



2018 EATA Election Update:

The EATA Board of Directors would like to thank Dr. Linda Levy for her interest in serving the members of the EATA. Dr. Levy is the sole candidate running for the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA) President-Elect position. Therefore, Dr. Levy will need a vote of affirmation at the EATA business meeting on **Sunday, January 13th 2019 from 10:30-11 AM** in the Pennsylvania Event Center. To learn more about Dr. Levy and the vision she brings to the EATA she's provided us some information.



Please give a little background on yourself including why you got into athletic training.

I began my athletic training journey quite by accident when I took a prevention and care class as a junior in college. The teacher, who was our head athletic trainer, encouraged and welcomed me into the athletic training community where I immediately felt my passion for this incredible discipline. I felt at home. Since then, my professional development has taken me from serving as a clinical athletic trainer at both public and private colleges, as a co-director of an upstart sports medicine clinic, and as an athletic training educator and program director for the past 26 years at Plymouth State University (PSU) in New Hampshire. Throughout my career, I was able to expand my clinical background by serving as an athletic trainer for New York's Empire State Games, the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, the Maccabiah Games in both Israel and Brazil, the New Hampshire Highland Games International Dance and Strongmen Competitions, and as an athletic trainer for performing artists through PSU's Educational Theater Collaborative.

Why are you interested in serving as the EATA President-Elect?

I am honored to be considered as the next EATA President-Elect. I consider being an officer in our organization a natural progression in my development as a leader. I have served on national, regional and state committees for many years including the NATA REF Scholarship Committee (as a member and as Secretary), the NATA Student Leadership Committee (as a mentor), the EATA Scholarship Committee, the EATA Quiz Bowl Committee (as a member and as Chair), and the New Hampshire Quiz Bowl Committee (as a member and as Chair). I have been the Athletic Training Program Director and the Chair of my academic department at PSU. All of these positions have given me the opportunity to contribute to each group's growth and development. Serving as an officer in the EATA will allow me to put my leadership skills to work in a way that serves the whole EATA membership. The President-Elect is responsible for many of the components of our annual meeting's program. The individual who takes on that role must be organized. Of all of the things that I have learned in the course of my tenure in the various roles that I have had, I have learned not only the importance and value of having organizational skills, but also the steps necessary to apply those skills to develop, organize, and implement events. These leadership characteristics will likewise put me in position to be effective in the role as President in two years, and eventually Past President. I have considered each of the various tasks at each of these levels to make sure that I am ready to take on these tasks.

What are you hoping to accomplish as EATA President-Elect should you be the successful candidate?

Whenever in a new position, an individual needs to take the time necessary to learn the tasks of that position. I expect to do the same as President-Elect. By doing that, I will learn what has worked in the past as well as which parts of the job need refining to run efficiently. My goal is to help the EATA Board identify areas of strength while exploring opportunities where we could become more resourceful. The President-Elect is responsible for the many facets of program development and implementation. I will work to make the EATA program applicable to as many of the members as possible while considering alternate methods of program delivery. I would like to work with my colleagues to present a more hands-on approach to learning, especially in the lecture sessions. I would like to make sessions applicable to our student members, especially those who are close to graduation. I would like to find a way to include students as presenters; they do amazing work from whom we all can learn. I would like to incorporate multiple methods of delivery to increase our members' engagement in the learning process. While doing things the way we have always been doing them is a good place to start, I hope we are able to consider other ways to help our members learn, retain and utilize the many lessons we take from our educational sessions. I want to be that leader that helps our membership turn vision into reality.