

# EDAC Newsletter

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## WELCOME

**Keith Garnett, MS, ATC**

Chair of Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee

Welcome to the Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC) Newsletter. We are pleased to share with you our newsletter provided with news and innovative information about the endeavors and events of the committee and other diverse issues. EDAC addresses various subject matters that arise from cultural experiences in the field of athletic training. These range from pathologies that affect specific ethnicities to creating ways for more diverse involvement of ethnicities in athletic training. We will address many issues that will affect your student-athletes as well as provide some insight into Cultural Competence. We value your time, and appreciate your willingness to read our quarterly newsletter. We hope that you will share this news and events of EDAC with your staff and students in your athletic training education programs. Once again, thank you for your support.

## NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee Ethnic Diversity Enhancement Grant

**Keith Garnett, MS, ATC**

**Marnie Vanden Noven, DPT, ATC, CSCS**

The NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC) is pleased to announce that grants of up to \$7,500 are available to those educational institutions seeking to enhance ethnic diversity within the profession of athletic training.

*These grants may be awarded to educational institutions that are interested in:*

- Developing various programs intended to recruit, retain and educate ethnically diverse athletic training students with the intent to increase the number of ethnically diverse Certified Athletic Trainers;
- Disseminating information relating to health care issues and conditions relevant to ethnically diverse populations (sickle cell disease, lactose intolerance, at-risk populations, Blount's Disease, hypertension, et cetera);
- Enhancing the professional development and stature of ethnically diverse Certified Athletic Trainers to better serve the profession (ultimately leading to an increased representation of ethnically diverse leaders at both the district and national level).

Grant proposals must include a certified athletic trainer as an integral member of the project team. For more information and to see the grant application materials, please visit the EDAC website at

<http://www.edacweb.org> or contact the Chair of the NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee, Keith Garnett at [papasmurf271@yahoo.com](mailto:papasmurf271@yahoo.com), and the Grant Committee Chair, Marnie Vanden Noven at [marnie.vandennoven@marquette.edu](mailto:marnie.vandennoven@marquette.edu). The grant review process has 3 cycles each year. **The deadlines for receipt of proposals are April 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.**■



## EDAC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: A Message to All members

EDAC 25th anniversary is coming up next year and we're looking for original and older members of EDAC to participate in this upcoming celebration. We have started a video project to commemorate the occasion. We have had a few people contribute to the project by personal recordings for video during NATA convention this year. There were individuals that attended convention that we missed and greatly believe that their participation would enhance this project. If you are one of those individuals or know of those EDAC members that were there in the early days, please contact Monroe Abram. Email address [abram.357@comcast.net](mailto:abram.357@comcast.net), phone numbers 615-642-1815 (c) or 615-366-1800 (h) or 615-963-7829 (w) for more information. ❖

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Many organizations have joined together to promote breast cancer awareness month during October by making a common stance toward the fight by wearing pink-colored belongings. In addition, individuals are taking a stance by reminding mothers, daughters, nieces, wives, aunts, etc. to engage in early detection of breast cancer. Women of African-American, Latino, and Asian decent tend to develop breast cancer earlier and have more aggressive tumors than Caucasian women (Mayo Clinic, 2009). Let us take a stand and be mindful of this disease and talk with others close to us including co-workers and associates with respect to the importance early recognition. ❖

## Marje Albohm re-elected as President of NATA

Congratulations to Marje Albohm as she was re-elected as president of NATA to serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> two year term which will end in 2012. President Albohm has been a huge support to EDAC and we wish her well on her future endeavors towards expanding the opportunities for athletic trainers in the health care profession. ❖



## Fair Practice Lawsuit Settled between NATA and APTA organizations

An agreement has been reached between NATA and the APTA organizations following the NATA's Fair Practice Lawsuit instituted in February 2008 against APTA for improper anticompetitive conduct by APTA and its members. NATA's president Marje Albohm, MS, ATC and NATA's general counsel Paul Genender of K&L Gates LLP have provided a 10-minute video on the NATA website for information regarding the important components of this settlement. Also available on the NATA website is the Fair Practice Joint Statement on Cooperation for both NATA and APTA members. You may access this document at [www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org). ❖

## New Appointees to EDAC

There have been a few new appointments to the EDAC committee this year and below are a few words from a few of the new representatives of EDAC.

