

Constitution North Dakota Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.

Article I ----- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the North Dakota Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.

Article II ----- OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Association shall be:

1. To promote the advancement of athletic training under the standards, rules, and laws established by the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) or current regulating agency, and the state of North Dakota.
2. To promote collaborative relationships (interdisciplinary and general public) to optimize healthcare provided to physically active individuals.
3. To enhance the ability of each of its members by providing continuing education Opportunities.
4. To serve as a liaison for members and other professional organizations including but not limited to the NATA, MAATA, and ND Board of Athletic Trainers.

Article III ----- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

The classification of members shall be in accordance with the current National Athletic Trainers' Association By-Laws. The following are the current membership group categories.

1. Certified-Regular
2. Career Starter
3. Associate
4. Certified Student
5. Non-Certified Student
6. Affiliate Non-certified Student
7. Certified Military-Inactive
8. Associate Retired

No individual shall be eligible for more than one class of membership at the same time.

Article IV ----- CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership to the NDATA (and MAATA) is included in the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) membership dues if a North Dakota address is listed with the NATA. Associate, non-NATA/MAATA members or individuals residing outside of North Dakota may apply for membership to the NDATA.

Section 2

Associate or non-NATA/MAATA or individuals residing outside of North Dakota shall fill out an application and send it to the NDATA Secretary/Treasurer with the appropriate dues. The NDATA Executive Board has final authority on membership category approval. Membership requirements are included in the By-Laws.

Article V ----- DUES

Section 1

The dues of all membership categories shall be as prescribed by the By-Laws.

Article VI ----- SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Suspension of membership may be recommended by any member of the Association for cause. 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

Membership may be suspended by non-payment of annual membership dues as required by the By- Laws.

Section 3

Appeals: A person whose membership is suspended in accordance with Section 1 shall be allowed, either in person or through some member of the Association, to appeal to the NDATA Executive Board for reconsideration. Information in the appeal shall be presented to the Executive Board, and the Board shall by a majority vote, decide whether to submit the question of the membership to the Association membership for another vote in accordance with Section 1.

A person whose membership has been suspended in accordance with Section 2 may reinstate membership by completing an application for membership and enclosing payment of the current dues. This application must be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer for verification.

Article VII ----- VOTING MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Voting members (as defined by membership category) shall be entitled to one vote upon all questions submitted to the Association for decisions.

Article VIII ----- ORGANIZATION

Section 1

The governing body of the organization shall be the Executive Board.

Section 2

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Executive Director, Vice-President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3

No member of the North Dakota Board of Athletic Trainers shall serve concurrently as a member of the Executive Board of the North Dakota Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.

Section 4

PRESIDENT – The President shall be elected for a three-year term with candidates coming from past Executive Board members, past committee chairpersons, or any member with a minimum of five (5) years membership in the NDATA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – The Executive Director will serve a three-year term transitioning from past-President of the Association.

VICE-PRESIDENT – The Vice-President shall be elected for a two-year term with candidates coming from the membership of the Association.

SECRETARY/TREASURER – The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected for a two- year term with candidates coming from the voting membership of the Association.

Section 5

If the office of President becomes vacant before the end of the elected term, the Vice-President shall become the President immediately and shall serve as President for the remainder of the term. In the event the elected-president is unable to assume the office of President, the Vice-President shall become the President at the beginning of the term for which the original President was elected.

Section 6

If the office of Executive Director becomes vacant before the end of the term for which the Executive Director serves, the President shall become the Executive Director for the remainder of the term. In the event that the Executive Director is unable to assume the office of Executive Director, the President shall become Executive Director at the beginning of the term for which the original Executive Director was to serve.

Section 7

Removal of officers: All state officers may be impeached and convicted in a court of law on the following grounds: professional misconduct, embezzlement, malfeasance in office, and actions contrary to or in violation of this Constitution and By-Laws. A brief containing the charges shall be drawn up and presented by an Executive Board member to the Executive Board sitting in executive session. The aforementioned brief must then be adopted by a majority vote of the Executive Board prior to the formal presentation of the charge to the membership. Impeachment of any officer shall require a two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the Association present at a meeting held within the state.

Article IX ----- POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

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

Article X ----- COMMITTEES

Section 1

The President, with approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint all committee chairpersons. The Secretary/Treasurer will chair the Membership Committee. Committees may be developed or dissolved to fit the current needs and milieu of the membership.

Article XI ----- MEETINGS

Section 1

An annual meeting shall be held during the fiscal year and other additional meetings as are necessary may be called by the President. Notice of meetings shall be sent to the membership ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

A quorum for a business meeting shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the voting membership of the Association. There will be no voting by proxy.

Section 2

The Executive Board may submit items of Association business to the voting membership electronically. Approval of the items shall require a "yes" from majority of the respondents. There will be a minimum of two from distribution allowed for response.

The Executive Board elections are to be help via electronic survey. The Nomination Committee must send a survey ballot to the voting membership. There will be a minimum of two weeks, from distribution allowed for response. Approval of the candidate will require a simple majority of the respondents to survey ballot.

Section 3

The Association may meet by tele/video conferencing. There must be arrangement for statewide coverage and one-third of the voting membership shall be identified for a quorum.

Section 4

The Executive Board shall meet at regular intervals with a minimum of two Executive Board meetings annually. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

Article XII ----- AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1

All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the voting membership at least three weeks prior to the annual business meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the voting membership present shall be necessary for the adoption of the said amendment(s).

Article XIII ----- AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1

The By-Laws may be amended at any official meeting of the Executive Board by majority vote of said board. By-Laws may not be added, deleted or amended by mail vote.

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