



SOCIETY UPDATE
MARCH 2025

MATS Mission & Vision

Mission Statement

We are a community of unique and diverse healthcare providers dedicated to accelerating and enhancing the profession of athletic training. We accomplish this by:

1. Empowering and building Michigan's Athletic Trainers reputation
2. Serving as the definitive resource for Michigan's Athletic Trainers skill and professional development: and
3. Providing opportunities for members to grow their leadership and support of the MATS community

Vision Statement


The vision of the Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society is to be a vigorous organization whose membership is growing in diversity and across age groups and where clients and the public turn to help address today's complex healthcare challenges.

Happy National Athletic Training Month!

TRAINERS ARE CHAMPIONS IN PROVIDING INVALUABLE, PATIENT-FOCUSED INJURY PREVENTION, CLINICAL CARE, RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION TO HELP EVERYONE RETURN TO WORK, LIFE AND SPORT.


AS CERTIFIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ATHLETIC

— CELEBRATING —


ATHLETIC  TRAINERS

CHAMPIONS

IN HEALTH CARE

 NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION
HEALTH CARE FOR LIFE & SPORT

CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS AT [NATA.ORG/NATM](https://nata.org/natm).

 NATIONAL
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MONTH
Champions in
Health Care
MARCH 2025

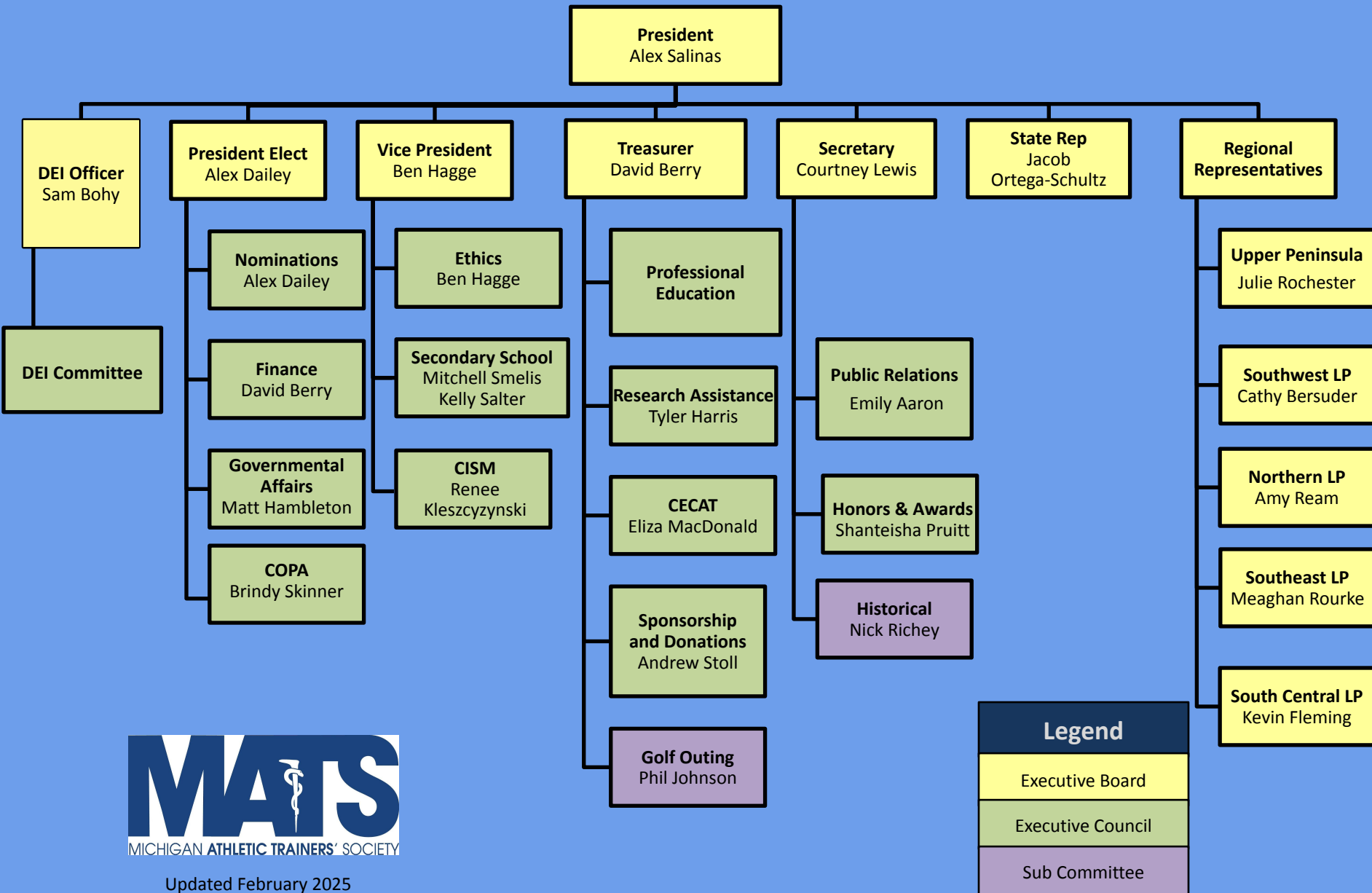
2024 Election Results

- Special **thank you** to our outgoing officers
 - John Ciecko III, President
 - Nicole Coleman, Upper Peninsula Regional Representative
- Incoming and re-elected officers (term January 19, 2025-January 17, 2027)
 - Alex Salinas, President
 - Alex Dailey, President-Elect
 - David Berry, Treasurer
 - Meaghan Rourke, SE Lower Peninsula Regional Representative
