

TATS 2009 ELECTION BALLOT BIOGRAPHY

SECRETARY

PEGGY BRATT



Peggy Bratt, ATC, LAT, NREMT, is the Head Athletic Trainer at Alcoa High School, an assistant athletic trainer at Maryville College, and Outreach Coordinator and Clinical athletic trainer at Appalachian Therapy Center in Maryville, Tennessee. A graduate of Maryville College with a Bachelors degree in Biology, Peggy has been certified since 2000. Peggy has served as either head athletic trainer or assistant head athletic trainer for the TN all star football team from 2000-2005, has been a staff athletic trainer for the United States Field Hockey Association in 2001, '02, '03 at the USFHA Field Hockey Festival, and the AAU Junior Olympics in 2002 where she coordinated basketball coverage. She has served on the secondary schools committee, and has been chair of the public relations committee since 2004, and the Women in Athletic Training committee representative from TN since 2006. She has been a member of the TSSAA wrestling weight management executive committee since 2003. She received the Sandy Sandlin High School Athletic Trainer of the Year award in 2007.

Like most people, I started out as a member of a committee; in my case, it was the Secondary Schools Committee. I have been blessed to have several colleagues that were very involved with their own professional organizations and I could see the value that they derived from that level of participation. I later took over as chair of the public relations committee. As I have grown as a professional, I have realized that it is vital that each of us give what we can, that if we are not fully engaged, complete advocates for our profession, that someone else is going to be making decisions about Athletic Training—who we are, who we see, and what we do.

Along the escalating path to giving back to this profession that I love so dearly, a funny thing has happened: I have discovered that the more I give, the more I get. The harder I work to support and promote the profession, the more I receive in return.

The more involved I get, the more people I meet, and then the more resources that I have. There are athletic trainers all across this state and even in other parts of the country that I can call on the phone and get answers to tough clinical questions and issues.

The more support that I give to our profession, the greater is the sense of ownership that I have, the result being a higher quality of care delivered and the heightened sense of accomplishment.

I would like to have the opportunity to serve you and our profession as Secretary of the Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society. I am dedicated to full engagement, active advocacy, and the mission of our association.

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RAY KNIGHT



Ray Knight is originally from Nashville, Tennessee. He attended Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet High School, where he played baseball, basketball, and ran cross-country. After realizing he was not going to get an athletic scholarship, he decided to attend East Tennessee State University and pursue a career in Athletic Training. As a freshman student athletic trainer, Ray was awarded the David Emory Memorial Scholarship, given to the Most Outstanding Freshman Student Athletic Trainer. As part of the academic curriculum, Ray completed the requirements and obtained licensure in the state of Tennessee as an EMT-Basic. During his senior year at ETSU, he was the recipient of the TATS Undergraduate Student Athletic Trainer of the Year Award.

Following graduation at ETSU, Ray completed a PBATS internship with the Atlanta Braves and attended graduate school at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. In addition to working with the intercollegiate sports for two years, Ray was fortunate in being a member of the inaugural class of the Graduate Athletic Training Program and graduating with the second class. While at UTC, Ray completed the requirements and obtained licensure in the state of Tennessee as an EMT-IV Therapy. Following graduate school, he began working at The University of the South, first as an Assistant Athletic Trainer and now as the Head Athletic Trainer. The past eight years, Ray has served as the Head Athletic Trainer at the University of the South. He oversees the medical needs of 24 varsity sports with the help of two full time Assistant Athletic Trainers.

Ray has been a TATS member since 1996 and has been the chair of the scholarship committee since 2004. Ray wishes to address the membership with the following statement: "As secretary, I am interested in elevating the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society to the next level. I understand communication is vital and a key to the future. As secretary, I plan to communicate with the membership extensively via the website, E-blasts, directories, by phone, and in person. I would like to update the TATS website and focus on developing and publishing a high school and college/university Certified Athletic Trainer directory. It is my goal that all certified athletic trainers in Tennessee participate and feel a part of TATS on some level. We need to inject energy and passion into TATS and I would like to be a part of this. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to run for secretary."