

BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

Section 1 Selection: In accordance with ARTICLE VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution.

Section 2 Term of Office: In accordance with ARTICLE VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution.

Section 3 Functions and Responsibilities:

1. Serves as the official spokesman for the Board of Directors and the Association concerning public relations and speaking engagements for the membership.
2. Maintains communications with the Executive Director in all matters pertaining to the coordination, management and supervision of the Association's affairs.
3. Calls all meetings of the Board of Directors as deemed necessary and advisable.
4. Presides over all meetings of the Board of Directors.
5. Presides over all National Business meetings.
6. Represents a tie-breaking vote on the Board of Directors and votes on in the event of an impasse.
7. Keeps the Board of Directors informed about Association affairs between Board meetings.
8. This is a non-paying position; however, all traveling expenses are paid by the Association.
9. Serves as ex-officio member on all Association committees.
10. Appoints with agreement of Executive Director and with the approval of the Board of Directors, all committee chairmen.
11. Appoints with agreement of Executive Director and with the approval of the Board of Directors, representatives of the Association to allied organizations.

ARTICLE II

VICE PRESIDENT

- Section 1 Selection: In accordance with Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution.
- Section 2 Term of Office: In accordance with ARTICLE VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution.
- Section 3. Functions and Responsibilities: The Vice President has no duties except to assume the office of President as prescribed in the Constitution of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 Selection: Elected representatives (District Directors) of the ten (10) Districts. Each representative must be a Certified member of the Association.

Section 2 District Geographic Areas:

- District 1 - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia
- District 2 - Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania
- District 3 - Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia
- District 4 - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Manitoba, Ontario
- District 5 - Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota
- District 6 - Arkansas, Texas
- District 7 - Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
- District 8 - California, Nevada, Hawaii
- District 9 - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee
- District 10 - Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan

Section 3 Terms of Office: Three (3 years for elected representatives to the Board.

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| Districts 1,4,7 | 1971 and every third year thereafter |
| Districts 2,5,8 | 1972 and every third year thereafter |
| Districts 3,6,9,10 | 1973 and every third year thereafter |

Section 4 Functions and Responsibilities:

1. Meets at the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium and at any other time during the year the President determines it necessary to call a Board of Directors meeting.

2. Serves as the official legislative body of the Association
3. Approves appointment of all committee chairmen and standing committee members.
4. Approves the appointment of all special committees deemed necessary for the conduct of special Association projects of study.
5. Appoints all executive officers of the Association.
6. Serves as the nomination committee for the position of Association President. Will nominate two candidates with biographies of the candidates published in *Athletic Training, The Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association* prior to the popular vote. (Method of nomination: Names of all eligible candidates who wish to be considered are listed on a secret ballot. Each District director numbers names in order of preference, number one indicating most preferred. The two persons who have the two lowest cumulative totals are the nominees.)
7. Continually evaluates and defines the roles and functions of all Association officers, standing committees and special committees.
8. Receives recommendations, suggestions and requests from Association districts and makes recommendations to the President for the inclusion in the agenda of Board of Directors' meetings.
9. Continually re-evaluates the goals and objectives of the Association and accepts primary responsibility for progress toward these goals.
10. Meets in a private session at the annual Association convention for the purpose of reviewing personal performances and appointing persons to all positions open or deemed necessary. A majority vote of the Board of Directors is necessary to terminate the office of an appointed person; this will be done by secret vote and counted by the President and one other Board member.
11. Determines cancellation of membership as prescribed in ARTICLE VI., Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution.
12. Acts as an auditing committee for Association financial affairs and approves financial statement of Executive Director.

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Section 1 Selection: Appointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Subject to yearly review by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Salary: To be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Implements the mandates and policies of the Association as determined by the Board of Directors.
 2. Between meetings of the Board of Directors, enforces policy on behalf of the Association as is consistent with the mandates and legislation enacted by the Board of Directors.
 3. Possesses full power and complete responsibility to transact all business for and on behalf of the Association and to manage all property, office staff, affairs, and activities of the Association subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws and the resolutions and enactments of the Board of Directors.
 4. To commit the Association to no financial obligation in excess of its available financial resources.
 5. Provide for the maintenance of an Association headquarters which shall serve as the center of all official activities of the Association.
 6. Serves as the official spokesman concerning business and governmental affairs for the Association.
 7. Serves as the custodian of all records, books and papers belonging to the Association.
 8. Arranges for the recording of minutes of all Board of Directors' meetings and national business meetings and distributes the minutes to all board members within a reasonable time subsequent to such meetings.
 9. Submits a written report of the Association's progress to the Board of Directors at each annual meeting and upon the request of the Board at other times.
 10. Conducts the official correspondence of the Association including such matters as notifying members of meetings,

officers of their election, committee members of their appointments, and all notices as required by the By-Laws or as requested by the Board of Directors.