### MONROE ABRAHAM, MED, ATC DISTRICT 9 REPRESENTATIVE

I presently serve as Head Athletic Trainer at Tennessee State University since 1999 and have worked in collegiate athletics for 15 years. I currently serve as vice chair of Tennessee Board of Athletic Trainers since 2005 and was Tennessee College Athletic Trainer of year in 2004. My role in EDAC is to help promote minorities in the profession by assisting students expand their education in athletic training and helping my peers navigate through the profession.

### SHONE GIPSON, MED, ATC DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE

As the District 2 Representative for the ethnic diversity advisory committee, my goal is to provide as much insight and support as I can to the ethnically diverse individuals of the district. I have been fortunate to speak with many members of the district recently regarding some activities of the committee and look forward to doing so in the future. In order to create a more diverse profession, all members of our district must get involved.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance @ [shone.gipson@bills.nfl.net](mailto:shone.gipson@bills.nfl.net)

## **LUZITA VELA, PHD, ATC/L DISTRICT 6**

I am grateful for the opportunity to introduce myself. I was born, raised, and completed my undergraduate education in the state of Texas. I moved away for ten years to complete graduate work and to work clinically in DI-DIII collegiate settings. I am proud to be back in Texas and serve as the new EDAC representative for District 6. I am currently an Assistant Professor and Clinical Education Coordinator for the Athletic Training Education Program at Texas State University-San Marcos. As the new District 6 representative my committee members and I look forward to finding ways to increase the value of your SWATA membership. In particular, we are interested in the recruitment and retention of ethnically diverse athletic trainers in the profession. In addition, we would like to serve the needs of an ethnically diverse physically active population. If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding how we can help the members of District 6, please feel free to contact me [lv19@txstate.edu](mailto:lv19@txstate.edu) or 512-245-1971

## **SHEENA LONG, SPT, ATS GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Hello to everyone. I just wanted to introduce myself to our members of EDAC. My name is Sheena Long and I am the new graduate student representative for the Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee of NATA. I am looking forward to working with everyone especially our diverse students enrolled in athletic training curriculums. I aspire to be able to organize forums and other educational opportunities for students. These events will have a common focus of outreach and networking for students with certified athletic trainers. I am currently in my 3rd year of school as I am in a dual degree program at Shenandoah University pursuing an entry level Doctoral degree in Physical Therapy and an entry level Master's degree in Athletic Training. I understand the needs of students and want to be able to provide to students on advice and recommendations to excel in the athletic training curriculum. I also want to hear from the students about what positives and negative experiences they encounter for me to share with other students that may or will experience the same happenings. Anyone that has any questions or needs to contact me, I can be reached by email at [slong@su.edu](mailto:slong@su.edu). I look forward to hearing from all. ❖

## **ETHNIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MISSION**

The Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee is dedicated to service, devoted to advocacy and committed to unity. We want to identify and address issues relevant to American Indian/Alaskan Natives, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Blacks (non-Hispanic), and Hispanics both in the health care arena and in the National Athletic Trainers' Association. We advocate sensitivity and understanding towards ethnic and cultural diversity throughout the profession and the association. We strive to enhance the growth and development of the NATA, and our objectives are designed to unify the association. So, join us in our efforts to promote service, advocacy and unity ~EDAC 2007

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*EDAC website is available at [www.edacweb.org](http://www.edacweb.org)  
and we are also on Facebook: [NATA Ethnic  
Diversity Advisory Committee](#)*

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **JANUARY/FEBRUARY BOC EXAM SCHEDULE**

