



Greetings!

I hope you all had a great summer and that your fall is going well. It is hard to believe that it is already October!

We have had a busy last few months in the RIATA. In May we hosted the NATA Board of Directors at a cocktail reception at the Westin Hotel. We were excited the Board chose to have their spring meeting in Providence and were fortunate to be able to seize the opportunity to induct our inaugural Hall of Fame class with NATA President Chuck Kimmel's assistance. We had a wonderful turnout of not only RI members, but Massachusetts and Connecticut athletic trainers as well. I truly appreciate the showing...it was great to have such a great welcoming committee for the Board. I got several thank you notes giving you all high praise and saying how wonderful the weekend was. THANK YOU!!! I would also like to thank PR Committee Chair Rob Lawton for creating programs and serving as the Master of Ceremony for the evening.

On September 20<sup>th</sup> I spent the morning at the Rhode Island Interscholastic League's annual Principals and Athletic Directors meeting at Johnson and Whales. The topic I focus on this year was how to hire an athletic trainer after getting a position approved. It turned out to be very appropriate as several AD's told me they now the budget but didn't know where to advertise. Be on the lookout for new jobs opening in high schools around the state and help us get the word out to get these jobs filled.

Please be aware of some very important upcoming deadlines in the RIATA calendar. We have decided to re-open the nominations and voting for RI Athletic Trainer of the Year and the RIATA Service Award. We didn't have any nominations previously and I definitely feel we have several very qualified people deserving of these awards. The nomination period will be October 15, 2006-November 1, 2006. Also, in order to present the 2007 class of the RIATA Hall of Fame at the EATA's in January the time frame has been adjusted a bit for that as well. Nominations and voting will be open from October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> for these as well. You can find details on awards and nominations as well as a variety of other information on our website, [www.riathletictrainers.org](http://www.riathletictrainers.org). I encourage you to check it often!

On a personal note, I have had an interesting last few months professionally, to say the least, and the end result is a new position at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. As a result of my move I can no longer continue as President of the RIATA. Therefore, Paul Roberti will begin his term as President and there will be an immediate election for the position of President-Elect. Nominations will be open November 1-15 and the voting will be available from November 15-30.

I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for your support over the past year. I have enjoyed working with you all and sincerely hope that I have made a positive contribution. I urge you to please get involved; the success of the organization is a direct correlation to the people who work and have worked with it and thanks to all who have provided me with outstanding examples of leadership. I have truly been privileged to be involved and have genuinely valued every moment.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,

Jennifer



## **RIATA Fall Newsletter 2006**

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Past President- RIATA*

Hope everyone had a good year and fun summer. The RIATA has really picked it up in the last two years adding new committee chairs, awards, and events. The executive board would like to thank everyone for their efforts. I would like to welcome Michelle Levreault, our new Secretary/Treasurer and Paul Roberti, President Elect, to the executive board. I am confident they will do a great job moving our association forward. This will be my last year serving of the board which ends in January 2007. It's been a lot of fun working on board since 1999 as Secretary / Treasurer, President Elect, President, and Past President. But it's time to pass the torch and I will continue to assist in any capacity needed.

This year was the initial class to our RIATA Hall of Fame and I would like to congratulate our first class (Richard Cole, Frank George, and Kathy Laquale) whom have done so much for profession especially at the national level. We had a brief write up in the NATA News district one updates, hope you saw it. Our next additions to the RIATA Hall of Fame will focus primarily to those who have done extra ordinary contributions to the state association and so forth. We hope this become competitive over time and goes to the most deserving members. I would also like to encourage you to nominate RIATA members for national, district, and state awards in the future. We will keep an active list on our website under the honors & awards sections. Links will be made to make the process easier for you to do so... The nominations for RIATA Service Award, RIATA of the Year will be re-opened in mid October. And the RIATA Hall of Fame call for nominations will start in November. We are anticipating the honors for the RIATA Hall of Fame 2007 Class will be given out at the EATA Convention- State Meeting.

Our annual spring picnic got pushed to the winter and we are looking to do something indoors such as a family & friends / RIATA holiday social. We will keep you posted on the upcoming events on our website and through e-blasts. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a great and healthy fall season.



## Secretary /Treasurer Report

Hello and welcome to the 2006 RIATA fall news letter. As of October 15, our general account has a balance of \$3784.68. Our legislative account is currently at \$655.19.

Due to uncontrollable circumstances, we were not able to hold the family spring picnic. As an executive board – we believe such social events are an important networking tool for our small state of ATC's. With this in mind we are looking forward to having a family holiday party (sometime early December) as we wrap up 2006. The details have not been set so if you have any ideas please feel free to email [riathletictrainers@yahoo.com](mailto:riathletictrainers@yahoo.com). I will keep you posted when information is available.

I look forward to seeing you all in December!!

Take care,

Michelle Levreault MS, ATC, CSCS



Dear RIATA Members,

With the Fall season well under way, I am sure you're all very busy. Let me say that I am honored to be President Elect of the RI Athletic Trainer's Association and I look forward to working with the Board to ensure the success of our goals.

It's exciting to see that there are now positions available in the RI public school system for certified athletic trainers. In addition, the RI Interscholastic League is seeking certified athletic trainers to cover hockey. Hopefully this is a sign of continued growth within the public school system in Rhode Island.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the EATA meeting and symposium this coming January in Boston. This is a great opportunity to gather CEUs and to network with your peers.

Finally, I would like to see new people become involved in committees and on the Board. When a position opens, consider running for it. It is always advantageous to get new people involved and new ideas flowing. Our association needs your help to continue to grow and make a difference.

Yours in health,  
Paul L. Roberti, MS, ATC  
President Elect