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Letter from the BOC Board of Directors President and BOC Executive Director

We've had a successful 2013 – a year focused on raising the awareness of the public and regulators on the critical role ATs play in healthcare. We launched the “We've Got Your Kid's Back” [awareness campaign](#), published the *BOC Facility Principles* document and testified in California in support of the licensing of ATs.

As always, we value the feedback on what you, our customers, need from us to enhance the professional development of ATs. We also welcome your suggestions on how we communicate information about complaints and discipline, as we pursue our mission to assure protection of the public.

Highlights:

- Continuing professional development and education
 - Began review of Level 1 Evidence Based Practice (EBP) courses for [2014-15 continuing education reporting period](#) (13.5 CEs approved as of publication date)
 - Completed individual phone calls and emails to more than 26,600 ATs

- Collaboration
 - Published [Joint Statement on Reporting Unregulated Practice](#) with the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) and the NATA Research and Education Foundation
 - Provided data to the NATA Executive Committee on Education (ECE), a group that examines the professional degree for athletic training
 - Consulted with the World Federation of Athletic Training and Therapy (WFATT) in the development of global education standards
 - Facilitated conversations with the Canadian Athletic Therapy Association (CATA) and Athletic Rehabilitation Therapy Ireland (ARTI)



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- Standards of Practice and Discipline
 - Published the *BOC Facility Principles* document
 - Took the following actions in the enforcement of *BOC Standards and Professional Practice*:
 - Opened 248 discipline cases
 - Decided and/or closed 201 discipline cases
 - Issued emergency suspensions to six ATs because of the potential danger to the public

- Regulatory Affairs
 - Testified in California in support of SB 864
 - Hosted the 6th biennial *State Regulatory Conference*
 - Launched the State Regulatory Network to foster communication among AT Regulatory Board members and staff

- Awareness
 - Launched *public awareness ad series*

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 healthcare to our patients, while assuring the protection of the public.

Susan McGowen, PhD, ATC
BOC Board of Directors 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. The 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 five years. The NCCA is the accreditation body of Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE). In 2013, we served more than 45,000 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

- Attended and exhibited at the **NATA 64th Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia** in Las Vegas, Nevada. BOC Director of Credentialing Services **Shannon Leftwich**, MA, ATC; BOC Board President **Susan McGowen**, PhD, ATC; and **Rob Sandmann**, Med, ATC, LAT, of Texas Orthopedic Associates, presented “You Can’t Make This Stuff Up! Professional Responsibility Case Studies.” The meeting drew more than 15,000 attendees.
- Celebrated **National Athletic Training Month** in March. The BOC invited local ATs to our headquarters for a luncheon, which featured a proclamation by Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle. BOC Executive Director **Denise Fandel** and Athletic Trainer Director-Elect **Rusty McKune** also made remarks.
- Collaborated with the leadership of the **Strategic Alliance** to issue joint statements on reporting unregulated practice and on the process for examining athletic training’s professional degree requirements. Members of the Strategic Alliance include the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), the NATA Foundation and the BOC.
- Completed a phone campaign to inform ATs about recertification changes. Between March 2012 and November 2013, BOC staff members called more than **26,600 ATs** to personally discuss the new recertification requirements and answer questions.
- Contacted more than **1,100 BOC Approved Providers** to share information on staff transitions, upcoming requirements in Evidence Based Practice continuing education and benefits of the Approved Provider program.



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- Convened the sixth **Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference** July 12-13, 2013, in Omaha, Nebraska. The conference addressed state regulatory trends and issues, as well as explored the roles that the BOC, NATA and CAATE play in the regulatory process. The BOC welcomed more than 100 attendees, including ATs and members of state regulatory agencies and state associations.
- Created the **BOC Facility Principles** document, which provides educational institutions and organizations with the means to self-assess their policies, procedures and facilities to ensure the safe, effective and legal provision of athletic healthcare services.
- Developed an online portal called the **State Regulatory Network**. The network, designed to foster communication between stakeholders in athletic training regulation, was established as a result of feedback gathered at the Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference.
- Enhanced marketing opportunities for **BOC Approved Providers** by offering advertising space in *Cert Update* and on the BOC website.
- Honored BOC volunteers at our yearly reception and presented six **Dan Libera Service Awards** and one **Paul Grace Leadership Award**. At a separate reception, the BOC honored three recipients of the **Public Advocacy Award**.
- Initiated a marketing campaign to promote awareness of the athletic training profession. The campaign, called "**We've got your kid's back**," emphasized the role of Athletic Trainers in keeping youth athletes safe.
- Introduced a new publication, the **PD Update**. This biannual e-newsletter targets Program Directors and provides news on the BOC exam, accreditation, student education and more.



