



## **ALBERTA ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION**

### **Ad Hoc Committee – Regulation Report**

The year started off with great promise and optimism with regards to the regulation of Certified Athletic Therapists in Alberta. Nobody could have anticipated the collapse of the world economy and the hardship which trickled down to the Alberta Legislative Assembly which forced changes in philosophy and direction of many portfolios inside the Government of Alberta. This included the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

The biggest change inside Health and Wellness occurred after Christmas with a change in Minister and Deputy Minister as well as a change in philosophy. Gone is Minister Liepert who was very keen in changes to access to Alberta healthcare as a whole. In is new Minister Zwodzesky and a new Deputy Minister Romatar. I personally have not studied the new direction of ministry and am not currently in a strong position to comment on what this means for the Health Professions Act in Alberta; including the potential acceptance of new regulated members to the act.

This is not the first time this has happened to AATA regulation aspirations. This exact scenario unfolded in the mid-late 1990's. However, this time I am still committed to re-doing the leg work, re-connecting with MLA Kyle Fawcett (a huge Athletic Therapy Advocate) and re-connecting with the new improved Alberta the Health and Wellness ministry.

This spring I plan on meeting with MLA Kyle Fawcett. This summer I plan on re-connecting with the civil servants in the HPA office for the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Finally, I will re-write and re-address our HPA application to the new Minister and Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness.

I look forward and am staying committed to the regulation of Certified Athletic Therapists under the Health Professions Act in Alberta.

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