**December 2021 Content**

**State Leadership Forum Request for Proposals**

Do you have a topic you think state leaders would benefit from hearing at the State Leadership Forum? Please submit the request for proposals form online no later than January 15, 2022. This year we are especially interested in hearing about Fundraising, Membership Engagement Strategies or Activities, State Regulatory Success Stories, and State Association Model Practices. Each proposal will undergo review by the NATA State Association Advisory Committee. All individuals submitting proposals will be notified of their proposal status no later than March 1, 2022. To submit a proposal, click [**HERE**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2ZD_C_opBQ823G-77efgoYDHQc1qoXtacmceZbPpa6uI0XQ/viewform?usp=sf_link).

**SAAC Award Nominations Now Open**

The NATA State Association Advisory Committee is excited to open nominations for the NATA Emerging Leader Award and the NATA Excellence in Leadership Award. We would like to recognize deserving athletic trainers who have made significant contributions to their state associations. All nominations are due no later than January 10th, 2022 and those nominated must have their information submitted by January 15th, 2022. Awards will be presented at the 2022 NATA State Leadership Forum.

To nominate an individual, please submit their name and email address, along with a letter of recommendation/reason for nominating them to the SAAC Chair ([selawrance@gmail.com](mailto:selawrance@gmail.com)). The committee will then follow-up with the individual you nominate to request the needed nomination materials.

**Interested in Serving on the SAAC Committee? SAAC Committee Vacancies Now Open**

Three SAAC members will be reaching the end of their terms in June: Sam Lee (Div. 1), Darren Lunow (Div. 2), and Kira Berch (Div. 2). Please join me in thanking them for their excellent service on this committee!

In order to identify their replacements, we are now seeking nominations from interested individuals from [divisions](https://www.nata.org/professional-interests/state-leaders/connect) 1 and 2. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged. If you are interested in running for one of the open committee vacancies, please follow the election nomination instructions [**HERE**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/57fr5o6j26qu20x/ELECTION%20PROCESS%20FOR%20STATE%20ASSOCIATION%20ADVISORY%20COMMITTEE%20%28SPECIAL%20ELECTION%29.pdf?dl=0).

The individual elected to the Division 1 position will serve a one-year term, renewable 3 times for a total of 4 years. One Division 2 position will also serve a one-year term, renewable 3 times for a total of 4 years while the other Division 2 position will serve a one-year term, renewable once for a total of 2 years. The person who fills this second Division 2 position will be eligible for re-election to a normal committee term starting in 2024.

Please email questions and nomination materials to the SAAC Chair ([selawrance@gmail.com](mailto:selawrance@gmail.com)) no later than January 15. Those elected will have the opportunity to participate in committee activities this spring and will officially begin their term as committee members in June.

**Update State Leader Information**

If your association has recently undergone a change in elected officers, please update your leadership list with the SAAC by emailing the information to [Madison Sequenzia](mailto:madisons@nata.org).

**SAAC Resources**

If you missed the SAAC-KSI webinar or if you did and want to revisit some of the great information that came from KSI, you can view the recorded session [**HERE**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/6txlzzy6dlqm7nm/SAAC-KSI%20Webinar%2011.10.21.mp4?dl=0%20). The recording is a little over one hour.  Dr. Rebecca Sterns presented on the Team Up for Sports Safety (TUFSS) project and Dr. Robert Huggins presented on the Athletic Training Locations and Services (ATLAS) project.  Both speakers showed how their programs have been used in several states to help advance legislative and association causes.

Also, don’t miss the webinar discussion on membership renewal co-branding between your state association and the NATA with Dylan Orrell, NATA’s Senior Internal Marketing Manager.  This is a short (23min), easy one to watch. You can view that one [**HERE**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/7qks126iodllgy3/State%20Leader%20Membership%20Renewal%202022%20Webinar.mp4?dl=0).