11. Handles all financial matters of the Association with the assistance of a professional consultant.
12. Maintains a current and accurate mailing list and an official record of the Association membership.
13. Coordinates the activities of the Association and acts as liaison between the Districts and the National office and polls the District directors at least one month in advance of board meetings for suggestions on board agenda.
14. Maintains liaison with allied organizations in conjunction with Association representative to such organizations.
15. Maintains communication and records of all committee chairmen, committee members and of the Board of Directors.
16. Submits a compilation financial report to Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting.
17. Prepares the annual budget and presents this budget to the board for approval.
18. Serves as ex-officio member of all Association committees.
19. Continually reviews the Association Constitution and By-Laws in terms of newly enacted legislation and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for revisions, deletions or additions.
20. Maintains an accurate and current record of newly enacted legislation and incorporates it into the Constitution and By-Laws and as instructed by the Board of Directors.
21. Supplies the Board of Directors with an accurate record of all Constitution and By-Laws revisions, deletions or additions at their annual meeting.
22. Conducts, at regular three year intervals, a comprehensive review of the Constitution and By-laws and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for reprinting if deemed necessary.
23. All agreements between the Association and individuals, corporations, companies and organizations for goods and/or services must be authorized and signed by the Executive Director.

ARTICLE V

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR(S)

- Section 1 Selection: Appointed by the Executive Director from Certified membership of the Association with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Subject to yearly review by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Salary: To be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 Functions and Responsibilities: To assist the Executive Director in designated ways in performing the duties and functions of that office.

ARTICLE VI

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- Section 1 Selection: Appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Subject to yearly review by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Salary: To be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 Functions and Responsibilities: Assists Executive Director in all functions and responsibilities of the National Office.

ARTICLE VII

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Section 1 Selection: Appointed by President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 Term of Office: Subject to yearly review by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 Functions and Responsibilities:

1. Should be a Certified member of the Association and must have a thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedure. If no such individual is available within the Association the Association must hire a qualified expert from outside the Association.
2. Is in charge of keeping the Board of Directors and annual business meetings operating under parliamentary procedure as prescribed by the Roberts' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS - ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

- Section 1 Agreements and Contracts: All agreements and contracts between the Association and individuals, companies and organizations for goods and/or services must be authorized and signed by the Executive Director.
- Section 2 Indemnification of Officers, Employees and Others: Every Director, Officer, committee member, employee and agent of the Association and such others as specified from time to time by the Board, shall be indemnified by the Association, against all expenses and liabilities including counsel fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made party, or in which they may become involved, by reason of being or having been a Director, Officer, committee member, employee or agent to the Association, or any settlement there of, whether the person is a Director, Officer, committee member, employee or agent at the time such expenses are incurred, except that in such cases where the Director, Officer, committee member, employee or agent is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of duties. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which the indemnified may be entitled.
- Section 3 Insurance Contracts: The Executive Director is authorized, in consultation with counsel to enter into contracts of insurance and to report to the Board of Directors at the next following meeting.
- Section 4 Proxy Voting: There will be no proxy voting at a Board of Directors Meeting. If a District Director must be absent from a meeting, a Certified member from the same District, designated by the Director, shall take his/her place with full voting privileges.
- Section 5 Liaison Representatives to Other Organizations
- a. Liaison with another organization, through representation by a Certified member, may be proposed by the President, the Executive Director or a District Director. Such a proposal must be approved by the Board of Directors.
 - b. The President may appoint, with agreement of the Executive Director one or more persons, who must be Certified members, to be liaison representatives to an approved organization. The term of appointment shall be one (1) year. Appointments must be approved by the Board of Directors.