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- Launched **sqOne™**, an online tool for members of the **Exam Development Committee** to develop items for the BOC exam. The committee developed more than 400 new exam items.
- Published a blog series about ATs working with their **College World Series** teams. Because the BOC is headquartered just blocks from the CWS ballpark, visiting ATs were invited to the BOC office for refreshments and to share stories about their work.
- Published the first entries of a blog series called, "**Ethics in Action.**" The ongoing series examines ethical questions faced by ATs. It is written by **Kimberly Peer**, EdD, ATC, FNATA, an associate professor at Kent State University.
- Unveiled a **redesigned website** at www.bocatc.org. Last updated in 2010, the new website features tabs specific for Candidates, ATs, Educators and BOC Approved Providers for easier navigation. We matched our new look and feel to express strength, knowledge, authority and presence in the athletic training community both in the US and globally. For developing the website, the BOC received the **Paper Anvil Award of Merit** in the "Public Relations Tactics: Digital" category from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Nebraska Chapter.



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2013 Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference

The BOC convened the sixth Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference July 12-13, 2013, in Omaha, Nebraska. More than 100 people attended, including ATs and members of state regulatory agencies and state associations. Attendees represented 44 states and the District of Columbia.

The conference is designed to create a communication network among state Athletic Trainer leaders and state regulatory boards. Program topics are appropriate for audiences with a vested interest in athletic training regulation, leadership and public protection.

Topics and speakers included:

- Updates from Leading Organizations – *Mike Chisar (NATA GAC), Russ Richardson (NATA ECE), Mark Laursen (CAATE) and Susan McGowen (BOC)*
- Public Awareness Strategy: Empowering Consumers to Seek Licensed Professionals – *Cynthia Miller Murphy*
- Effective Management of Consumer Complaints – *Donna Mooney*
- BOC Presentation: Discipline – *Rob Sandmann*
- Associations vs. Boards: What is the Difference? – *Jeff Rosa*
- Association and Board Relations – *Rusty McKune, Chad Kinart, Ron Carroll and Jason Cates*
- Introduction to Ethics – *Kim Peer*
- Ethical Responsibility Roundtables – *Kim Peer*
- Case Study: How Athletic Training Boards Should Educate and Oversee the Actions of the Profession as it Relates to Over-the-Counter Medication within the Athletic Training Practice Setting – *Jim Porter*
- Concussion and Sport Safety Legislation: An Analysis of Existing Laws and Future Regulatory Trends – *John Parsons*
- States' Rights and Immunity vs. Federal Anti-Trust Prerogatives – *Amy Richardson*

Event Co-Chairs

Dave Montgomery of Nebraska and Kurt McClurg, ATC, of Ohio were Co-Chairs of the Advisory Panel that assisted with planning the event.



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Public Advocacy Award Honorees



Greg Rose, left, of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society, accepts the Public Advocacy Award on behalf of Kentucky State Rep. Joni Jenkins from Kurt McClurg.



Lisa Walker, an AT from Utah, accepts her award from Dave Montgomery.



Louise Inafuku, President of Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association (HATA), accepts the award on behalf of HATA from Dave Montgomery.

Conference Sponsors

- Gold Sponsor:** Mutual of Omaha
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- Program Sponsor:** E Creative
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Conference Reviews

"Nice to have all of these representatives of these areas all in one room!"

"Cannot wait to go back in 2015! The best conference I have been to in years!"

"Beautiful job of synthesizing info from States - I hope this gets published somewhere."

"Excellent meeting, with great information."

"Really made me interested in seeing what our state laws are and if we are in compliance!"



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BOC Community Involvement

The BOC has continued to support the Food Bank for the Heartland this past year. 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 volunteers to organize, bag and distribute. Individuals and families in the community were able to select fruits and vegetables to make healthy meals and snacks. BOC staff enjoyed distributing the free produce, which was provided regardless of income. It was such a success that the BOC will support the effort again next summer.

In December, the BOC’s Holiday Open House supported the Food Bank for the Heartland. Attendees donated food and funds, while the BOC contributed \$10 per person. In all, the event raised \$690.

About 21,900 people in Food Bank for the Heartland’s service area receive emergency food assistance in any given week. To learn more about Food Bank for the Heartland, visit www.foodbankheartland.org.





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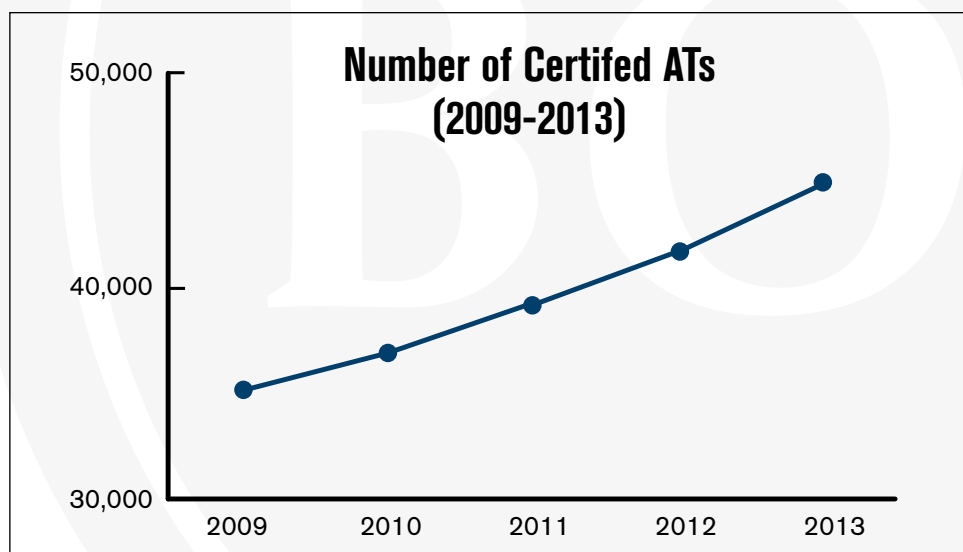
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Exam Report	2011	2012	2013
Candidates Certified	3,098	3,198	3,531
Exam Applications Processed and Approved	3,463	2,768	3,825
Reinstatement Applications Processed and Approved	162	198	172

