



ALBERTA ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Members,

I have just completed my third year as your AATA Vice-President, and in reflection, this year was filled with several accomplishments.

For starters, both the Marketing and Educational Committee were able to achieve their aims and objectives for the year. Under the leadership of Brandon Thome and Danielle Larsen respectively, both committees experienced stability, growth, and enthusiasm. Although membership involvement for call-outs and courses was small, participation rates were definitely higher than last year. In addition, the AATA was able to successfully resurrect the Certification Exam Prep Course. However, in all, again there was not enough income to fund the Research/Travel Grant or New Graduates Achievement Award.

Our collaboration with the Sport Medicine Council of Alberta is still strengthening as Maria Novak has taken over my position as AATA representative, and I am now sitting on the Executive as the SMCA Secretary. We were also able to increase the Chris Fleming Memorial Award from \$500 to \$1000 and were able to feature one of our Certification Candidates in the SMCA Pulse Magazine.

My most recent task has focused on planning the AATA AGM. This year we are fortunate to offer an Anne Hartley Workshop. The progression of events will continue analogous to last year's schedule of events. I especially look forward to our annual Research Day Presentations.

In all, I am approaching the final year of my Vice-Presidency. I am encouraged and delighted by the strides we have made this year as an Executive, and look forward to the progressions we intend to create this year. In closing, I continue to believe that the success of our organization and profession requires the help of its members. Thus, I continue to ask you all for any ideas, suggestions, and recommendations for courses, projects, incentives, or initiatives that you would like to see. Feel free to email me at: vicepresident@aata.ca.

Respectfully Yours,
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