



FREE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Term Start: **June 2025**

Term: Three (3) year term, starting and ending in June, once renewable

Eligibility Requirements:

- Terminal degree
- ATC, BOC, NPI number
- Member of NATA
- Accepted Free Communications abstract in the last 2-3 years.
- Looking for individuals with expertise in the **therapeutic modalities or heat and/or hydration.**

Submission Process

Applicants must submit a curriculum vitae that includes evidence of the requirements.

Applicants must submit a cover letter that includes their identified area of expertise, and describes their potential value to the committee in terms of research methods, content knowledge, contribution to science, and contribution to the athletic training profession.

Applications must be submitted [ONLINE](#) by October 1.

ABOUT THE FREE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Overview and Mission: The Free Communications program provides a forum for researchers and clinicians to disseminate original research and clinical case studies. Abstracts selected by the Free Communications Committee are published in the Supplement to the Journal of Athletic Training and are presented at the NATA Annual Meeting via oral or poster presentations. The mission of the Free Communications Program is to advance the discovery, dissemination, and application of scientific knowledge in athletic training domains through written and oral forum.

Primary Goals and Objectives: The primary objective of the Free Communications Committee is to solicit and review original abstracts for inclusion in the Free Communications program. Furthermore, the Free Communications Committee plans the Free Communications program, identifies newsworthy abstracts, and distributes awards for exemplary abstracts among investigators across the research spectrum. Specific committee goals and objectives include:

1. To provide a forum to disseminate high quality original research to athletic trainers.
2. To facilitate the publication of Free Communications abstracts in professional journals.
3. To recognize exemplary Free Communications abstracts submitted by people across the career spectrum through awards, oral presentations, press releases, newsletters, social media, or other media coverage.
4. To recognize Free Communications abstracts funded by the Foundation through presentations, press releases, newsletters, social media, or other media coverage.
5. To encourage abstract submitters and presenters to address translation and clinical utility of findings (e.g., provide clinical take-home messages).
6. To encourage abstract submitters and presenters to develop content for a clinical audience.
7. To provide leadership and professional development opportunities through providing opportunities to present and moderate sessions.