



2024 Honors & Awards Ceremony

2024 SCATA President's Award



The President's Award was established in 2009 to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, or others who have made outstanding contributions to the membership of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association.



2024 SCATA President's Award

Bob Horner

SC Department of Labor, Licensing and
Regulation



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2024 SCATA President's Award

Deanna Kuykendall

NATA State Government Affairs





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Hannah Sobeski

Hannah Sobeski Memorial Scholarship

Honors the memory of Hannah Sobeski, the daughter of long-time SCATA member Mickey Sobeski and his wife Debbie. Hannah was a senior at Dorman High School in 2006 when she passed away at the age of 18 after a 6-month battle with cancer. This scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior who is the child, or dependent, of a SCATA member regardless of intended educational major.



Hannah Sobeski Memorial Scholarship

Cameron Marc Baker

Landrum High School

Will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Son of Michael and Laurin Baker



Terry Lewis

Terry Lewis Professional & Post-Professional Scholarships

Terry Lewis was a founding member of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association and was instrumental in the early planning and development of association activities and educational programs for Athletic Trainers throughout South Carolina. This scholarship honors him for his volunteer spirit and commitment to athletic training here in South Carolina.



Terry Lewis Professional Scholarship

Kimberly Nardi

MAT Student
University of South Carolina



Terry Lewis
Post-Professional Scholarship

Julie A. Warren, LAT, ATC

Head Athletic Trainer
Fairfield Central High School

Post-Professional Athletic Training Student
University of South Carolina



SCATA Athletic Training Service Award

Established in 2019, this is a state award, that reflects a dedication to the Association and honors members who have rendered distinguished service to the field of athletic training at the local or state level in South Carolina.



SCATA Athletic Training Service Award

Jason A. Powell, LAT, ATC

Athletic Training Administrator

PlaySafe Sports Medicine Services
Anderson, SC



Founders Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer

Established in 2009, the SCATA Founders MDAT is a state award, which reflects dedication to the Association and honors members who have rendered distinguished service to the field of athletic training while representing South Carolina at the local, state, district, and national levels.



Founders Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer

Sheila C. Gordon, ATC

Head Athletic Trainer

White Knoll High School
Lexington, SC



FRED HOOVER, ATC

Fred W. Hoover Award of Excellence

The Fred W. Hoover Award of Excellence in Athletic Training, named after the late Clemson University athletic trainer, is the SCATA's most prestigious honor created to recognize members who have shown a lifetime of commitment to improving the field of athletic training and given a lifetime of service to the SCATA. It was through Mr. Hoover's leadership and direction that SCATA was founded and has grown into a strong professional organization representing athletic trainers throughout the state of South Carolina and playing a strong role in the development of athletic training in the nation. This award is presented to members who have given unselfishly to the profession, the association, and its membership during their lifetime and whose service is reflective of the high standards and dedication illustrated by Mr. Hoover.



Fred W. Hoover Award of Excellence

Michelle Futrell, ATC-R

Executive Director
Continuing & Professional Education
School of Business
College of Charleston

Michelle would like to recognize and thank...

- Jamie, Tyler and Kylie Grace for putting up with all my crazy ideas and all the things I volunteer you to do.
- My Parents for their love, support, Cramer camp, and plenty of babysitting during road trips.
- My colleagues at the College of Charleston in the School of Health Sciences (Susan, Kate & Wes) who still give me the opportunity to do things like stand in front of the class and write books.
- My former students (Chris, Stacie, Kyle, Jermile, Jonathan) who became the best staff members I could have ever asked to work with and who have some of the best stories to tell.
- All of my former students whose names would fill up 10 of these slides that made coming to work every day a joy and who challenged me to learn more because you wanted to learn more.
- Executive & Advisory Committee members who gave me opportunities to put my strengths to use (Brad, Jeremy, Amy, Joe, Will, Abby, Alyss)
- SCATA Friends who I have served beside on committees and sold A LOT of raffle tickets with over the years. Friends who have supported me, encouraged me and bought A LOT of raffle tickets from me.
- Fred Hoover for leading by example, and challenging us all to serve this profession we love.



