

APATA newsletter June 2011

APATA would like to begin our newsletter with extending a HUGE THANK YOU to Joe Glenn. Joe has been APATA's treasurer 16 years, many thanks to Joe for his all his hard work over these years!

At our recent AGM in Sackville New Brunswick, we experienced extremely poor attendance. Thanks to those who attended and many thanks to our previous members on the executive; Chad Newhook and Joe Glenn for all your hard work. Our new Vice President is Colin King and Ann Booth takes over the helm of treasurer.

Congratulations are extended to Mark and Bonnie Kiervin on the birth of their daughter, Zoe Rae on May 12. APATA member, Geoff Mabey just finished his 5th year of Osteopathy and will be using those skills as he travels with the National Basketball team to the FISU Games in China this summer.

The Presidents meeting in Banff discussed some exciting initiatives that are occurring across the country. As a result, APATA will be investigating some strategic initiatives to help our members and our organization grow. It was felt that Athletic Therapists could assist the public and CATA with marketing our knowledge of concussion assessment and management. Colin King and Ann Booth have decided to take on this venture of approaching various sporting organizations and partnering with Quebec and Ontario to market to children's hospitals in the Atlantic Provinces.

SATA is in the process of negotiating billing privileges with their Worker's Compensation Boards. Jackie Vandertuin has been in discussion with the Nova Scotia WCB with regards to billing and breaking down barriers to allow Athletic Therapists to treat WCB claims.

This July, CASM will be presenting in St. John's Newfoundland and Kurt Stevenson has agreed to co-ordinate individuals to present at this conference along with CATA.

This upcoming year, APATA will be investigating two areas which have been neglected in the past: creation of a legal fund and a logo. The current board will be following up on these two ventures along with the development of volunteer hours to increase membership activity in the association.

This upcoming year will prove to be very exciting as the flame of Athletic Therapy continues to grow in the Atlantic Provinces!

Regards,

Jackie Vandertuin