bag into a hole across the room (there has to be regulation for the distance between boards). Well enough of my rambles and reflections. A HUGE shout out to all of the individuals who participated at the NWATA = it was a great experience. Thank you!



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## Third Party Reimbursement Review

DAVE HAMMOND NOTES FROM NWATA IATA BUSINESS MEETING.

**Step 1 – To identify payor targets and then best to contact. Such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Idaho, Regence of Idaho, Select Health or St. Luke’s Health, Idaho Medicaid and Workers Compensation. This includes discussion with athletic trainers who are currently succeeding at reimbursement and pilot studies.**

**Step 2 – Define and tailor our why, define our ask. Do we start with specific or general requests? By understanding and knowing our ask we are able inquire and solicit interested payors and providers.**

**Step 3 – Aim for 2-3 payors meetings with the goal to attain at least one provider interested in billable athletic training services.**

**Step 4 – Strategic follow up with payor meetings and non meetings that will address pitfalls. Reevaluation of strategy based on key finding as necessary.**



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In 2014, the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Third Party Reimbursement Initiative Pilot Project (TPRI) launched a joint initiative between the NATA and three individual state athletic training associations (Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin). Since then the initiative has worked with 25 states and gained recognition by nearly 300 payors that recognize the AT as a reimbursable health care provider (NATA News- October 2024). In 2019 the Idaho Athletic Trainers Association (IATA) distributed a similar survey to gauge member interest- this is a request for member participation in a 5 year follow-up on the initiative.

The intent of TPRI is to continue to support state level advocacy for athletic trainers with payers and employers, while building and maintaining coordinated efforts nationally. The states that choose to participate will be expected to share key learning and data as part of a larger network that will drive progress nationally. Our goal is for Idaho to contribute towards this initiative.





## Governmental Affairs Committee Recap

HIT THE HILL - FEBURARY 2025

**Hit the hill in February was a successful effort, even with the weather providing the challenging roads and snowy weather. Twelve Certified Athletic Trainers with roughly twenty athletic training student representing Idaho State University and Boise State University braved the 1st floor rotunda. Even two high school CTE students from Boise High School joined in the efforts to spread the name of athletic trainers are here! There were 30 face-to-face meetings with legislators and at least 20 drop offs to legislator offices.**

**This work resulted in Bill HB60 (Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention) being terminated and a replacement bill, HB313, is up for a second reading in the House of Health and Welfare Committee. This bill effects public secondary schools and clinic AT as it is in regards to decisions made by coaches if an cardiac event occurs.**

**The GAC will continue to watch the current legislative season as there are many changes in the legislators.**

**Please let us know if there are any questions concerning Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) regarding licensure renewals and newly certified athletic trainers. Lauren Hoyt spoke at the NWATA business meeting regarding DOPL, please reach out to her for any questions or concerns that may come up in the future, [idahogac@gmail.com](mailto:idahogac@gmail.com). Lastly, GAC is looking towards license compact, AED accessibility, rural school access and TPR initiative.**

**Thank you all again for who was apart of Hit the Hill and big shout out the the GAC!**





## District 2 Open for Nominations

Currently held by Tyler Smith from Boise State. District 2 region includes the following counties: Adams, Washington, Valley, Payette, Gem, Canyon, Ada, Boise, Elmore and Owyhee.

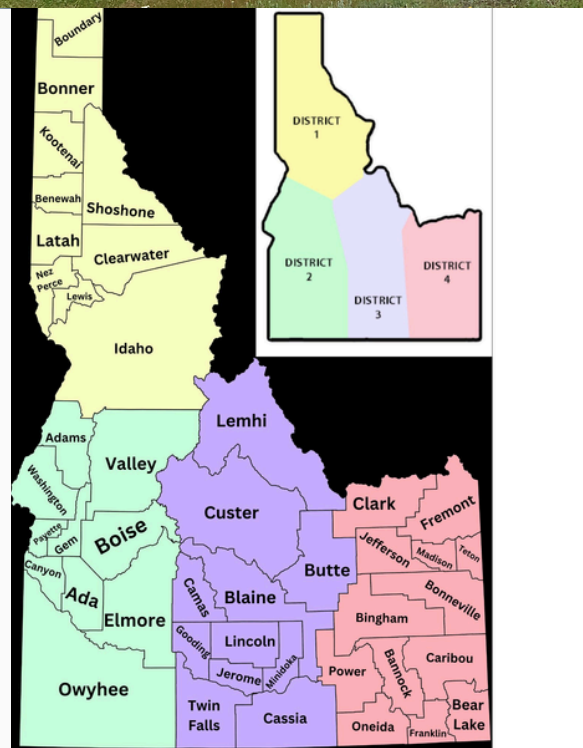
## District 4 Open for Nominations

Currently held by Karla Judge from Idaho State University. District 4 includes the following counties: Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville, Bingham, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake.

## Board of Directors (BOD) Position Statement

The BOD are elected by the membership of the state of Idaho every 4 years. They play an integral role to set strategies, advise policy and protect the profession of athletic trainers in the state of Idaho. They are the primary contact and voice of their respective region. Further explanation can be found on [idahoata.org](http://idahoata.org) Board of Directors including expectations, duties and responsibilities, terms of service and termination.

If interested please email your resume, cover letter and 1 letter of recommendation to [idahoata@gmail.com](mailto:idahoata@gmail.com) by April 30th.







## Committee Chair Positions Available

### **Committee on Practice Advanced Chair**

#### Goals

Supporting athletic trainers in nontraditional setting.

Develop resources, address concerns, strengthen opportunities and expand recognition of our members in those emerging settings.

### **Third Party Reimbursement Co-Committee Chair**

#### Goals

To serve as a resource and catalyst to the membership as a tool for both educational advocacy and professional wellbeing of AT

### **Research and Education Committee Chair**

#### Goals

To provide continuing education opportunities for IATA Membership

To assist Idaho AT meet the CEU requirements to keep their BOC certification in good standing

### **Early Professional Committee Chair**

#### Goals

To support athletic trainers in the early stages of their career by fostering leadership, developing educational initiatives and promoting professional and ethical values.

**If you would like to apply to an open position please reach out to your district director to discuss the responsibilities and expectations associated with the position you are interested in. If you decide to apply for a position please send your district director your resume and a cover letter.**





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### **Vacant Committee Positions**

**Early ProfessionalsChair**

**Research and Education**

**Committee on Practice Advancement Chair**

**Third Party Reimbursement Co–Chair**