

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this association shall be:

- (1) The advancement, encouragement, and improvement of the athletic training profession in all its phases, and to promote a better working relationship among those persons interested in the problems of training.
- (2) To develop further the ability of each of its members.
- (3) To better serve the common interest of its members by providing a means for a free exchange of ideas within the profession.
- (4) To enable members to become better acquainted personally through casual good fellowship.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

There shall be nine (9) classes of membership, no individual shall be eligible for more than one class of membership at one time.

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| (1) Certified | (4) Student | (7) Allied |
| (2) Active | (5) Associate | (8) Honorary |
| (3) Inactive | (6) Advisory | (9) Retired |

Section 2

Each member shall have the respective rights and duties as provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1

Application: Each applicant for any class of membership shall sign an application stating his desire and intention to become a member of the association, to advance its best interests in every reasonable manner and to accept as binding upon himself its constitution and by-laws.

Section 2

Membership in the National Athletic Trainers' Association is based on approval of each District's membership committee, the National Athletic Trainers' Association membership committee, in addition to completion of requirements for membership as listed in the By-Laws, Appendix A.

ARTICLE V - DUES

Section 1

The dues of all classes of members shall be as prescribed by the By-Laws, Appendix A.

ARTICLE VI - SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership cancellations may be recommended by any member of the association for a cause and the membership of any member be caused to cease by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present at the annual business meeting.

Section 2

Appeals: A person whose membership is cancelled in accordance with Section 1 shall be allowed, either in person or through some member of the association, to appeal to the National Membership Committee for reconsideration. Information in the appeal shall be presented to the Board of Directors and the Board shall, by majority vote, decide whether to submit the question of the membership cancellation to the association membership for another vote in accordance with Section 1.

ARTICLE VII - VOTING POWER

Section 1

Certified and certified retired members shall be entitled to one vote upon all questions submitted to the association for decision.

ARTICLE VIII - ORGANIZATION

Section 1

National: The governing body of this organization shall be The Board of Directors.

Section 2

Regional: Each District Athletic Trainers' Association will be self-governing as per its own specific Constitution and By-Laws. Nothing in a district constitution and By-Laws shall be contrary to the National Constitution and By-Laws. In its relations with the National Organization, the District Association will be under the jurisdiction of the National Athletic Trainers' Association Constitution and By-Laws.

- (a) For the purpose of facilitating the work of the National Athletic Trainers' Association the United States and Canada shall be divided into ten (10) geographic areas and each district organization shall have district jurisdiction throughout one of the areas. District area boundaries shall be set by the Board of Directors, and the districts shall be designated and identified by the numbers one (1) through ten (10).

- (b) Each District shall elect a District Director who must be a Certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Each District Director shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the National organization and act with full authority for the District in carrying out the functions and responsibilities of the Board of Directors.

Section 3

Officers of the Organization and Election of Officers

- (a) President: Elected by a majority popular vote of the voting membership of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. The Board of Directors serves as the nominating committee. The Board will nominate two candidates with biographies of the two candidates published in the Journal prior to the popular vote. Vote shall be by mail. Candidates must have served on the Board of Directors during the past four years.

A ballot shall be mailed to each voting member at his address of record by May 1st and marked ballots shall be sent by mail to the Executive Director by May 15.

The term of office of the President shall be two years and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The term of office shall begin at the time of the business meeting of the Association at the National meeting following the election.

- (b) Vice President: The District Director from one of the ten districts shall be elected to the office of Vice President by the Board of Directors. One or more District Directors may be nominated by the members of the Board and election shall be by majority vote.

The Vice President must be a District Director, also. If the Vice President ceases to be a District Director, a new Vice President must be elected.

The term of office of the Vice-President shall be one year. He may be reelected.

In the event that the office of President becomes vacant before the end of the term for which the President was elected, the Vice-President shall become President immediately and shall serve as President for the remainder of the term or period for which the previous President was elected. In the event that a District Director (vice president) becomes President, the district which he represented shall select another Director to represent it on the Board of Directors.

The Vice President has no duties except to assume the office of President as prescribed.

Section 4

Removal of Officers: All national officers may be impeached and convicted on the following grounds; embezzlement, malfeasance in office, and actions contrary to or in violation of this Constitution and its By-Laws. Before impeachment proceedings can be instituted, a brief, containing the charges shall be drawn up and presented by a Board member to the Board of Directors sitting in executive session. The aforementioned brief must then be adopted by a majority vote prior to the formal presentation of the charges. Impeachment of any officer shall require a two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the Association present at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX - POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The officers are the President, Vice-President, Board of Directors and Executive Director.

Section 2

All powers and duties of officers are as prescribed in the By-Laws and Article VIII Section 3 of the constitution.

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

All committees, except the membership committee, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

Section 1

The annual business meeting shall be held each year at a time and place set by the Board of Directors.

A quorum for the annual meeting shall consist of one-fifth of the voting membership of the Association, excluding Certified Retired members in figuring the one-fifth.

Section 2

The Board of Directors may submit items of association business to the voting membership for a vote by mail. Approval of items so submitted shall require a "yes" majority of a response of at least one-fifth of the voting membership of the association.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall meet at the National Convention and at any other time that the President determines it necessary to call a Board meeting.

A quorum for a Board of Directors meeting shall be six (6).

The President may submit appropriate items of association business to the Board of Directors for a vote by mail. For such a voting procedure the President shall first secure a "second" to the proposal and then submit the proposal to each member of the Board by mail with a request to mail a "yes" or "no" vote on the proposal by a definite date not sooner than ten (10) days after the mailing of the proposal. Board approval of items submitted shall require a "yes" vote of at least six members of the Board.

The President may submit emergency items of Association business that are appropriate for Board action to the Board of Directors for a vote by telephone. For such a voting procedure the President shall first secure a "second" to the proposal and then call each member of the Board for his vote on the proposal. Board approval of items so submitted shall require a "yes" vote by at least six members of the Board.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1

All proposed amendments to the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director at least six weeks prior to the annual business meeting. The Executive Director shall distribute copies of the proposal to all voting members at least three weeks prior to the annual business meeting.

Section 2

A proposed amendment to the constitution that has been properly submitted shall be read at the annual business meeting and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting membership present shall be necessary for the adoption of the said amendment.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

The By-Laws may be amended at any official meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

By-Laws may not be added, deleted or amended by a vote by mail or telephone.