



**2019 KATS Election
Candidate Biographies**

Vice-President

Tim Amshoff

I have been a part of the KYATS since a sophomore in high school in 1989. I have received recognitions from this organization and have served as Vice-President, Secretary and President for a brief period upon the vacancy. I am pleased to be nominated.

I believe our profession is one of most regard and we should not back-down to the growth in the Commonwealth of KY. This profession has brought me so far in my life and has made memorable moments upon my family.

For 22 years I have been an educator, athletic administrator, athletic trainer, and coached at every level from K-12. I hold a Masters Degree in Teaching, a Bachelor of Science degree and an administrative certificate for school leadership.

I look forward to working with KATS membership once again, should I be so blessed.

Andrew Carlson, MS, ATC

My name is Andrew Carlson, the Director of Sports Medicine at Bluegrass Orthopaedics and Head Athletic Trainer at Lexington Christian Academy. Originally from Massachusetts, I received my undergraduate degree from The Pennsylvania State University and graduate degree from The University of Kentucky. After meeting my wife, I decided to stay in the Bluegrass and have lived and worked here for 13 years, proudly calling Kentucky my home. My wife and I have a step-daughter Lauren (21), who will be entering her senior year at the University of Louisville this Fall, and a daughter Chloe (8) who is currently at Hunteertown Elementary in Versailles. While my professional goal was originally to work high-level baseball, working with young people at the high school level has been extremely fulfilling. My father, who was in education his whole career, told me it would be the most rewarding job I have, and he was absolutely right.

It was instilled in me early in my career that being an active member of our profession was quite important. I had the privilege of working as a KATS Region Representative from 2013-2017, a position that allowed me to work with some amazing athletic trainers across the state. I have also served as the SEATA Secondary Schools Committee Chair from Kentucky and feel this position has become increasingly important as more high schools across our state attempt to hire athletic trainers. I look forward to some great projects that the NATA has been working on to assist secondary school athletic trainers. Until recently, I have also served on the Lexington Board for the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky, however I have a desire to concentrate more fully on the needs of Kentucky's athletic trainers.

Over the last two years, along with Keith Webster and Scott Helton, I have been working diligently in the background with our current legislative efforts. I feel we have gained some positive momentum, but I am also realistic and understand there are still more questions than

answers for the future of our profession. Working both in the clinical setting, as well as on the sideline, I feel I understand the needs of athletic trainers, and look forward to being a voice of all athletic trainers, regardless of their position. As a member on the executive council for the state association, it is vital to listen and hear the concerns of athletic trainers from all settings. This is no doubt a challenging time, and we need positive leadership and consistent effort to continue the growth of our profession.

I would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as the KATS Vice President. Thank you for your consideration.

Nick Repka, LAT, ATC

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Vice President in such a storied organization.

Let me introduce myself, I am Nick Repka, ATC. I am a 1989 graduate of Western Kentucky University where I majored in Physical Education with a minor in Athletic Training. I was very fortunate to learn from a great Athletic Trainer and a better person, KATS Hall of Famer, Mr. Bill "Doc E" Edwards at WKU.

Upon graduation I began my career in the Clinical Outreach field where I am still today. Along the way I have had the great pleasure of working with some very fine physicians from both Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. I am very grateful for the learning experiences from the likes of Dr. Jim Bilbo, Dr. Mike O'Brien, Dr. Angelo Colosimo, and Dr. Jon Divine to name a few.

I had the privilege of being an Outreach/High School Athletic Trainer at my alma mater Simon Kenton High School (their first ever ATC) for 27 seasons, the first 22 seasons as the Head Athletic Trainer. During my 29 year career I have had the privilege of working all levels of Athletic Training from High/Middle School, Professional Sports (Arena Football), to USA Diving where I was the Head ATC for the 1999 National Championships/2000 Olympic Trials/2002 World Cup Trials.

For the past 20 years I have been the Regional Coordinator of Athletic Training for NovaCare Rehabilitation and am currently the Regional Director of Sports Medicine. We have given Athletic Trainers opportunities in a wide variety of settings, Clinical, Professional Sports, Collegiate, High School, Middle School, and the Industrial setting.

I am a long time KATS member and for the past three years it has been my privilege to serve as the Chair of the Awards and Scholarship committee.

It would be an honor for you to consider me to become your Vice President of KATS. An organization that is dedicated to bettering the profession of Athletic Training in the State of Kentucky.

Thank you!

Treasurer

ERIC BURKARD MA, ATC, CSCS

Hello, my name is Eric Burkard and I am seeking the opportunity to continue to serve as Treasurer of Kentucky Athletic Trainers' Society. I want to continue to give back to my profession and to future Athletic Trainers in this role.

I have been an Athletic Trainer for over 20 years. I am an employee of KORT in Bardstown and provide medical coverage to Thomas Nelson High School.

I attended Millikin University (Decatur, IL) for my Bachelor of Science and College of St. Scholastica (Duluth, MN) for my Master of Arts. Over the course of my career I have been at small rural schools and large suburban schools. Over the years I have had the privilege to provide care to high school, collegiate and professional athletes as well as industrial athletes. During my free time, my hobbies include woodworking, fishing, hunting and running.

Region 1 Representative

Megan Morris, LAT, ATC

My name is Megan Morris and I am honored to be nominated for the Region 1 KATS Representative position.

I became a Certified Athletic Trainer in May 2018 after completing my Bachelor's degree at the University of Evansville. Upon graduation, I began working for Orthopaedic Sports Medicine of Owensboro (OSMO) where I perform duties in both the clinic setting and at Owensboro Catholic High School as part of OSMO's outreach program.

I am excited about the opportunity to extend my professional career and become involved with the KATS association. I believe that it is important for young athletic trainers to get involved and I feel that I am highly motivated to advocate for our profession.

I appreciate your consideration for this position as it would be such a privilege for me to serve as your Region 1 KATS Representative.

Kristan Erdmann, EdD, LAT, ATC

Kristan Erdmann has served as a member of the KATS Executive Council since 2009. For the past six years, she has held the role of Region 1 Representative and Public Relations Chair. In addition, she serves as a CAATE site visitor. Kristan earned her undergraduate degree and graduate degrees from Eastern Kentucky University and her doctorate of education from the University Kentucky. Currently, she serves as an assistant professor of exercise science at Murray State University and as an athletic trainer for Graves County High School. Her commitment to volunteerism is her way of giving back to a profession that has meant so much to her. Kristan resides in Dexter, KY with her husband, Jeremy, her stepdaughter, Josie, and their dog, Lady.

Region 3 Representative

Jeremy Johnson, MS, ATC

My name is Jeremy Johnson and I am in my 9th year as the Head Athletic Trainer for Boyle County Schools. I also serve as a volunteer preceptor for Eastern Kentucky University's Athletic Training Program. Before coming to Boyle County, I worked for two years at the University of South Carolina, first as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the University of South Carolina, then as an intern athletic trainer for Mid-Carolina High School and USC Sports Medicine. I received my Bachelors of Science in Athletic Training from ECU in 2008. I was born and raised in Danville, KY and I am a 2004 graduate of Boyle County High School where I was mentored by KATS Hall of Fame member Joan Mann. I live in Danville with my wife Claire, son Brooks (4 years old), and daughter Josie (born 03/18/2019).