

SATA News
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Although the weather seems to not quite know it is summer, Athletic Therapists in Saskatchewan are busy caring for athletes involved in spring and summer sports such as soccer, baseball, football and rodeo. Lisa Swallow will be attending the Canada Summer Games in PEI as a member of the medical team. Ivan Gutfriend, Dale Pitura, Alistair Wilson and Trevor Len are busy with our CFL team, the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Coral Istace will be providing Athletic Therapy services at local rodeos and baseball tournaments around Moosomin, SK.

As the President of the SATA I have made a couple goals for myself that will promote increased recognition of Athletic therapy in 2009. I feel it is important to keep my membership informed of these goals so that they can touch base with me throughout the year and keep me on track. One thing that may seem minor but I have found vitally important is keeping a daily journal/log of SATA business. This has been valuable for me to keep track of the day-to-day business of the association as well as insure timely replies to any requests that come through. I am supporting National Athletic Therapy month by finding avenues to promote Athletic Therapy throughout the province. For the rest of the year I feel the priority of the SATA is have our scholarship finalized, ethics documents in place, and increase our contact with students from University of Regina who are, or plan to attend, Mount Royal College for Athletic Therapy. I welcome feedback and volunteer assistance from the SATA members for the above goals.

The President's Committee meeting was held in Vancouver prior to this year's annual conference. As the representative for the SATA I found this years meeting to be valuable due to the productive conversations held. As regional chapters, we will be looking at how to better track members who may work or reside in more than one region throughout the year. This includes Certification Candidates who attend school in one province but have permanent residence in another. We also discussed the importance of having our members become more familiar with professional regulation and how it will affect Athletic Therapy. After the meeting I was able to attend the national conference with other SATA members Lisa Swallow and Curt Cummings. I found it to be a good week of educational information and networking with other Athletic Therapists across the country. Unfortunately there were not enough CATA voting members attending the conference to provide quorum for the CATA AGM. Next year I would encourage other SATA members to plan to attend a conference and CATA AGM as it is important for the future business of the CATA and the profession of athletic therapy.

Sincerely,

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