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## **Letter from the BOC Board of Director President and BOC Executive Director**

2012 presented itself as a year of renewal for the BOC Board of Directors and staff as we completed a rebranding of the BOC logo and prepared for the launch of our new website in January. As always, we value the feedback on what you, our customers, need from us to enhance the professional development of the Certified Athletic Trainer and communication relative to complaints and disciplinary in pursuit of our mission to assure protection of the public. As our customers, your opinions do matter. We have listened to your comments and suggestions and have put them into action.

### **Highlights:**

- Continuing professional development /education
  - o Individual phone calls and emails to over 18,000 Athletic Trainers (ATs)
  - o Transition to a common reporting period for all ATs
  - o Announced the 2014-2015 Continuing Education (CE) Guidelines
  
- Collaboration
  - o Published the Joint Statement on Student Supervision with CAATE and NATA
  - o Participated in the development of the NATA Executive Committee on Education Strategic Directions Recommendations
  - o Completed development of Global Practice Analysis for Athletic Training and Therapy with the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT)
  
- Standards of Practice and Discipline
  - o Oversight and enforcement of *BOC Standards and Professional Practice*
  - o 289 discipline cases were opened
  - o 190 discipline cases were decided and/or closed
  - o Issued Emergency Suspension to eight ATs because of the potential danger to the public



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The BOC Board of Directors and staff are committed to providing you with timely information that we trust will be beneficial to you as a practitioner, educator, BOC Approved Provider or member of the public and regulatory community. The BOC provides products and services to promote continued individual improvement through educational resources, approved provider programs, self-assessments and CE monitoring with the goal of providing the highest quality health care to our patients, while ensuring the protection of the public.

Sincerely,

Peter Koehneke, MS, ATC  
BOC Board President

Denise Fandel, MBA, CAE  
BOC Executive Director

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**Fast Facts:**

- *BOC Certified Athletic Trainers represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico as well as internationally*
- *The BOC establishes and regularly reviews both the standards for the practice of athletic training and the continuing education requirements for BOC Certified ATs*



**Vision of the BOC:**

To be the worldwide leader in credentialing

**Mission of the BOC:**

To provide exceptional credentialing programs for healthcare professionals to assure protection of the public

The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) has been responsible for the certification of Athletic Trainers (ATs) since 1969. BOC was the certification arm of the professional membership organization the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) until 1989 when it became an independent non-profit organization to provide a certification program for entry-level ATs. The BOC establishes and regularly reviews both the standards for the practice of athletic training and the continuing education requirements for BOC Certified ATs.



The BOC has the only accredited certification program for ATs in the US. Since 1982, the BOC has been continuously accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the BOC must undergo review and reaccreditation every 5 years.

The NCCA is the accreditation body of Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE). In 2012, we served over 41,000 ATs.

**Member of the Better Business Bureau**

The BOC has been a BBB Accredited Business since 2010. Accreditation in BBB is by invitation to companies that, at a minimum, have been in business for at least one year, have demonstrated sound business practices and meet the BBB accreditation standards. To be accredited by the BBB, an organization affirms that it meets and will abide by the standards of building trust, advertising honestly, telling the truth, being transparent, honoring promises, being responsive, safeguarding privacy and embodying integrity.

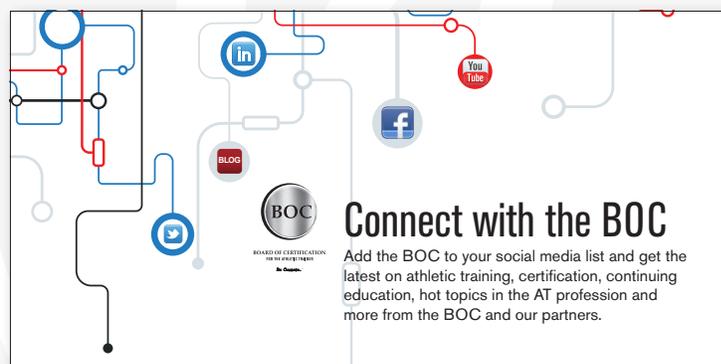


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## BOC Initiatives

- Articles regularly published in the *NATA News* highlighting news and information concerning the AT profession as it relates to the certification.
- BOC blog team developed the In Depth Look featuring ATs in various practices and the Young Professional Brief to focus on areas to help young professionals.
- Attended the 63<sup>rd</sup> NATA Annual Meeting and Trade Show June 26-29, 2012, which had over 5,000 in attendance. David Berry, PhD, ATC, and Gail Samdperil, EdD, ATC, presented on Continuing Professional Education.
- Enjoyed our yearly reception at the annual meeting to honor our BOC volunteers and presented five Dan Libera Service Awards.
- Sent email updates to the 10 NATA districts after each district meeting highlighting what is new at the BOC and what important facts and changes are critical to BOC certification and the profession.