South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

HONORS & AWARDS



Congratulations, everyone!



Susan Rozzi, PhD, SCAT, ATC
Free Communications Chair

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place

Please Vote for Members' Choice!

Palmetto AT Leadership Awards



To recognize excellence in leadership involving people, events, programs, and/or projects that advance the profession of Athletic Training.

All essential criteria must be met in order to be eligible for an award.

Essential Criteria:

1. Be an excellent role model
2. Inspire others to work collaboratively and creatively
3. Promote an environment that is respectful, collegial and supportive





Michelle Lomonaco

Kyle Prothro





2024 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
BUSINESS MEETING



South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

Outline

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes from 2023 Business Meeting
3. Officer Reports
4. Representative and Committee Reports
5. New Business
6. Adjourn



APPROVAL OF 2023 MINUTES

Abby DeDecker, SECRETARY
motion to approve minutes.
Approved.



REPORTS OF OFFICERS

SECRETARY - [Abby DeDecker](#)

TREASURER - [Joe Cauble](#)

PRESIDENT-ELECT - [Will Christman](#)

PRESIDENT - [Amy Fraley](#)





SECRETARY

Abby DeDecker, MHRD, LAT, ATC





SECRETARY REPORT

Membership Updates 2024

- **Annual Dues due January 1st, 2025**

- \$30 membership
- \$5 student membership
- \$0 Retired membership*

- **NATA Membership - direct join**

- Direct join
- Must have D3/SC address for SCATA to receive dues
- Receive monthly updates from NATA rosters

Total Membership Dues Breakdown

Select your membership category and location below. You total dues payment includes membership to the national, district and state organizations.

I am a in

NATA	\$180
District Association	\$28
State Association	\$30
Total Dues	\$238



SECRETARY REPORT



Membership Numbers

7/8/2024

NATA/D3/SCATA	460	
Non NATA/ SCATA Only	74	Paid dues direct to SCATA
Student	45	
Retired	30	
Total members	635	

SECRETARY REPORT



StarChapter/Website Updates 2024

- Implemented in January 2024
- Migrated data, membership profiles, and extended member dues grace period during this time for 2024.
- StarChapter Website will allow better membership tracking, with automatic move to non-member status upon dues expiration and 3 month grace period.
- We do not lose non-member contacts, and we still email important information to both members and non-members. (2424 non-member contacts)
- Quarterly NATA membership imports. If there is a difference between profile name/email address on NATA roster vs. SCATA/StarChapter you may be moved to non-member. Please email the secretary before you make a new membership profile. This will end up with duplicate profiles



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TREASURER

JOE CAUBLE, MA, LAT, ATC

McLeod Health



ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$ 34,312.81
Money Market	\$ 119,267.81
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 153,580.62
Total Current Assets	\$ 153,580.62
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 153,580.62
LIABILITY AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	\$ 0.00
Retained Earnings	\$ 120,849.39
Net Income	\$ 32,731.23
Total Equity	\$ 153,580.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 153,580.62



TREASURER REPORT

Balance Sheet

As of July 8, 2024

In 2023 increased cost for
lobbyist, Symposium 2023
made 7k profit

Expenses	FY23 Actual
Annual Symposium	\$ 57,889.65
Committee Expenses	\$ 24,140.93
Insurance	\$ 2,758.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,220.78
Office Supplies & Software	\$ 4,787.29
Professional Services	\$ 33,565.00
Travel/CE	\$ 2,231.73
Web Services	\$ 3,539.00
Total Expenses	\$ 130,132.38

Income	FY23 Actual
Grants	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 664.24
Membership Dues	\$ 19,275.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,625.80
Scholarship Donations	\$ 3,204.00
Sponsorships	\$ 9,220.00
Symposium/Workshop Registrations	\$ 73,220.01
Total Income	\$ 107,704.05
Net Income	\$ -22,428.33





PRESIDENT-ELE CT

Will Christman, MS, LAT, ATC
Wofford College



ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Thank You!