Reinstatement by Exam: Thirty-six individuals sat for the exam to be reinstated in 2013, and 31 passed the exam, for an overall pass rate of 86%.

Individuals who 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. In general, candidates for reinstatement must demonstrate that they have completed the required continuing education (CE) requirements while their status was expired or pass the BOC exam. For reinstatement details, visit the BOC website, www.bocatc.org.

CE Report	2011	2012	2013
Certified ATs	39,167	41,670	45,032
Total # of New Certified for the Year	3,098	3,198	3,531





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Approved Provider Report	2011	2012	2013
Total # of Providers	1,229	1,257	1,285
New Providers	134	140	148
Home Study Courses Approved	156	165	328
Providers Audited	160	0	145

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 consists 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.

Discipline	2013
PPD Cases Opened	248
PPD Cases Closed	201
Emergency Suspensions	6



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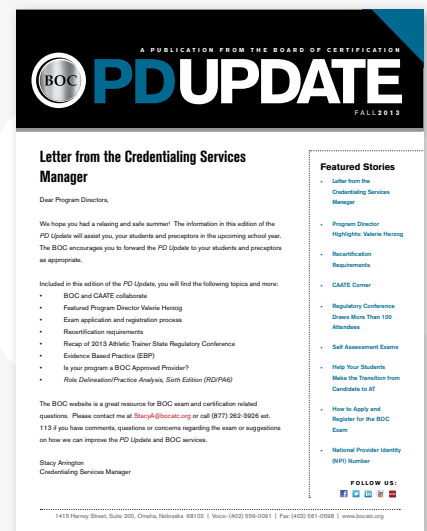
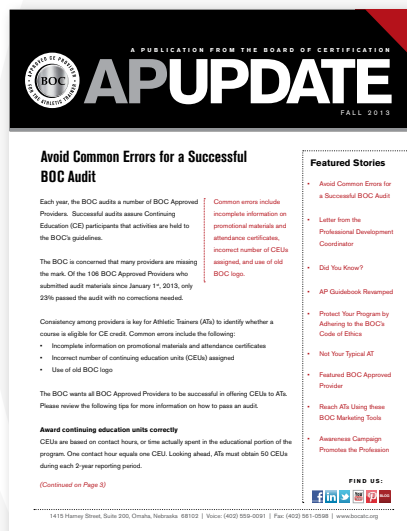
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Publications

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 that contains the latest information about CE, news from the BOC and trends in athletic training.

In 2013, the BOC added a new publication, the *PD Update*. This e-newsletter targets Program Directors and provides news on the BOC exam, accreditation, student education and more.





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Volunteers

BOC Volunteer Facts

- *Five committees and one working group, totaling 39 members*
- *Nine members of the BOC Board of Directors*
- *186 home study reviewers*
- *100 item writers*
- *10 bloggers*

Adding It Up

*344 volunteers
X \$22.14/hour
@ 2 hrs/month x
12 months =
\$182,788 of in-kind
service*

***We thank you for
your service!***

We thank the hundreds of volunteers who serve in various capacities. 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.

2013 BOC volunteer accomplishments:

- Administered 4,862 certification exams
- Continually developed more than 400 new exam items for experimental testing
- Approved 328 home study courses

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. We thank everyone for their service to support the growth and success of the BOC.



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BOC Board of Directors and Staff



An nine-member Board of Directors governs the BOC. There are six AT Directors, one Physician Director, one Public Director and one Corporate/Educational Director.

Back Row:

Sue Pereira, James Kinderknecht, Ed Christman, James Higgins, Frank Walters, Rusty McKune, Mindy Lindquist, Melissa Breazile

Middle Row:

Jan Vidlak, Anne Minton, Stacy Arrington, Peter Koehneke, Jan Lauer, Chad Kinart, Lorinda Horst, Kendra Aspegren

Front Row:

Shannon Leftwich, Stephanie Setlak, Denise Fandel, Susan McGowen, Jim Malseed, Amy DeRosa, Brittney Ryba, Jessica Roberts



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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 2013, we presented six Dan Libera Service Awards.

Jan Clifton

Kevin Ennis

Mike Ferrara

Bob Moss

Carol Moss

Wayne Wagner, posthumously

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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2013 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.

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2013 Nominating Committee

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2013 Professional Practice & Discipline Committee

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

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2013 Standards Committee

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

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2013 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.

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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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