- c. In accordance with present Policy No. 13, a person may not be appointed to represent the Association in more than two (2) areas of representation.
- d. Liaison representatives shall attend meetings of organizations to which they are representatives of the Association and to perform other appropriate liaison functions.
- e. A written report to the Executive Director shall be made as soon as possible after attendance at a meeting or other significant liaison activity.
- f. A liaison representative is not authorized to make any agreements between the Association and the organization to which he or she is acting as an Association liaison representative.
- g. A liaison representative shall not incur any expenses for which the Association is to be responsible unless such expenses are authorized in advance by the Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors.

Section 6

Conflicts of Interest Policy: The Board shall establish a conflicts of interest policy for the Association and all Association members, Officers, directors, committee chairpersons, committee members, staff and designated representatives of the Board of Directors (Association personnel) shall abide it.

ARTICLE IX

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: One year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the President and Executive Director.
- Section 4 Selection of committee Members: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One year and may be reappointed.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities: To advise the President and Executive Director, at their request, on matters needing specific information in the respective specialty fields of the committee members.

ARTICLE X

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Maintains a bibliography and sources of audio-visual aids available to Association members.
 2. Cooperates with individuals, manufacturers, companies, etc. as advisor in audio-visual projects.
 3. Investigates and recommends to Board of Directors the advisability of sponsorship, co-sponsorship, authorship, etc. of audio-visual aids. The Committee is given authority to approve audio-visual projects for further development, but not to give final approval.
 4. Coordinates and supervises all Board approved audio-visual aid projects.
 5. Establishes and maintains an audio-visual aid loan library for the membership of the Association.
 6. Cooperates with all standing committees relative to audio-visual aids needs of such committees.
 7. Cooperates with President in development of audio-visual aids for his use as the official spokesman for the Board of the membership concerning public relations.

ARTICLE XI

CAREER INFORMATION AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: There shall be one (1) committee member from each of the ten (10) Districts.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee members: Recommended by the Chairman with agreement of the Director of the District in which the person is a Certified member, Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Prepares, periodically, an Association brochure on career information which can be distributed to persons requesting information concerning professional preparation of athletic trainers and employment in the profession of athletic training.
 2. Answers correspondence, inquiries and requests for guidance and counseling concerning the professional preparation of athletic trainers.
 3. Investigates in conjunction with the Audio-Visual Aids Committee the use of films, slides, and filmstrips for career information purposes and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for production, purchase and distribution of such materials.

ARTICLE XII

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association. The Chairman shall also serve as Chairman of the Board of Certification.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One year and may be reappointed with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Coordinates and administers Certification examinations.

ARTICLE XIII

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President of the Association with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Board Members: There will be one (1) Certified Trainer member from each District plus Public Consumer members.
- Section 4 Selection of Certified Athletic Trainer Board Members: Each District Director shall submit three (3) names of Certified Athletic Trainers from his/her District to the Chairman of the Board of Certification. The Chairman of the Board of Certification will select one (1) of the names submitted from each District.
- Section 5 Selection of Public Consumer Board Members: Each Certified Athletic Trainer member of the Board of Certification shall submit one (1) name of a Public Consumer individual to the Chairman of the Board of Certification. The Public Consumer members will be selected by the Board of Certification. The ratio will be three (3) Certified Athletic Trainer members to one (1) Public Consumer member. The Public Consumer members will have full privileges.
- Section 6 Term of Officer for Certified Athletic Trainer Members: Two years and may be reappointed by the Chairman of the Board of Certification for no more than one (1) additional term.
- Section 7 Term of Office for Public Consumer Members: One year and may be reappointed by the Chairman of the Board of Certification for no more than two (2) additional terms.
- Section 8 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Establish the Certification Office Procedure for receiving, evaluating and processing applications to take the Certification Examination.
 2. Responsible for the establishment of all individual requirements for certification and maintenance of certification.
 3. Responsible for examination development and contact.

4. Responsible for coordinating and supervising the administration and grading of all Certification Examinations.
5. Responsible for establishment of scores required to pass the Certification Examination.
6. Responsible for establishing fees for the Certification Examination.
7. Responsible for maintaining financial record of funds, income and expenditures.
8. Responsible for negotiation of contractual arrangements with recognized educational testing services.
9. Responsible for establishing and implementing an appeals process for Certification.
10. Responsible for selection and appointment of Public Consumer members to the Board of Certification.
11. Responsible for certifying the candidate after the candidates's fulfillment of all requirements and the candidate's passing the Certification Examination.
12. Responsible for periodic review of Continuing Education Requirements.
13. Responsible for establishment of fees for recording of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for non-member Certified Athletic Trainers.
14. Elects, by majority vote, persons who are NATA Certified Athletic Trainers to Serve as members of disciplinary panels pertaining to certification.