Total Registrations:

Certified SCATA Member: 252

Student SCATA Member: 42

Certified Non-SCATA Member: 69

Complimentary/Speaker/Invited Guest Registration: 28

Category A: 13 CEU's

LLR: 2

Free Communications: 15



QUIZ BOWL

FRIDAY

10:15AM

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40TH

BIRTHDAY

PARTY

THURS
8-11

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CENTER**

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BIRTHDAY GAMES,
RAFFLE TICKETS,
& MORE**

SCATA COMMERATIVE BEER



PRESIDENT

Amy L. Fraley,
PhD, LAT, ATC, CSCS
University of South Carolina



PRESIDENT

- 2023 -2024 year highlights, see photos
- SCATA receives awards: NATA GAC Dan Campbell Legislative Award, BOC Award Dave Montgomery Public Advocacy Award
- SCATA Social Events
- LLR recap dates for licensure







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SC AT Licensure Dates 2024



MAY



2024

MAY
3

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LLR APPLICATION**

Initial application fee \$50

MAY
24

AT LICENSE OFFICIAL

Credential is written as LAT, ATC

JULY
20

**MUST BE LICENSED
TO CONTINUE
PRACTICING AS AT**

2026

**AT LICENSE
EXPIRATION DATE**

License will be valid for 2 years
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-Coach Mike London, Coaches Council member and donor



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Quick stats



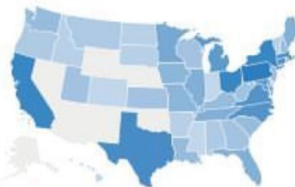
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REPRESENTATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS



MID ATLANTIC **ATHLETIC TRAINERS'** ASSOCIATION

MAATA Director - Ray Davis

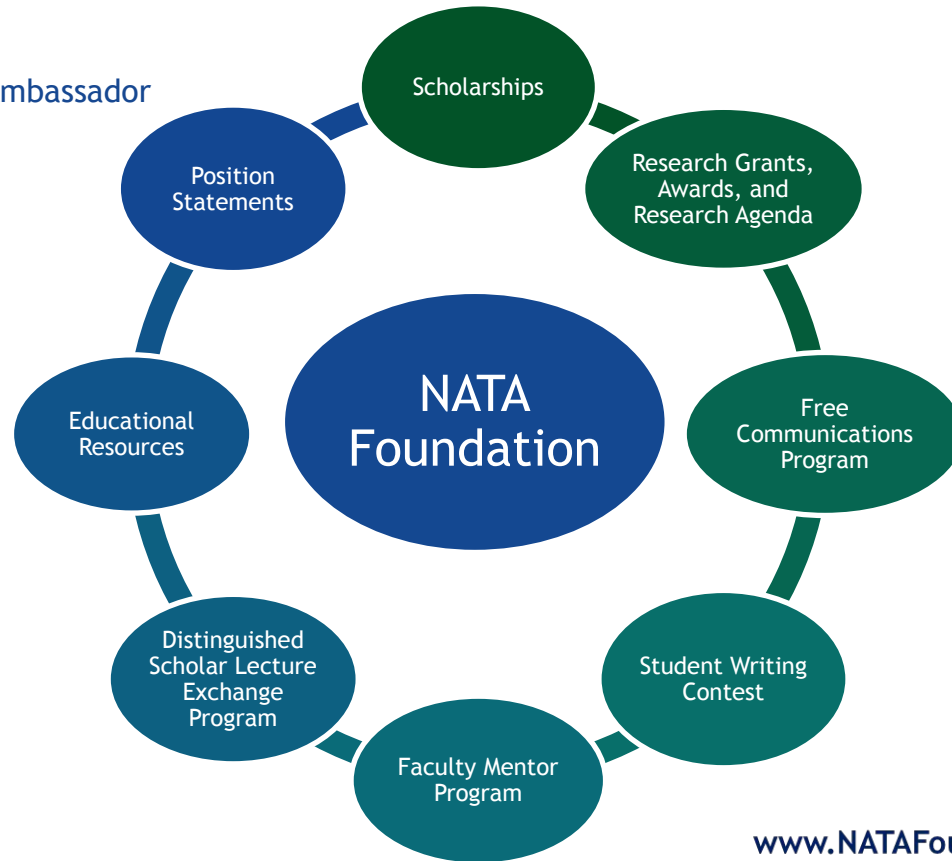
- Congratulations on SCATA 40th Birthday
- NATA Thank you and continue to participate in membership. We would like to welcome you back if no longer current member
- Congratulations on Licensure, all of D3 was cheering for SCATA and now all of D3 states are licensed.
- Volunteer opportunities at all levels- please use NATA gather to see current openings