 - Cathy Bersuder, SW Lower Peninsula Regional Representative
 - Julie Rochester, Upper Peninsula Regional Representative

Committee Changes

- Another special **thank you** to our outgoing committee chairs
 - Tonya Parker (Research Assistance)
 - Matt Walker (CISM)
 - Alex Dailey (Historical)
 - Claire Coates (Honors & Awards)
 - Denny Griffin & Holly Hill (PEC)
- Newly appointed committee chairs
 - Tyler Harris (Research Assistance)
 - Renee Kleszczynski (CISM)
 - Nick Richey (Honors & Awards)
 - Shanteisha Pruitt (Historical)

MATS 2025 Organizational Chart



Updated February 2025

GLATA & District 4 Updates

- State Disbursement
 - GLATA will disburse \$10,000 to each state in 2025
- GLATA
 - Executive Board will be meeting in June 2025 to review strategic planning
 - Working with *Breakthrough Growth* on this project
 - They will be reaching out to members to hear about the state of GLATA and how the organization can best benefit members
- District 4
 - Updated NATA Policies and Procedures
 - Please reach out to Jacob Ortega-Schultz (mats.glatarep@gmail.com) or District Director Scott Lawrance (selawrance@gmail.com) with questions or concerns

CURRENT FINANCIAL STANDING



*Rounded to nearest dollar

ASSETS*	02/20/2022	03/06/2023	03/13/2024	03/12/2025
BOA Checking	\$111,677.00	\$106,157.82	\$118,149.72	\$116,736.92
BOA Savings	\$38,400.00	\$55,669.28	\$69,015.13	\$82,895.36
BOA CD	\$14,446.00	\$14,450.00	\$14,454.79	\$14,459.14
BOA PAC	\$1,672.00	\$1,672.00	\$1,672.00	\$1,672.00
BOA Research Assistance	\$15,015.00	\$15,021.96	\$15,027.97	\$15,033.96
Invesco-Main St Fund A	\$45,152.00	\$41,936.23	\$52,893.91 (up 26%)	\$56,932.11
Invesco-Main St Fund C	\$12,933.00	\$12,547.90	\$16,392.81 (up 30%)	\$18,394.61
Invesco-Money Market	\$31,766.00	\$32,993.65	\$35,201.64	\$39,285.58
TOTAL	\$271,061	\$280,445 (up 3.4%)	\$287,606 (up 2.5%)	\$306,124.10 (up 6.4%)