ARTICLE XIV

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President of the Association with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: One (1) Certified Athletic Trainer member from each District.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. To formulate general policies and procedures for handling Continuing Education Units (CEUs).
 2. Assign CEU value to specific meetings, courses and other activities through which members can earn CEUs.
 3. Provide direction, organization, and input into educational programs for the Certified and Associate membership classifications, at the National, District and State levels.
 4. The Continuing Education Units Committee is responsible to the Executive Director.

ARTICLE XV

DRUG EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. To develop drug education material for use and distribution by the Association.
 2. To maintain a bibliography on resource material pertaining to drug education.

ARTICLE XVI

ETHICS COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Review Ethical Principles periodically and make recommendations to the Executive Director and the Board of Directors concerning changes.
 2. The Chairman receives from the Executive Director information regarding alleged violations of the Code of Professional Practice and the course of any proceedings relating to alleged violations.

ARTICLE XVII

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approve of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Promote and encourage the establishment of scholarships related to athletic training through gifts, loans, and grants-in-aid.
 2. Establish guidelines and criteria for the awarding of educational grants and scholarships.
 3. Stimulate and develop scholarships sponsored by industry, individual donors, service clubs, minority groups, associations, athletic conferences, and professional sports leagues.
 4. Formulates recommendations for rules and administration of self-help programs, either loan or job, to include college loan, National Defense loan, Education Act loan, State Guaranteed or Federal insured loan.
 5. Receives, reviews and screens all applications for scholarship awards and proposed sponsorship of programs prior to April 1 and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for Association approval or rejection.

6. Keeps necessary records and makes necessary reports that are required by virtue of the incorporation of the NATA Grants and Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

ARTICLE XVIII

HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the resident with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Compiles history of the Association.
 2. Establishes a plan for maintenance of historical records of the Association and preserving important archives.

ARTICLE XIX

HONOR AWARDS COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association. The Chairman of the Honor Awards Committee will be Chairman of the NATA Hall of Fame Committee.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval by the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Coordinates and supervises the establishment and presentation of all special recognitions and awards presented under the auspices of the Association.
 2. Establishes the criteria to be used, with approval of the Board of Directors, for selecting persons who are to be presented with awards that are supervised by the Honor Awards Committee.
 3. Establishes a time schedule, with approval of the Board of Directors, for the nomination, processing and submission to the Board of Directors for approval of the names of candidates for Association awards that are supervised by the Honor Awards Committee.
 4. Receives, prior to February 1st, reviews and screens all candidates for the 25 Year Award, Honorary membership Award and the Hall of Fame Award (formerly Helms Hall of Fame followed by Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation Hall

of Fame and then followed by First Interstate Bank Hall of Fame Award) and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors prior to March 15th.

5. Receives and reviews all proposals for the initiation of new or additional honor awards and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval or rejection.
6. The Hall of Fame Committee will function under the Honor Awards Committee but members of the Committee will remain secret.

ARTICLE XX

INTERNATIONAL GAMES COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Formulates procedures for Association members to apply for nomination to athletic training staff for international games and submit such procedures to Board of Directors for approval.
 2. Conduct process of nominating the applicants to the Medical Service Committee of International Games.
 3. The Chairman shall be the Association liaison representative to the United States Olympic Committee's Sports Medicine Council and Clinical Services Committee.

ARTICLE XXI

JOURNAL COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association. The chairman also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of **Athletic Training, The Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.**
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members shall be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group and there shall be at least one (1) member from each District.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Serves as the Editorial committee for **Athletic Training, The Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.**
 2. Selects a printer, with the approval of the Board of Directors, to produce and distribute **Athletic Training, The Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.**
 3. Establishes and maintains a written statement of the editorial policies of **Athletic Training, The Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association** subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors

ARTICLE XXII

LICENSURE COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members shall be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group and there shall be at least one (1) member from each District.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Serve as a clearinghouse for all matters pertaining to state licensure of athletic trainers.
 2. Assist states seeking licensure through distribution of materials relevant to successfully achieving licensure.
 3. Serve as consultants, when requested, to states requesting information, guidance, and advice regarding licensure of athletic trainers.
 4. Cooperate with the Professional Education Committee and the Certification Committee regarding the updating of the definition, functions, preparation, and qualifications of a member of the athletic training profession and to facilitate and promote the use of the Association examination as prepared in cooperation and conjunction with the professional testing consultants as the instrument utilized as the state licensing examination.
 5. Act as a liaison between the Association and various related organizations (AMA, APTA, ACSM, NFSHAA, etc.) in

matters pertaining specifically to licensure of athletic trainers.

