

# Jack Mansfield

## 1988 - 1990



### Accomplishments

- Drafted Indiana Athletic Training Licensure Bill and had assigned to committee; Goal was to move IATA away from the teacher-trainer concept
- Expanded Executive Council Board to include student representation and more diversified areas of practice of athletic trainers
- At the request of several practicing athletic trainers, introduced an IATA summer meeting
- Moved the GLATA representative position from an elected position to a responsibility of the IATA President
- Initiated conversations that High School All-Star team athletic trainers should be selected by IATA

### Challenges

- Recognition of the profession; the athletic training profession incurred considerable pushback from physical therapy (PT) and chiropractic associations.
- As the profession expanded/changed, differing responsibilities often led to divergent ideas.
- Indiana and the IATA was populated with 'icons' of educational programs and individuals; merging the changing landscape of athletic training and established programs and leadership was tenuous

### Memories / Words of Wisdom

“Athletic trainers are special people; we are athletic trainers because we care. Everyone has a story of spending hours in the ER with an athlete, or returning to campus to see an athlete [or coach!], or the long, long road trips to practice our trade in less than ideal conditions. In spite of the long and crazy hours, our profession is one of the most rewarding vocations. And it is because we care. I am honored and humbled to be a Past President of the IATA - to see the continued leadership the IATA provides to the profession of athletic training.”