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## BOC Community Involvement

The BOC has been actively supporting the Food Bank for the Heartland this past year. About 21,900 different people in Food Bank for the Heartland's service area receive emergency food assistance in any given week.

Last winter, BOC staff had a volunteer day and packed over 5 tons of boxes of non-perishable food and also organized the Food Bank's distribution center so that families would have food for the holidays.

Throughout the summer months, staff and their families took "ownership" of one of the Food Bank for the Heartland's produce stands. The produce stand was available every Wednesday from June to August from 5:00-6:00pm. Various produce such as watermelons, carrots and green peppers were donated by farmers, local gardens and grocery stores for BOC staff to organize, bag and distribute. Individuals and families in the community were able to select fruits and vegetables to make healthy meals and snacks. Volunteers enjoyed putting smiles on the faces of adults and children who were grateful for the free produce, which was provided regardless of income. It was such a success that the BOC will be supporting this effort again next summer. To learn more about Food Bank for the Heartland, visit [www.foodbankheartland.org/](http://www.foodbankheartland.org/)





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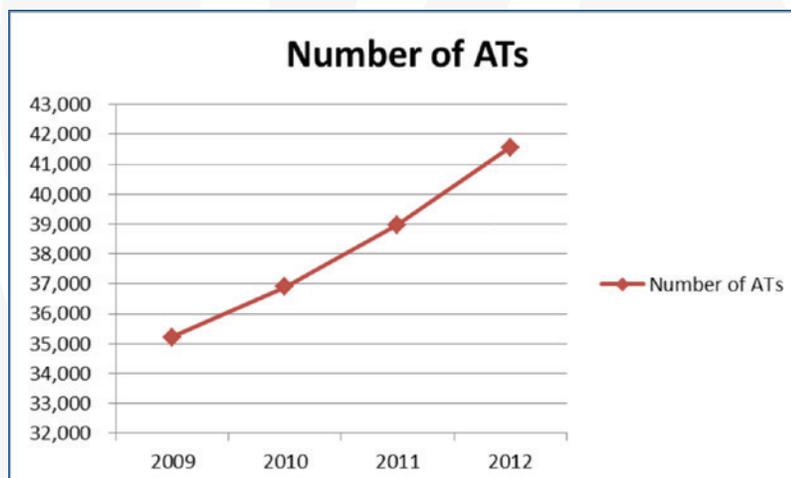
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Exam Report	2010	2011	2012
Candidates Certified	2,787	3,098	3,198
Exam Applications Processed and Approved	3,082	3,463	2,768
Reinstatement Applications Processed and Approved	135	162	198

**Reinstatement by Exam:** 31 individuals sat for the exam to be reinstated in 2012 and 26 passed the exam, an overall pass rate of 84%

Individuals that allow their certification to lapse have options to reinstate their certification. The requirements for a successful return to certified status are based on the total number of years the individual's status has been expired. Basically, you need to show that you have completed the required continuing education (CE) requirements while expired or pass the BOC exam. For reinstatement details visit the BOC website, [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org).

CE Report	2010	2011	2012
Certified ATs	36,899	39,167	41,670
Total # of New Certified for the Year	2,787	3,098	3,198





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<b>Approved Provider Report</b>			
88.4% of 2011 Approved Providers renewed in 2012 by 3/31/2012			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Total # of Providers	1,209	1,229	1257
New Providers	115	134	140
Home Study Courses Approved	94	156	165
Providers Audited	0	160	0

## Protecting the Public

The Professional Practice and Discipline (PP&D) Committee is responsible for the oversight and adjudication of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*, which consist of the Practice Standards and the Code of Professional Responsibility. The PP&D Committee has jurisdiction over all BOC Certified ATs and both current and prospective BOC exam applicants. The *BOC Standards of Professional Practice and Professional Practice and Discipline Guidelines and Procedures* can be viewed on the BOC website at [www.bocatc.org](http://www.bocatc.org).