6. Continually work to update the **NATA Model Act** and the accompanying **Guidelines** to reflect current status based upon the experiences of specific states seeking licensure and to prepare an annual report to the membership through an "Update" article in **Athletic Training, The Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association**.

ARTICLE XXIII

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The Committee members shall be the ten District Secretaries. The District Secretary must be a Certified member of the Association.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Elected by each District.
- Section 5 Term of Office: For the term the person is the District Secretary.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Cooperate with National and District officers regarding opinions and clarification of matters relating to qualifications for membership.
 2. Periodically review the various membership classifications and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes.
 3. The Membership Committee is responsible to the Executive Director.
 4. Cooperate with the Continuing Education Units Committee, Certification Committee and Board of Certification in relation to Continuing Education, Membership, and Certification.
 5. Elects, by majority vote, persons who are Certified Athletic Trainers to serve as members of the disciplinary panels concerning membership matters in accordance with the Code of Professional Practice.

ARTICLE XXIV

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: One member from each District.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Function and Responsibilities:
1. Assemble information regarding the death of a member of the Association.
 2. Prepare a memorial resolution for each member who dies and give such resolutions to the President and Executive Director so that they can be put on the agenda of the next annual business meeting of the Association.
 3. Send memorial resolution with glossy print photograph of deceased member to the Nation Office for publication in *Athletic Training*, *The Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association*.
 4. Committee member from a deceased member's district shall notify National Office and the Committee Chairperson via telephone immediately upon learning of the death of a member.

ARTICLE XXV

MINORITY ATHLETIC TRAINERS' COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors. The person must be a Certified member of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director, and approval of the Board of Directors. Persons selected must be Certified members of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Formulate and execute plans to encourage members of minority groups to enter the profession of athletic training through appropriate educational and work experience programs.
 2. Initiate plans and actions to make minority athletic trainers more aware of the Association and its programs to improve the profession of athletic training as a whole.
 3. Initiate plans and actions to better distribute Association information and educational material to minority athletic trainers.
 4. Initiate plans and actions to better distribute Association information and educational material to administrative officers of schools, colleges and universities with student enrollments that are predominantly from minority populations.

5. Encourage minority athletic trainers who are working in the field but who are not certified to continue educational and work experiences leading to NATA Certification.
6. Encourage minority athletic trainers to become members of the Association and to participate in the Association's affairs.

ARTICLE XXVI

NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING AND CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members shall be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year (except host district and local committees) and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Selects sites and hotels for the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium according to guidelines set by the Board of Directors.
 2. Supervises all plans and arrangements for the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium.
 4. Forms appropriate sub-committees in cooperation with the host district and city. Such sub-committees shall have duties and responsibilities as designated by the Chairman of the National Committee.
 5. Keeps the Executive Director informed on all Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium plans and reports to the Board of Directors at each scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE XXVII

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: One member from each District.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the resident with agreement of the executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Formulates policies and procedures for the National Office pertaining to committee functions.
 2. Serves as the official job placement agency of the Association.
 3. Receives notification of job vacancies from high schools, colleges and universities, and professional teams and maintains a current listing of all vacancies.
 4. Receives requests from Association members for information on available position vacancies.
 5. Informs only Association Members of available positions and informs employers of prospective Association applicants.
 6. Arranges for and maintains a job placement service at the National Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium, (1) posing of current job vacancies, (2) posting a list of Association members desiring placement, (3) assistance in interview arrangements.

ARTICLE XXVIII

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Investigates and studies all possibilities for the professional education and advancement of the Association, its members, and the athletic training profession and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors.
 2. Confers with appropriate consultants regarding recommendations for professional advancement.
 3. Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for the accreditation of schools offering graduate and undergraduate preparation in athletic training.
 4. Establishes and supervises the maintenance of professional education standards and criteria for all Association members.
 5. Cooperates with the Board of Certification in respect to the relationship between Professional Education and NATA Certification.
 6. Investigates and recommends opportunities for in-service training and continuing education for Associate members.
 7. Serves as consulting and liaison agency between the Association and educational institutions providing or preparing to provide professional preparation for athletic trainers.

