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## INTRODUCTION

Records of the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association (MOATA) document annual meetings, awards, and other membership activities. These include schedules and announcements of meetings, 1979-1986, foundational documents, 1983, correspondence among members, 1981-1994, election records, 1983, and files on inductees to the Missouri Sports Medicine Hall of Fame, 1987. Several versions of legislation requiring the registration of athletic trainers in Missouri are also included, along with related comments and correspondence, 1977-1984.

## DONOR INFORMATION

These Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association Records were donated to the University of Missouri by Gary Hazelrig on 5 June 1987 (Accession No. 4754), 6 October 1987 (Accession No. 4806), 22 October 1987 (Accession No. 4809), and 23 December 1987 (Accession No. 4821). Ron Dunn also donated records on 26 April 1994 (Accession No. 5423). Both donors were members of the Missouri Athletic Trainers Association.

## ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

In 1977 Ivan Milton, Sandy Miller, and other Missouri athletic trainers, with the support of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, based in Greenville, North Carolina, began working toward a licensing requirement for athletic trainers in Missouri. In 1983 the State of Missouri Athletic Trainer Practice Act was adopted. That spring, these individual athletic trainers formed the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association (MOATA) to continue promoting the interests of the profession. In 1984 MOATA became part of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

The purpose of MOATA was to promote the welfare of the athletic trainers profession throughout Missouri. Activities included an annual meeting, conference, and recognition of excellence within the profession. In 1984 the Hall of Fame Committee began receiving Missouri athletic trainers into the Missouri Sports Medicine Hall of Fame, and awards for meritorious service were provided for career athletic trainers. MOATA continues to contribute to the efforts of the Mid-America and National Athletic Trainers' Associations (NATA), and to the athletic training profession.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association (MOATA) include records created before the organization's official creation in 1983. Records of the informal organization of interested persons who campaigned for the passage of the State of Missouri Athletic Trainer Practice Act from 1977 to 1983 are included as well. Those records predating the existence of MOATA are interfiled with true MOATA records.

The records are organized into eleven categories:

**Correspondence**

**Newsletters and Mass Mailings**

**Constitution, Bylaws, and Records of Incorporation****Meeting Records****Legislation****Election Records****Membership Lists****Printed Materials****Essay Contest Winners****Hall of Fame Files****Miscellaneous Records**

Three file folders of **Correspondence**, 1977-1988, 1994, include form letters sent to Missouri state legislators, 1980; letters between Sandy Miller and Ivan Milton regarding initial lobbying efforts, 1978-1979; responses by state legislators, 1980; letters between the activists and NATA, 1981; letters from athletic trainers throughout the state of Missouri expressing support for registration legislation, 1982; summaries of criteria for awards and honors, 1985; thank you letters for meeting participants, 1982-1988; and other letters addressing various MOATA administrative matters.

**Newsletters and Mass Mailings** include several letters addressed to "Athletic Trainers" by Sandy Miller, c. 1977, which summarize the progress of licensure legislation through the Missouri legislature. Other authors include secretaries and presidents of MOATA. Subjects include summaries of meetings, planned meetings, solicitations of support, and general updates of the organization's activities. Several of these newsletters, especially those from 1989 and later, contain meeting minutes and meeting announcements.

**Constitution, Bylaws, and Records of Incorporation** include signed articles of incorporation for the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association, April 1983; a certificate of incorporation, May 9, 1983; two drafts of the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association Constitution, c. 1983; and two final versions of the constitution, 1990. One copy of the constitution and bylaws for Mid-America Athletic Trainers' Association, of which MOATA is a component, is also included.

**Meeting records** include minutes, 1979, 1982-1986, n.d., registration forms, 1982, attendance lists, and schedules. In some cases, minutes have attachments related to the subjects under discussion.

**Legislation** includes annotated copies of model legislation authored by the National Athletic Trainers Association, 1979, copies of various bills proposed to the Missouri legislature that would regulate the athletic trainer profession in Missouri, 1979-1984, and an assortment of comments on these pieces of legislation, 1979-1984.

**Election records** contain voting instructions, ballot, tally sheet, and an announcement of results for the 1982 election that organized the Missouri chapter of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, determining the first chairman of the organization (Ivan Milton), vice-chairman (John Omohundro), and geographical area representatives.

**Membership lists**, 1982-1984, n.d., contain lists of members of MOATA, lists of athletic trainers in Missouri, and lists of Missouri residents who are members of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

**Printed materials**, 1978-c.1990, n.d., contain two MOATA brochures, c.1990; and four photocopies of articles from newspapers and magazines that discuss efforts to pass licensure legislation in Missouri and nationwide, 1978-1983. A 1989 pamphlet contains chapter 334 of the Missouri Statutes, Rules, and Regulations, reflecting the influence of the Athletic Trainers Act passed in 1983. An undated NATA circular describes a system of NATA education credits.

**Essays** contain three essays and submission forms for the MOATA Undergraduate Student Athletic Trainer's Writing Contest, 1993. Each of the three essays is marked to indicate its prize placement (first, second, and third).

Seven folders are classified as **Hall of Fame Files**. The first is a general administrative folder that contains notes and correspondence that document the general management of Hall of Fame nomination and induction, including ceremony logistics. The other six folders, arranged alphabetically by subject's last name, contain nomination letters and biographical information related to individuals inducted into the Missouri Sports Medicine Hall of Fame in 1987.

**Miscellaneous**, 1983, 1993, n.d., materials include a MOATA membership card, membership application materials, a three-page questionnaire regarding the licensure of athletic trainers in Missouri, a Proclamation of Athletic Trainer Recognition Day by Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, 1993, and a summary of qualifications for MOATA awards.

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