MAATA President - Matt Gage

- Wow! Best state meeting so far!!
- Thank you to SCATA members who serve at D3 level
 - Amy, Will, Matt Lyden, Andy Massy, Jeremy Searson
- MAATA Symposium Task Force Recommendations
 - 1. Remove business meeting from Annual meeting with virtual CEUS
 - 2. 2026 move MAATA meeting to new location
 - 3. Provide money to each state to sponsor event in home state
 - 4. Give money to YPC/students to attend meetings
- Communication with MAATA
 - Committee Needs and Roles
 - Advocacy - help from D3, possible future funding
 - Possible future funding for states
 - Need for volunteers and leadership
- MAATA Symposiums May 2-4 2025

NATA Foundation

Anna Boddicker, South Carolina Ambassador
annaboddicker@gmail.com



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LLR Updates

Kevin Ennis and Jessica Beise

- 1st meeting on Wednesday July 10th 2024, went great!
- Over 800 AT applications
- Thank you!

South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

Organizational Chart - Updated 10.28.23



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Amy Fraley
President - Voting Member

DEI Representative
Jeremy McMichael

Ethnic Diversity Advisory - Kenya Moore

LGBTQ+ - Michelle Singleton

SCATA Lobbyist - Copper Dome Strategies, LLC

Legislative Representative
Zach Richards

Governmental Affairs - Larkin Zimmerman

3rd Party Reimbursement - Zach Richards

LLR Advisory Board - Kevin Ennis

Professional Continuing Education Representative
Alyss Hart

Educational Programing -
Kyle Prothro, Michelle Lomonaco

BOC -Niki Gay

William Christman
President-Elect - Voting Member

Education Representative
Martha Dettl-Rivera

Post-Secondary Educators- Martha Dettl-Rivera

Secondary Educators - Hanna Beckman

Student Senators - Teagan Crane, TBD

Secondary School Student Workshop - Hanna Beckman

ATLAS Ambassadors - George Wham, Jason Wimberly

Abby DeDecker
Secretary - Voting Member

Secondary School Representative
George Wham

Secondary Schools - Mark Mancebo

**Public Relations -
Social Media** - Anna Boddicker

Post-Secondary Representative
Amanda Taylor

Post Secondary Schools - Amanda Taylor

Website - TBD

Membership Development Representative
Jim Mensch

Honors and Awards - Jim Berry

ATs Care - Alice McLaine

NATA Foundation Ambassador- Anna Boddicker

Young Professionals - Abbey Earich

Special Events- Mike Brown

Joe Cauble
Treasurer - Voting Member

Emerging Practices Representative
Kevin Herod

Council on Practice Advancement -
Brad Yeargin

Exhibitors - Danny Poole

Finance Committee - TBD

History - Walt Gainey

Past Presidents

Jeremy R. Searson
Imm. Past President - Voting Member





PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Michelle Lomonaco and Kyle Prothro

Committee Members Ryan Kroskie, Amanda Taylor, Alice McLaine, Erin Thomas, Nicole Herring

Representative

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Committee has grown resulting in more efficient symposium planning and coordination
- Continuing to find educational opportunities for membership which meet professional development goals

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Improved symposium feedback for future planning
- Develop educational programming that meets the needs of the membership





BOC APPROVED PROVIDER

Committee Chair Niki Gay

Committee Members

Representative Niki Gay

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Renewed ability for SCATA to offer CEU's through the BOC for 2024.