8. Sends educational requirements and any future changes in educational standards, to all Career Information and Services.

ARTICLE XXVIX

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Establishes and maintains an effective public relations program for the Association by preparing and distributing appropriate news releases, feature stories, etc. to the various news media, radio, television and newspapers.
 2. Investigates and recommends to the Board of Directors possible avenues through which the Association may enhance its professional image and interpret its purposes and objectives to allied associations and professions, high schools, colleges and universities, and the general public.

ARTICLE XXX

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Acts as a screening committee for all Association publications except **Athletic Training, The Journal of National Athletic Trainers' Association**, as directed by the Board of Directors.
 2. Assists persons proposing Association publications in evaluating ideas, costs, and probable income.
 3. Investigates publication formats so as to have ideas about the best way to produce proposed publications.
 4. If a publication is recommended for production by the Board of Directors or a Committee, the Publications Committee will prepare an estimated budget for its production and distribution.

ARTICLE XXXI

RESEARCH AND INJURY COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Committee Chairman to form a workable group.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Coordinates all research efforts conducted under the auspices of the Associations.
 2. Evaluates all research proposals from Association members, schools and other institutions and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for research projects worthy of Association support and sponsorship.
 3. Informs District Directors of well-conducted research related to athletic training for possible inclusion in programs of District meetings.
 4. Informs chairman of National Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium Committee of well conducted research related to athletic training for possible presentation at the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium.
 5. Prepares and submits the results of Association research to Journal Committee for possible publication in Athletic Training, The Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and other Association sponsored publications.

ARTICLE XXXII

CLINIC/CORPORATE CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: One (1) member from each District.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. To facilitate communication among Certified Athletic Trainers in clinics and industrial settings.
 2. To encourage Certified Athletic Trainers in clinics and industrial setting to participate in Association affairs.

ARTICLE XXXIII

SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: The number of committee members will be determined by the Chairman with at least one (1) Certified Athletic Trainer working at secondary school level from each District.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. To facilitate communication among secondary school athletic trainers.
 2. To encourage secondary school Certified Athletic Trainers to participate in Association affairs.

ARTICLE XXXIV

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER COMMITTEE

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: Appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Committee Members: One (1) Certified member from each District and one Student member (not certified) from each District.
- Section 4 Selection of Committee Members: A Certified member from each District shall be recommended by the Chairman with agreement of the District Director and appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors.
- A student member from each District shall be selected by the Certified member of the Committee from that District and recommended to the Chairman. The Chairman then makes recommendation to the President for appointment with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. To facilitate communication among student members of the Association.
 2. To encourage student athletic trainers at colleges and universities to become members of the Association.
 3. To facilitate and encourage the participation of student members in District and National Association meetings and programs.

ARTICLE XXXV

MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS AND DUES

Section 1 Membership Classes

1.0.0 CERTIFIED Code 1

CERTIFIED INTERNATIONAL Code 11

1.1.0 Qualifications for membership:

1.1.1 Must be NATA Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC)

1.1.2 For CERTIFIED INTERNATIONAL (Code 11): Same as for CERTIFIED (Code 1) with the following additions and exceptions:

- a. Must reside in a governmental and geographic area not included in any current District.
- b. Membership shall be handled directly by the National Office and be subject to approval by the Executive Director.
- c. A CERTIFIED-INTERNATIONAL member will not be a member of any District and will not pay District dues.

1.2.0 Dues:

National: \$75.00 per year plus District Dues. CERTIFIED INTERNATIONAL members do not pay District dues.

1.3.0 Voting and Eligibility for NATA Office.

1.3.1 CERTIFIED AND RETIRED-CERTIFIED members are entitled to vote on NATA affairs and to hold NATA office.

1.3.2 CERTIFIED-INTERNATIONAL members are not entitled to vote on NATA affairs or to hold NATA office.

1.4.0 Provisions for maintaining CERTIFIED membership in the National Athletic Trainers Association, Inc. (Provisions apply, also, to CERTIFIED INTERNATIONAL membership):

1.4.1 A person who is CERTIFIED by the Board of Certification of the Association is eligible for CERTIFIED membership as long as he/she meets the Continuing Education requirements and pays the annual membership dues.