<b>Discipline</b>	
PPD Cases Opened	289
PPD Cases Closed	190
Emergency Suspensions	8



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## Research and Publications

The *Cert Update* is published in the summer and the winter and mailed to ATs, Program Directors and BOC Approved Providers. It is emailed to athletic training candidates and State Regulatory agencies. Archived copies are available on the BOC website.

BOC Approved Providers receive the *AP Update*, a semi-annual e-newsletter specifically designed for them and contains the latest information about CE, news from the BOC and trends in athletic training. The BOC was awarded a Paper Anvil Award of Excellence in the electronic publication category from The Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Nebraska Chapter for the *AP Update* in December 2012. A panel of respected public relations professionals from the Nashville, TN chapter of PRSA judged the entries and looked for the very best work and evaluated entries on the merit of research, planning, execution and evaluation.





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***BOC Volunteer Facts:***

- *5 Committees*
- *11 BOC Board of Directors*
- *143 Home study reviewers*
- *104 Item writers*
- *11 Bloggers*

***274 volunteers***  
***X \$21.79/hour***  
***@ 2 hrs/month x***  
***12 months =***  
***\$143,291 gift in***  
***kind service.***

***We Thank you for***  
***your Service!***

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## Volunteers

We thank the hundreds of volunteers who serve on various committees. The contribution of volunteers such as BOC item writers, committee members and board of directors is critical in developing the high professional standards expected of today's ATs.

**2012 BOC volunteer accomplishments:**

- Delivery of over 4,800 certification exams
- Continued development of over 600 new exam items for experimental testing
- Reviewed over 150 home study courses
- Validated the Global Practice Analysis

The continuous commitment to the development and administration of a quality certification program has produced a highly regarded program recognized as the gold standard for identifying entry-level athletic training professionals. The BOC thanks everyone for their service to support the growth and success of the BOC.



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## BOC Board of Directors and Staff



A nine member board of directors governs the BOC. There are six AT Directors, one Physician Director, one Public Director and one Corporate/Educational Director.

### **Standing Back Row:**

*Stacy Arrington, Kendra Aspegren, Brittney Ryba, James Higgins, Jessica O'Neel, Sue Pereira, Russ Ulmer*

### **Standing Middle Row:**

*Paul DeMartinis, Michael Ferrara, Jim Malseed, Denise Fandel, Stephanie Setlak, Jan Vidlak, Anne Minton, Erin Cramer, Shannon Leftwich, Chad Kinart, James Kinderknecht*

### **Seated:**

*Ed Christman, Amy DeRosa, Peter Koehneke, Susan McGowen, Frank Walters, Jan Lauer*



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## 2012 BOC Board of Directors

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## Dan Libera Service Award

The BOC Dan Libera Service Award was established in 1995 in recognition of Dan's contributions to the BOC certification program. The award recognizes individuals who have shown dedication to the mission of the BOC. Long-standing contributions to the BOC's programs are the primary criteria for the award. In 2012, we presented five Dan Libera Service Awards.

**Paul DeMartinis**

**Jose Rivera, ATC**

**Michael Stanwood, ATC**

**Scott Street, ATC**

**Sue Wielgosz, ATC**

Dan was well-known throughout the nation for his enthusiasm and commitment to the profession of athletic training. Through his work at the University of Northern Colorado and his volunteer activities with the NATA and the BOC, he was able to pass on these traits to the students and colleagues who had the privilege to work with him.

Dan was a founding member of the Colorado Athletic Trainers' Association, serving as secretary from 1979 until 1983. In addition, he held several offices in the NATA, including the District 7 Research and Injury Committee, the Membership Committee, the Board of Directors and the Board of Certification.

In 1995, Dan was inducted in to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame. In pursuit of educating others, Dan gave presentations throughout the country and served as a consultant to NIKE, Kodak of Colorado, the NCAA and several high schools in Colorado. In 1997, Dan was inducted in to the NATA Hall of Fame. Dan passed on August 2, 1997, from complications from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).



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## 2012 Exam Development Committee

The Exam Development Committee is responsible for the development, construction and validation of each portion of the BOC certification exam and other assessment tools approved by the BOC Board of Directors.

### Committee Chair

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## 2012 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee implements the process and procedures for nominating candidates for the BOC Board of Directors and chairs for the BOC standing committees.