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Continue to keep SCATA a BOC Approved Provider



South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association 2024 Annual Symposium



Special Events Committee

Committee Chair Mike Brown

Committee Members Josh Cohick, Miyah Cook, Landon Murray, Krista Richards, Melissa Smith, Christina Turner and Craig Oates

Representative Jim Mensch

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Increased membership & participation
- 23 Golfers for SCATA Golf Outing
- Wednesday Night Welcome Event
- Looking forward to Thursday's Birthday Party

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Further grow & develop the SCATA Golf Outing
- Increase member involvement in SCATA events
- Facilitate further networking opportunities for SCATA Members





Exhibitors Committee

Committee Chair Danny Poole

Committee Members Jeffrey Bodenhamer

Representative

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- We have had a very good year with our Exhibitors/Sponsors.
- Platinum Level(\$1,250) Henry Schein, McLeod Health, and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.
- Silver Level(\$750) Medco, The Athletic Edge, and Passanante's Home Food Service.
- Bronze(\$500) 23 Sponsors
- 5 Non Paying Groups: History Committee, SCATA Committees, Below 104, Be The Match, and Jim Berry
- Income from Exhibitors \$18,550





EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Martha Rivera - Winthrop

Committee Members Vanessa Fulbright – Limestone
Renaë Bomar – Charleston Southern
Dawn Emerson – U. of South Carolina

Katie Rovtar – Clemson
Scott DeCiantis – Anderson

Representative Landon Murray – U. of South Carolina

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Thank you committee members!
- Student Quiz Bowl: NEW DATE/TIME
 - Friday, 7/10 at 10 AM in Lexington B

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Virtual visits to SC Institutions ☐ promote professional associations
- SCATA Student Center Webpage





Honors, Awards, and Scholarships

Committee Chair Dr. Jm Berry

Committee Members Stacey Baynham, Cortney Bowers, Kim Bressler,
Ernie Drews, Clint Haggard, Bill Warren

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 2024 cycle summary: 2 Hoover nominations, 1 MDAT nomination, 2 Service nominations, 1 Lewis PostProf App, 5 Lewis Pro Apps, 6 Sobeski Apps.
- All nomination forms and support materials are now available as Google forms/docs and are submitted electronically. Links available on the website under the Honors and Awards tab.
- Important 2025 Dates: February 15 – nominations **open**; March 15 – nominations **close**; April 15 – ALL materials **due**.

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Completion of permanent Hoover Award display at CMCC.
- Increase the number of nominations for Honors, Awards, & Scholarships, so **PLEASE** nominate your colleagues & peers!!
- **Continue search for Hoover Award Winner permanent display, and had meeting with CMCC**





Young Professionals' Committee

Committee Chair Abbey Earich

Committee Members Krista Richards, Trevor Hess, Joseph Lynch

Representative Abbey Earich

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Had a bit of turnover within the committee and introduced a new committee chair last fall
- Added new committee members Trevor Hess and Joseph Lynch

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Collaborate with other committees to create a more robust mentorship program for YPs in the state
- Increase YP engagement, retention, and satisfaction throughout the state





Governmental Affairs Committee

Committee Chair Larkin Smith

Committee Members Mike Rice, David Heim, Courtney Bowers, Derek Knight
*Students: Austin Coates, Dylan Crew

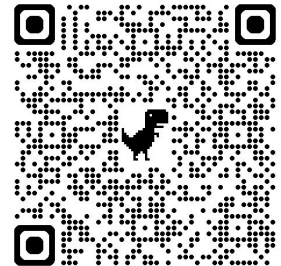
Representative

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- GAC/TPR Bootcamp 2.0
 - This was just a meeting with NATA to discuss on how to push our goals forward for the GAC/TPR Committee
- **WE ARE NOW LICENSED!!!**
 - Must be licensed by July 20th to continue to practice!!

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Hit the Hill 2025 – Around Jan/Feb 2025
- Compile a list of legislator's contact info and social media accounts
- **HOST A LEGISLATOR** in 2024-2025!





THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT

Committee Chair Zachery Richards

Committee Members John Lopez, Jason Wimberly, Kyle Prothro, Matthew Lyden, Brainard Cooper

Representative Zachery Richards

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Held a TPR Bootcamp in November of 2023.
- Sent out a survey on the importance of TPR to the membership, only 17 have answered.

