

Bruce E. Fischbach

Re-election Message

NWBA Board of Directors

It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the NWBA Board of Directors for these past four years. While some of you may know of my background please allow me to refresh and/or introduce myself to you.

My true experience in athletics comes from my professional live where for the past 30 years I have served as the Director of Sports Medicine at the University of South Dakota. In that role all aspects of health care, from the delivery of services, to budgeting and ordering supplies, drug testing programs, negotiating insurance contracts, staffing and game management were tasks completed. Additionally, \$1.5 million worth of funds were raised to aid in sports medicine efforts and we recently completed the construction of a \$70 million facility for basketball and volleyball that additionally contains a state of the art weight room and a sports medicine complex that serves all 400 of our student athletes.

Service has always been important, as an athletic trainer I have served on the Mid America Athletic Trainers Association Board of Directors and as President of the South Dakota Athletic Trainers Association. Additionally, positions of service to our local community on youth baseball and softball boards and the Make A Wish Foundation of South Dakota were held.

Now, the NWBA is my center for service. For the past four years I have served on the NWBA Board of Directors and while much has been accomplished there is more to do. As a board member new leadership has been brought to the NWBA. That leadership in our national office has given us the continuity and leadership skills to continue to move us forward. We are actively producing a more positive national exposure for all of our members.

Simple things like open forums were established at the national tournament where members could come and speak with NWBA leadership, attendance at all divisional meetings so that the board had first hand exposure with the membership. Hopefully all members found that if they brought a question to leadership, we would help to find an answer.

With what we have accomplished, there is still more to do and I would like to continue to serve the members of the NWBA. I believe that we need to continue to increase the discussions with our membership, many members have great ideas, let's get them out and heard!

The NWBA is becoming a stronger and more vibrant organization, but it needs to continue that growth. To seek new opportunities for all of its members. I look forward to continuing to serve the membership of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

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SPORTS MEDICINE EXPERIENCE

- 1987 – present Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine/Instructor at the University of South Dakota (BOC certified athletic trainer, South Dakota and Nebraska licensure as athletic trainer):
- responsible for the health care of 400 athletes in seventeen sports
 - primary team responsibilities: men's basketball, football
 - supervise staff of nine certified athletic trainers
 - budgeted, inventoried, and ordered all supplies
 - responsible for drug education and testing programs
 - established core of team physicians
 - negotiates policy and handles health insurance claims for the athletic department
 - created and maintained education program for student athletic trainers until 2004
 - established two student athletic training scholarships
 - teach sports medicine/athletic training classes for the KSS department
- 2015 – 2016 Winnebago Public School, volunteer athletic trainer
- 2010, 2011 Sanford Health Athletic Trainer assisted Sioux Falls Pheasants (professional baseball)
- 2008 Sanford Health Athletic Trainer assisted Sioux Falls Canaries (professional baseball)
- 1995 - 1998 Consultant to Dakota Hospital Sports Medicine Department, Vermillion, SD
- 1986 Athletic Trainer for the Kinston Eagles Professional Baseball Team, Kinston, NC
- 1985 - 1987 Clinical Coordinator for Athletic Training Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 1984 - 1987 Athletic Trainer at Lincoln Northeast High School, Lincoln, NE
- 1980 – 1984 Athletic Training Student at the University of Nebraska – traveled with football and baseball teams
- 1984 - present Special Events as Athletic Trainer
- U23 Team USA, IWBFF World Championships, 2013
 - College World Series, Omaha, NE, host athletic trainer, 1988-2005
 - NCAA Div. II Indoor National Track Meet, host athletic trainer and site coordinator for drug testing, 1988-91, 93
 - NCAA Div. II Basketball Elite Eight Championships, 1993, 94
 - NCAA Div. II North Central Basketball Regional, host athletic trainer, 1994
 - South Dakota High School Football Championships, 1987-2016

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1987 – present Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries (PE 354)
Fall and Spring Semesters
- 1987 – 2005 Practicum in Athletic Training (AT 481)
Fall and Spring Semesters
- 2005 – 2011 Advisor to graduate students working on masters degrees in exercise science and athletic administration
- 1987 – 2005 Medical Aspects of Athletic Training (AT 454)

Fall Semesters

- 1992 – 2004 Advisor for the Athletic Training Minor
1991 – 2004 Advisor to the USD Student Athletic Trainers Organization
1992 Initiated the Athletic Training Minor at USD
1987 – 2004 Advisor for the Athletic Training Internship
1989/1992/2001 Summer Workshop – Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries, Mitchell, SD (1989), Elk Point, SD (1992), and Vermillion, SD (2001)

EDUCATION

- 1991 Master of Sport Science degree, United States Sports Academy, major: Sports Medicine.
1984 Bachelor of Arts degree, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Psychology major, History minor, with additional special emphasis in Athletic Training.

COMMITTEES/HONORS & AWARDS

- 2015 NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award
2014 Inducted into the South Dakota Athletic Trainers Association – Hall of Fame
2008 North Central Conference Legacy Award
2006 – 2009 Secretary/Treasurer - SDATA
1993 – 1997 President - SDATA
1993 – 1997 MAATA Board of Directors
Governmental Affairs Committee (1993-2000)
Research & Education Foundation Committee (1995-2000)
1991 – 1993 Vice President - SDATA
1991 Directed USD to the College Athletic Management, “Award of Excellence for Athletic Training Management.” The first award of its kind presented by this organization.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- 2014-present NWBA Board of Directors – Vice President
2013 – 2014 NWBA Board of Directors - Secretary
2011 – 2013 NWBA Junior Division Executive Committee - Secretary
2008 – 2011 NWBA Junior Northern Conference Commissioner
2008 NWBA – Junior Varsity National Championship - Tournament Director
2006 NWBA – Junior Varsity National Championship – Assistant Tournament Director
2007 - present Colleges Against Cancer – Faculty Advisor
2004 - 2007 American Cancer Society, Relay for Life – Team Recruitment Chairman
2004 - 2009 Vermillion Youth Baseball Association – Vice President
2001-2007 Youth T ball, baseball and softball coach
1999 - 2010 Regional Ambassador, Make A Wish Foundation of South Dakota
1999 - present Wish Granter – Make A Wish Foundation of South Dakota

1999 - present	Character Counts Association @ Vermillion Public Schools
1998 - 2009	Advisor to U Dance, USD Athletic Department Dance Team
1995 - 2011	President, Vermillion Slow-pitch Softball Association