TIME: JANUARY 23-FEBRUARY 6 EXAM WINDOW

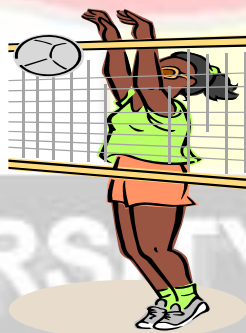
APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

REGISTRATION WINDOW: DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>-JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

For Exam Registration: [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org) and click on 'Candidates' for registration procedures

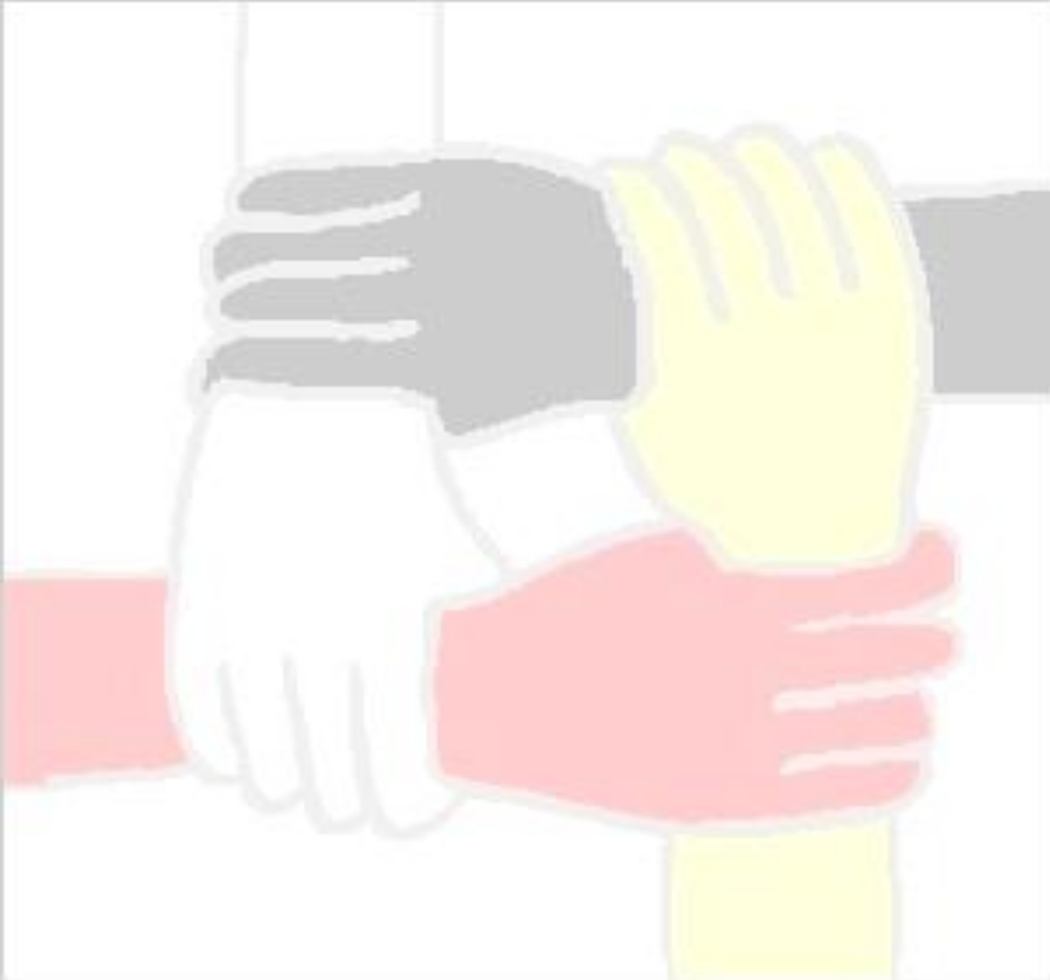
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[http://www.castleworldwide.com/tds\\_v5/services/ibt.htm](http://www.castleworldwide.com/tds_v5/services/ibt.htm)



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