2024 FINANCIAL REVIEW

INCOME: \$73,534

Membership (Prof and Students) (24K, down 3k from 2023)

GLATA Grants (11K)

Sponsorship (9.2 K)

PEC (10.3 K, down 1 k from 2023)

Golf (3.4K, flat)

EXPENSES: \$52,738

Lobbyist (18K)

All education programs (14.5K)*

Golf outing (5.5K)*, **

Operations (website, insurance, bonding, etc) (4K)*

*Consistent with 2023

** Cost offset with Sponsors



2025 BUDGET

Item	Amount
Projected Income	\$59,748
Budget Request**	\$76,702
Approved	\$68,852*
*Includes \$10,000 carryover from 2024 budget and includes a couple new initiatives at the regional level and secondary school.	
**2025 Lobbyist largest expense, followed by PEC, and golf	

Questions? Contact David Berry at mats.treas@gmail.com



ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

Congratulations to the 2024 LEADS Graduates!

Sarah Cheatham
Kylee Gulliver
Sydney Holland
Don Moran
Nick Richey
Brittany Tyler
Justin Waas
Stephen Waltersdorf
Megan Wieloch

LEADS - Welcome!

LEADS COHORT 2025



STEPHANIE GRAJEK



DAVID SMITH



MARY MILLER



RENEE KLESZCZYNSKI



SARAH OTTE



DESTINEE COLE



MACKENZIE LACLUYSE



LUKE KLAWITER

CONGRATS!

Committee Updates

- **ATs Care/CISM**
 - Provide and support immediate crisis intervention. MATS ATs Care is not intended to replace professional counseling or mental health services. If you or someone you know has responded to an emergency or experienced a traumatic event (personal or professional), don't hesitate to contact our Michigan ATs Care team (mats.cism@gmail.com) through the NATA ATs Care (ATsCare@nata.org).
 - Submissions are anonymous
- **Committee for Early Career ATs (CECAT)**
 - Accepting applications for the [MATS Student Scholarship](#) until March 31, 2025
 - Email application materials as one document to Eliza at mats.cecat@gmail.com
 - Continuing to assess how we can connect our students and young ATs to later-career ATs
- **Committee on Practice Advancement (COPA)**
 - Seeking recognition and reimbursement by third-party payors as autonomous providers of physical medicine and rehabilitative care
- **Nominations**
 - Accepted in September, with voting in October
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - DEI Officer
 - Northern Lower Peninsula Regional Representative
 - South Central Lower Peninsula Regional Representative
 - **Interested? Contact Alex Dailey at mats.preselect@gmail.com**

Committee Updates

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI)
 - Regularly creating content for MATS social media accounts
- Public Relations
 - Continual updates and announcements through eblasts and social media accounts
 - Quarterly newsletter (with VP) coming soon!
- Historical
 - The [Hall of Fame](#) has gone virtual and is now easy for everyone to access. Thank you Alex Dailey for your diligence on this project!
- Honors & Awards
 - Currently seeking nominations for:
 - Hall of Fame
 - Distinguished Athletic Trainer
 - Athletic Training Service Award
 - Secondary School Athletic Trainer Award
 - Outstanding Young Professional
 - Dr. Rene Shingles DEI Award
 - More information and criteria can be found on the [committee webpage](#)
 - **Nominations close March 31, 2025**
 - Contact Nick Richey at mats.honors@gmail.com

2024 Award Winners

Congratulations!