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Look at a paid position as a liaison for SCATA to insurers
- Start setting up meetings with insurers now that we are licensed.
- **Zach is stepping and down and Larkin will assume new role**





COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Mary Catherine Avey MS, LAT, ATC

Committee Members Riley Cox MS, ATC
Dayshia Davenport MS, LAT, ATC
Sarah Lyon M.S, ATC, SCAT, ROT, OPE-C

Representative Mary Catherine Avey

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Compiling College/Universities with Clinical Immersion Opportunities
 - Provide a database for prospective students to utilize to find collegiate opportunities in SC

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Support college/university athletic trainers in South Carolina
- Facilitate networking and connections with the directory





Secondary School Committee

Committee Chair Mark Mancebo

Committee Members April Taylor Jason Keesee Adam Henry Caitlin Hart Sara Kersteter
Lauren Frick Katy Campman Fletcher Ben Merritt Nora Pace

Representative George Wham

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- North/South and Shrine Bowl Athletic Trainer Nominations
- North/South and Shrine Bowl Student Aide Nominations
- Work with SCHSL on guideline updates
- Update Secondary School Directory

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- Complete Secondary School Directory
- Work with SCACA
- Work with SCHSL





Secondary Schools Student Workshop

COMMITTEE UPDATE

Committee Chair

Hanna Beckman

Committee Members

Andrew Ditch, Caitlin Hart, Heather Gray, Jessica Lowe, Jim Mensch, Kenya Moore, Alice McLaine, Dawn Minton, Nic Saul, Mark Mancebo, Shelley Taylor, Vanessa Fulbright

Representative

Hanna Beckman

- **145** Secondary Students – 20 more than last year
- **21** Certified Athletic Trainers
- **5** Colleges / Universities
- **5** Sponsorships – Henry Schein; McLeod Health; Prisma Health; Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System; Winthrop University College of Education, Sport, and Health Sciences

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

- More involvement from Non-CAATE programs
- Continue to provide great educational experience for SS students & CEUs for Certified ATs



South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association 2024 Annual Symposium

Emerging Practices

Committee Chair Brad Yeargin

Committee Members Sarah Shaeffer, Mallory Barber

Representative Kevin Herod

COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee continues advocate for athletic trainers in the emerging practices.

2024-25 COMMITTEE GOALS

Recruit additional committee members

Continue to advocate for all athletic trainers in emerging settings.



South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association 2023 Annual Symposium



South Carolina **Athletic Trainers'** Association

HISTORY
COMMITTEE

2024 History Committee SCATA Report

- Update On History Committee Findings

-1974 Cheryl Hitchings was the first woman to work as a full-time athletic trainer in South Carolina, when the University of South Carolina hired her to take care of the newly created women's varsity teams.

As Hitchings reflects 50 years later, she says she never strived to make history. That was never the plan. Hitchings said she just did what she wanted to do.

"I feel I am very lucky," Hitchings told The Greenville News. "I believe in chance and I happened to be in the right place at the right time for a lot of things. I was willing to take a chance and they were willing to take a chance on me."



Helen Timmerman was the first women's athletic director at South Carolina. Timmerman had a \$41,000 budget and seven women's athletic teams to manage. *One critical step*: hiring someone to take care of the injured athletes, which is where Hitchings came along.

A shower stall turned into her office, with just a table and various supplies, Hitchings worked while completing her master's degree. For \$200 a month after taxes, she ensured the self-appointed "Carolina Chicks" received proper athletic care.

"I had no idea it was historic at all, I was just doing what I wanted to do," Hitchings said.

The Greenville News – June 23, 2024



NEW BUSINESS

Please utilize the microphones located in the front of the room.

**No new business brought forward
Craig Clark awarded personal time, Thank you for your
support during the loss of a student athlete. This
organization responded when we needed it.**



thank
you



PRESIDENT

Will Christman, MS, LAT, ATC

Wofford College





Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn
- Second of the motion
- The question is the adjournment of the 2024 South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Business Meeting.