

IATS Members

I am writing to express my interest in serving the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society as Secretary of the Executive Committee. I have spent the last eight months as interim Secretary and would like to continue to serve in this position for the next term. I have served several roles with IATS and hope to continue promoting the profession and helping it grow in the state of Iowa.

After completing graduate school, I opened a small athletic training business in central Iowa because I believe that athletic trainers can provide a great service for all active individuals. Since the doors of my business opened, I have done everything I can to promote the profession and educate the general public on the benefits of working with an athletic trainer.

It is because of this commitment that I volunteered with IATS as the Annual Meeting Committee Chair. Over the past four years, the conference has grown from a four-credit hour program to a ten-credit hour program with EBP opportunities and learning labs. I am very proud of my work on that project and very thankful to all of my committee members who have helped me over the years.

There have also been many opportunities to work with Governmental Affairs Committee as we worked to pass HF 2442 last summer. That was a project that we worked on for years and I believe the law will help protect Iowa's high school students as they return to participation in sports and academics following a concussion. I look forward to continue my work with the committee as we move forward to our next legislative effort.

As Secretary, I have become involved in the efforts to have Third Party Reimbursement available for athletic trainers and will make this one of my top priorities as Secretary. This option for athletic trainers would be a major step forward in the state of Iowa and I look forward to working with the members on this major effort.

I would like to thank you all for your consideration and I hope to continue to serve as Secretary for the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society.

Sincerely,

Michael Donahue, ATC