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CAATE Commissioner Election

Results

The CAATE is pleased to announce that **Dr. Micki Cuppett** from University of South Florida and **Dr. Bill Biddington** from California University of Pennsylvania have been elected by the CAATE-accredited programs to serve a minimum of a three year terms as Commissioners on the CAATE. Their terms will begin during the New Business section of the August 7th CAATE meeting that will be held in Austin, TX. Dr. Patrick Sexton and Dr. Paula Sammarone Turocy will leave the CAATE at that time, and Dr. Greg Gardner, President-elect, and Dr. Katie Walsh, Vice-President-elect, will assume the leadership of the CAATE at that time. CAATE will begin soliciting applications for the positions on the CAATE Review Committee and Annual Report Committee which will be vacated by Dr. Biddington and Dr. Cuppett (respectfully) in August. Only 48.9% of all CAATE-accredited programs voted in this first election, for a total of 356 cast ballots.

Interested and eligible candidates (see *eligibility requirements below*) for the **Annual Report Committee and/or the Review Committee** may submit the following application materials to the Nominating Committee **by May 1, 2008**: CAATE Executive Office, 2201 Double Creek Drive, Suite 5006, Round Rock, TX 78664:

1. Current vita
2. Letter of interest for a specific committee
3. One letter of recommendation
4. Submit 3 references with phone numbers and emails
5. Evidence of good professional behavior
6. Evidence of commitment to athletic training education

Executive Director Search Reinitiated

After a rigorous four month search, the CAATE was unable to secure a qualified candidate to serve as the Executive Director of the CAATE. The CAATE has authorized its Search Committee (Doug Gregory [Committee Chair & American Academy of Pediatrics representative to CAATE], Eve Becker-Doyle

[NATA Executive Director], Denise Fandel [BOC Executive Director], Herb Amato [Academic Administrator – James Madison University], and David Kaiser [CAATE Treasurer]) to begin a new search in hopes of securing a qualified Executive Director by July 2008.

Qualifications for CAATE Committees and Commissioners

Broadened to Improve Diversity

To ensure greater diversity and opportunity for qualified candidates, the CAATE has voted to change the qualifications to serve as members of the CAATE Review Committee, Annual Report Committee, and as a Commissioner. Effective March 2008, the eligibility qualifications have been broadened as follows:

CAATE Commissioner:

Commission Function: Oversee voluntary non-governmental specialized accreditation, adopt Standards that govern acceptable practices, make final accreditation decisions, develop and maintain a collaborative and publically accessible process for policies and procedures, maintain accreditation records, encourage innovation in athletic training educational programs beyond the requirements delineated in the *Standards*, maintain and make publicly available the accreditation status of all accredited programs.

Selection Process: Elected by CAATE-accredited programs

Term of Office: 3 years with no more than two consecutive terms

Qualifications:

- a. Current national certification and be in good standing with the Board of Certification (BOC)
- b. A minimum of 5 years as a BOC-credentialed certified athletic trainer
- c. Demonstrated leadership abilities
- d. No negative practice sanctions (state/BOC)

- e. Current or past CAATE program experience

CAATE Annual Report (AR) Committee

Committee Function: Review, evaluate and recommend actions to the CAATE in regard to Annual Reports, Annual Report Audits, and AR Progress Reports.

Selection Process: Nomination Committee recommends to the CAATE

Term of Office: 3 years (may be reappointed for a second term)

Qualifications:

- a. Pass CAATE Standards test
- b. Complete CAATE Site Visitor Training
- c. Qualified CAATE Site Visitor

CAATE Review Committee

Committee Function: Review, evaluate and recommend actions to the CAATE in regard to Site Visit Reports, Rejoinders, and Progress Reports

Selection Process: Nomination Committee recommends to the CAATE

Term of Office: 3 years (may be reappointed for a second term)

Qualifications:

- a. Pass CAATE Standards test
- b. Complete CAATE Site Visitor Training
- c. Qualified CAATE Site Visitor
- d. Completed one (1) CAATE site visit
- e. Receive positive Site Visitor Peer Evaluation/Program Administrator Evaluation (PAE)

Verification of Required Curricular Content in CAATE-Accredited Programs

As a reminder to all educators and CAATE Site Visitors, the method by which the CAATE ensures that all required educational content, as defined by the *NATA Educational Competencies* (4th edition), is included in an Athletic Training curriculum is to triangulate the findings from the 1) course syllabi with the 2)

NATA Competency Matrix and both of those documents with 3) interviews with ATEP faculty and staff. The Competency Matrix includes all cognitive and psychomotor competencies required, as well as the clinical proficiency documentation.

Correction of CAATE Position on Requirements for Observation

Students

The CAATE Standards for Health and Safety apply only to students formally admitted into the ATEP who then are referred to as “Athletic Training Students”. Students who are not officially enrolled in the ATEP are not technically “Athletic Training Students” by CAATE Standards. There is one notable exception in the CAATE Standards for non-admitted students, blood-borne pathogen training (F6.1), which is explicitly delineated in the Standards for both Athletic Training Students AND students involved with directed

observation. If students involved in directed observation are already admitted into the ATEP, then they too must abide by all of the Health and Safety standards expected of Athletic Training Students; if they are not, then they must only be held to the requirement for blood-borne pathogen training. While these are the minimum requirements, the CAATE encourages ATEPs to exceed these minimum health and safety requirements to protect its pre-professional students (students not formally admitted into the ATEP).

CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs) Codes useful for

Federal Recognition

In 2000, Athletic Training educational programs were correctly recoded under US Department of Education CIP Code 51 – “Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences”. Prior to 2000, academic programs in Athletic Training were classified under CIP Code 31 - “Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies”. The CAATE believes that the CIP coding in effect today more accurately reflects the educational requirements of Athletic Training educational programs. CAATE-accredited programs are encouraged to work with their institutional research officials to ensure that when including Athletic Training data in national/federal research studies (e.g.

Delaware Study), the academic program in Athletic Training is correctly coded as CIP Code 51.0913. During the 2007 Delaware Study Report, many institutions that have CAATE-accredited programs did not code the program correctly, and therefore, there was insufficient data for the researchers to do comparative analyses between Athletic Training educational programs. When asked to use Department of Education codes, CAATE encourages ATEPs to insist on using the exact code for Athletic Training, as opposed to a more generalized 51.0000 code for health sciences.

Utilize CAATE Physician Sponsoring Organizations to Identify

Physicians for Didactic Education

During the 2007 Annual Report processing, a lack of two physicians of differing specialties involved in the didactic portion of the ATEP was identified as one of the most commonly cited non-compliances. The three physician organizations who help to sponsor the CAATE: The American Academy of Family Physicians, The American Academy of Pediatrics, The

American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, are willing to assist ATEPs in identifying members of their organizations in an ATEP’s area who may be available to assist a program in meeting this Standard. For more information or contact information, please contact the CAATE Executive Office.

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