Distinguished Athletic Trainer

Blaine Long, PhD, AT, ATC

Athletic Trainer Service Award

Thomas Mackowiak, PhD, AT, ATC

Outstanding Young Professional

Benjamin Hagge, MS, AT, ATC

Secondary School Athletic Trainer

Meaghan Rourke, MA, AT, ATC

MATS Hall of Fame

Dr. Tracey Covassin

Committee Updates

- Ethics
 - No updates to report
- Finance
 - Confirmed previous year's spending
 - Set 2025 operating budget
- Secondary Schools Athletic Training Committee (SSATC)
 - *Help Wanted!* initiative in May 2024, bringing stakeholders from a variety of settings across the profession together for in-person collaboration
 - Worked with the MHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee on Regulation II, Section 3 (D)
 - Starting with the 2024-25 school year, high schools shall attest by each season's established deadline that all high school teams (varsity and subvarsity) have an emergency action plan specific to their practice and contest locations. These plans shall be posted, documented, and rehearsed at least once per season. Schools shall impose the penalty of Section 8(B) on high school head coaches (varsity and subvarsity teams) who do not meet this requirement.
 - [Additional resources](#)
- Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC)
 - State legislation posted often and can be found on the [committee page](#).
 - HR No. 35 declared March 2025 as "Athletic Trainer Month in the State of Michigan"

STATE OF MICHIGAN



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Resolution No. 35

Offered by Representatives Aragona, Johnsen, Beson, Borton, Wilson, St. Germaine, Alexander, Paiz, Rheingans and Schuette

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MARCH 2025 AS ATHLETIC TRAINER MONTH IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, Athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for many types of patients including athletes and all persons engaged in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, Over 1,700 athletic trainers are licensed in the state of Michigan to provide health care services including risk management and injury prevention, clinical evaluation and assessment, immediate care and treatment, and the rehabilitation and reconditioning of an individual's injury or illness, or both, and provide these services under the direction of, on the prescription of, or in collaboration with a physician; and

WHEREAS, The National Athletic Trainers Association was founded in 1950 and includes more than 35,000 members worldwide. The profession provides health care to a diversity of patient populations, and in various settings, including professional and Olympic sports, colleges and universities, high schools, rehabilitation clinics, rural and urban hospitals, urgent and ambulatory care centers, corporate and industrial settings, performing arts centers, every branch of the United States military, police and fire departments and physician practices; and

WHEREAS, Leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have joined together in a common desire to raise public awareness of the importance of the athletic training profession and to emphasize the importance of quality health care by athletic trainers who are considered champions in healthcare; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2025 as Athletic Trainer Month in the state of Michigan.

Committee Updates

- **Research Assistance Committee (RAC)**
 - Developing Free Communications sessions for the Annual Symposium
 - Reviewing research grant applications in each of the (2) funding cycles
- **Sponsorships/Donations and Golf Outing**
 - Securing sponsors for Carrier Classic Golf Outing and MATS Annual Clinical Symposium on June 5 and 6, respectively
- **Professional Education Committee (PEC)**
 - Preparing for a successful event in June

SAVE THE DATES!

**Carrier Classic Golf
Outing**

June 5, 2025

Timber Ridge Golf Club

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**2025 MATS ANNUAL
CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM**

June 6, 2025

East Lansing, MI

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
ATHLETIC TRAINING**

SAVE THE DATE

**NMU SUMMER AT
CONFERENCE**

MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

JULY 24 2025

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Executive Board Updates

- **President**
 - Visiting all 7 college AT programs in Michigan to speak about the profession and MATS
- **President Elect**
 - Manage the upcoming election cycle
 - Rolling website updates
- **Vice President**
 - Updating Policies & Procedures and Bylaws (more to come). Online soon!
- **Secretary**
 - Monthly membership updates
 - Serving as a member the Professional Education Committee
 - Co-chair of the LEADS Program
- **DEI Officer**
 - As discussed in previous slides
 - Serving as a member the Professional Education Committee
- **Treasurer**
 - As discussed in previous slides
 - Serving as a member the Professional Education Committee
- **GLATA State Representative**
 - As discussed in previous slides
- **Regional Representatives**
 - Hosting regional social events to get to know your representative and to have an opportunity to ask questions, relax, and socialize with peers



Do you want to get involved, but don't know where to start?

Visit [here](#) for a brief interest survey!



Questions?

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