



# NDATA NEWS

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## Message from NDATA Executive Director:

Dear NDATA Members,

We have all had a very busy fall season and I know there isn't a lot of free time for many of us to think about extra-curricular activities such as following our concussion bill amendments and/or possibly running for NDATA Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer.

Please give some serious consideration to becoming involved in your state organization. We will have elections coming up this December. Sara Bjerke is currently our vice president and is serving as our interim president. Sara's vice president term expires December 31, 2012. Jay Albrecht has currently taken a position with Moorhead State University Moorhead and will no longer be a member of District 5. Jay has stated his intentions to be our secretary/treasurer until December 31, 2012. The NDATA is looking to fill these positions with energetic, hard charging athletic trainers who are willing to put forth time and effort to better our profession in North Dakota.

I want to thank the licensure board and members of the NDATA who are keeping up to date on our concussion bill changes. This is time consuming and not everyone enjoys getting involved in political activities.

Thank you all for the excellent work you do as athletic trainers. I would like to thank Jay for your service as Secretary/Treasurer and good luck with your new position at MSUM.

JD

## Nominations:

NDATA will be holding election end of this year for both Vice President and Secretary / Treasurer. Vice President is a two year term from January 1 2013 to December 31, 2014. Secretary/Treasurer is a one year interim year and two year term starting January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. If you have questions about the positions please ask Board of Directors or consult the bylaws. If you are interested please contact the Nomination Chair Scott Witte at [wittes@fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:wittes@fargo.k12.nd.us)

## iLEAD

NDATA is pleased to announce that Tiara Fuhrmann from North Dakota State University has been selected to attend the 2013 iLEAD Conference for AT students in Dallas TX.

This will be the third time that **iLEAD** has been conducted for junior and senior students who are interested in learning more about leadership and in preparing to transition to the professional world of athletic training. Students will have the opportunity to speak with their peers and with AT leaders regarding ethics, interviewing, networking and a variety

of other topics.

*NDATA  
Symposium  
and Business  
Meeting*

*Spring 2013*

*Fargo, ND*

*MAATA  
Annual  
Meeting &  
Symposium*

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Meeting &  
Clinical  
Symposia*

*June 24-27, 2013*

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## **Message from the President:**

Let's face it...we are all busy. We all have a very busy job, that's the nature of athletic training. As I am writing this I have a varsity football game tonight and two events tomorrow. And some of you are thinking "yep, me too." There are meetings and presentations I haven't even had time to think about. And maybe you are thinking "yep, me too." I have three little boys who have not seen their mom much this week and a husband picking up the slack. And some have a situation similar to that and you are thinking "yep, me too." I have said "yes" to way too many things this fall and am running on empty. And the thought in your head is "yep, me too." And now someone else is asking for more. That's me and I am asking for more to add to your schedule. We have two positions to fill on the Board of Directors. We have a concussion bill that the wording is getting better but needs constant vigilance to be sure it is in the best interest of the athletic trainers in this state. We have the ND Century Code that is being updated this legislative session. We have the NDATA Constitution and Bylaws that are in need of an update too. We have awards to give and no nominations for them. Take the time and think about it. I am sure the first thought is "I have no time to do this" Next thought is "I have no idea what I would need to do" Yep, me too. I have no time and didn't have any idea what I got myself into, but I am learning. We have great people around the state that do know and are willing to listen and help. So what do you say, want to help out your profession and your state organization? Yep, me too.

## **AWARDS**

Take a look around you; we have great people everywhere. Take the time this year to seriously consider nominating someone for an award. Below are brief descriptions of the awards given out by our organization

All awards are due on December 31. All awards are submitted to Honors and Awards Chair: Megan Willard ATC. Find more information at [ndata.org](http://ndata.org).

### **North Dakota Athletic Trainer of the Year Award**

The NDATA would like to take the time to acknowledge any individual within our profession who achieves and promotes a positive outlook for our profession. We would like you to nominate an athletic trainer who you feel has gone above and beyond the call of duty in the past year. Please nominate an individual based on their work ethic, leadership and professionalism, what they contribute to their place of employment and community.

### **Non Certified Sports Professional Award**

This award is to be given to the person who is not a certified athletic trainer but contributes to sports medicine in other aspects. These could be but are not limited to: orthopedic doctor or team doctor, athletic director, coaches, parents, student athletic trainers and etc.

### **NDATA Hall of Fame**

The highest honor a member of the NDATA can receive within the organization is induction into the NDATA Hall of Fame. The NDATA invites its members to nominate eligible and deserving candidates to make application for the most prestigious honor and be recognized for their contributions to the profession of Athletic Training. Any worthy individual, regardless of race, creed, sex, or physical disability, based on their contributions to the NDATA, as well as, to the profession of Athletic Training, may be nominated by any member of the state association in good standing

