

## Alberta Athletic Therapists Association Ethics Committee Chairperson 2010 Report

It has been my pleasure to serve as the chairperson of the AATA Ethics Committee this past year. Thank-you to Bonnie Sutter for her service as the previous Ethics committee chair and to her assistance in the transition to take this position on. For the AATA members reference, Bonnie has done a tremendous amount of work over the past few years with the ethics documents and policy and procedures to handle and deal with any complaints to the Ethics committee.

This past year has been relatively quiet. There have been no formal complaints submitted to the AATA Ethics committee for follow-up or investigation. I can report on only 1 incident where a massage therapist was mis-representing himself as an athletic therapist. Once brought to the attention of the AATA executive, a cease and desist letter was sent to this individual who immediately stopped using the title of athletic therapist. I can report and assure to the AATA members that any and all complaints brought forth to the AATA Ethics committee will be investigated and follow-up with and reported to the AATA executive committee in accordance to the AATA policies and procedures.

I am pleased to announce the addition of Ula Naszynska as a member of the Ethics Committee. I look forward to working with her over the next year.

In terms of current and future direction of the AATA Ethics committee, we have traditionally been an investigative body, reacting and responding to ethical issues and complaints against our members provincially. As a self-regulated profession, this is a vital function of our committee. However, for future direction, I would like to look at the Ethics committee provide guidance and direction to its members to educate them on contemporary ethical issues that we deal with on a regular basis and how we as a profession should deal with these situations (i.e. harassment). It is the responsibility of AATA members to follow and abide by the code of ethics. The Ethics committee could be taking a more active role in this area and will work towards this end in 2011.

Finally, we are seeking member representation on a regional basis for the Ethics committee, particularly in Edmonton. If you are interested in serving on the Ethics committee, please contact me at [ttak99@telus.net](mailto:ttak99@telus.net), via the AATA website or any AATA executive committee member.

I look forward to working for you in the coming year and getting to know all of you.

Thank-you.

Sincerely,



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