### **Committee Chair**

*Valerie Herzog, EdD, LAT, ATC*  
Weber State University

### **Athletic Trainer Members**

*David Colt, ATC*  
United State Air Force Academy

*Julie Emrhein, ATC*  
California University of Pennsylvania

*Sue Stanley-Green, ATC*  
Florida Southern College

*Ericka Zimmerman, ATC*  
University of Charleston

*Mark Cherwony, MEd, MS, ATC*  
Cinnaminson Senior High School, Philadelphia Wings  
Indoor Lacrosse Team and Temple University

### **Public Member**

*Holly Farnese*  
Drexel Hill Middle School



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## 2012 Professional Practice & Discipline Committee

The Professional Practice and Discipline Committee is responsible for overseeing and upholding the BOC Practice Standards and Policies.

### **Committee Chair**

***Rob Sandmann, ATC***

Texas Orthopedic Specialists

### **Athletic Trainer Members**

***Cynthia Clivio, ATC***

Kamehameha Schools

***Brian Razak, ATC***

University of New England

***Bernadette Olson, EdD, ATC***

South Dakota State University

***Paul Higgins, DPT, ATC, CSCS***

University of Hartford and  
University Physical Therapy, LLC

### **Public Members**

***Jerry Diehl***

Retired from National Federation  
of State High School Associations

***Jack McNeeley, AT Ret.***

Retired Athletic Trainer



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## Standards Committee

The Standards Committee recommends entry-level and continuing education requirements and policies to the BOC Board of Directors (BOC-BOD) and reviews relevant issues at the request of the BOC-BOD. Additionally, the Standards Committee reviews the Code of Professional Practice and recommends any revisions to the BOC-BOD.

### Committee Chair

*Mark Doughty, MS, ATC*

Newark High School

### Athletic Trainer Members

*James Knue, ATC*

Cirque du Soleil

*Katherine Newsham, PhD, ATC*

Saint Louis University

*Michele Monaco Klucar, ATC*

Ursinus College

*John Parsons, PhD, ATC*

A.T. Still University and  
Arizona School of Health Sciences

### Public Member

*John Knot*

Retired Physician



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## Task Force on Global Practice

In March of 2009 the BOC Board of Directors charged the Task Force with investigating and reporting to the BOC Board of Directors by July 2010 on the state of, and need for credentialing of Athletic Training and Therapy (ATT) globally. The Task Force on Global Practice has been researching the state of, and need for credentialing of Athletic Training and Therapy (ATT) globally. In 2012, the Task Force completed the validation of the Global Practice Analysis.

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<i>Areta Potgieter</i>	South Africa
<i>Cathy Ortega, ATC</i>	United States
<i>Daniel Sanchis Jiminez</i>	Spain
<i>Dexter Nelson</i>	Canada
<i>Don Andrews</i>	United States
<i>Ed Ryan, ATC</i>	United States
<i>Hideyuki Izumi, ATC</i>	Japan
<i>Keith Waldon</i>	United Kingdom
<i>KyungMo Han, ATC</i>	Korea
<i>Marco Manca</i>	Netherlands
<i>Mark Hecimovich, ATC</i>	Australia
<i>Mike Huang, ATC</i>	Taiwan
<i>Neetu Rishiraj, ATC</i>	New Zealand
<i>Steve Aspinall</i>	United Kingdom
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<i>An Li Wang</i>	China
<i>Larry Leverenz, ATC</i>	United States
<i>Carlos Lalin</i>	Spain
<i>Laura Hanna</i>	United Kingdom
<i>Yuriko Ohashi, ATC</i>	Japan
<i>Maretha Delpont</i>	South Africa
<i>Enda Whyte</i>	Ireland
<i>Stephen Mutch</i>	United Kingdom



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## Task Force on Continuing Professional Education

Over the course of the past 13 years the Task Force has conducted research on the continuing education and professional development of athletic trainers.

### **Task Force Chair**

***David Berry, PhD, ATC***

Weber State University

***Brian Hughes, Ed, ATC***

Ball State University

***Gail Samdperil, EdD, MAT, ATC, LAT***

Sacred Heart University

***Kirk Armstrong, EdD, ATC, LAT***

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***Stacy Walker, PhD, ATC***

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Indiana University

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## Continued Professional Development Working Group

The CPD Working Group was formed in 2011 to provide the recommendations to the BOC Board of Directors relative to current trends in professional development.

### **Group Leader**

***Gail Samdperil, EdD, MAT, ATC, LAT, Chair***

Sacred Heart University

***Nina Walker, ATC***

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*The BOC, a national credentialing agency, has been certifying Athletic Trainers and identifying, for the public, quality healthcare professionals with certainty since 1969. Currently, there are more than 40,000 BOC Certified Athletic Trainers.*



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