1.4.2 A CERTIFIED member who fails to pay his/her annual dues during the prescribed period will have his/her membership suspended until dues are paid. A suspended CERTIFIED member will be assessed non-member fees for Association services. (See Section 3 DUES for payment dates and reinstatement)

- 1.4.3 A CERTIFIED Athletic Trainer who is a member of the Association and who does not fulfill the Continuing Education requirement will have his/her membership suspended. He/she has the right to appeal. Membership will be cancelled if appeal is not made within thirty days (30) of if appeal is denied.
- 1.4.4 To maintain Certification a minimum of six (6) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) shall be accumulated every three (3) calendar years. The three calendar year periods shall be determined by the Continuing Education Committee.
- 1.4.5 A CERTIFIED Athletic Trainer is responsible for sending to the National Office an approved statement of any Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to be entered to his/her record. Such a statement must be sent to the National Office within thirty (30) days after the date of acquiring such units.
- 1.4.6 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) earned in excess of the minimum for a specific three (3) calendar year period cannot be counted for or applied to any subsequent three (3) calendar year period.
- 1.4.7 A NATA CERTIFIED Athletic Trainer who does not accumulate a recorded number of CEUs in a designated three (3) calendar year period equal to at least the minimum requirement shall have his/her CERTIFICATION placed on PROBATION by the Board of Certification. The person has the right to appeal.
- 1.4.8 If a CERTIFIED Athletic Trainer whose CERTIFICATION is on PROBATION, does not accumulate sufficient CEUs as indicated on his/her Suspension Notice within the specified time frame, his/her CERTIFICATION shall be placed on INACTIVE STATUS by the Board of Certification. This person has the right to appeal.

INACTIVE STATUS:

A CERTIFIED Athletic Trainer who does not fulfill the requirements as specified in his/her Suspension Notice will have his/her CERTIFICATION classified as INACTIVE. Until the requirements of Probation and any other additional requirements which may be stated are fulfilled, a CERTIFIED Athletic Trainer placed in this category cannot:

- A. Endorse candidates for Certification
- B. Represent the Association in any capacity.
- C. Additionally, hours worked by students under the supervision of a CERTIFIED Athletic Trainer in this category cannot be credited toward fulfilling the CERTIFICATION requirement.

- 1.4.9 During the 1985-86 period of probation for the 1982-84 CEU period for failure to accumulate sufficient CEUs, the individual must earn CEUs to cover the deficient period and also for the current three (3) calendar year period.
- 1.5.1 During the 1985-86 period of CERTIFICATION PROBATION for the 1982-84 CEU period for failure to accumulate sufficient CEUs a CERTIFIED member who wishes to maintain continuous membership must pay dues on time.
- 1.5.2 A person whose Certified membership was cancelled or changed to different class of membership because of the application of the "actively engaged" definition and requirement and who wishes to have his/her Certification reinstated shall apply to the Director and Secretary of the District in which he/she held Certified membership for reinstatement. If the District officers agree that the person is entitled to reinstatement they should approve the application and forward the decision to the National Office. An application for reinstatement under the provision of this paragraph must be received by the proper district officers before May 30, 1974.
- 2.0.0 ASSOCIATE Code 2 and ASSOCIATE INTERNATIONAL Code 12.
- 2.1.0 Qualifications for Membership:
- Qualifications for membership in the ASSOCIATE INTERNATIONAL Class (Code 12) are the same as for ASSOCIATE Class (Code 2) with the following additions and exceptions:
- a. Must reside in a governmental and geographic area not included in any current District.
 - b. Membership shall be handles directly by the National Office and be subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
 - c. An ASSOCIATE-INTERNATIONAL member will not be a member of any District and will not pay District dues.
- 2.1.1 Have a Bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university and also, meet the qualifications of paragraph 2.1.2 or 2.1.4 as follows:
- 2.1.2 Currently making progress toward the fulfillment of the requirements for NATA Certification under (a) and/or (b) as follows:
- a. Enrollment in one or more academic courses in an accredited college or university that are related to the fulfillment of the requirements for NATA Certification.
 - b. Currently acquiring acceptable supervised athletic training work hours under the supervision of an NATA Certified Athletic

Trainer. Such hours must conform to the description of the character of supervised work hours indicated in the requirements for NATA Certification.

2.1.3 A person, not NATA Certified, who holds a current and valid state license or registration as an athletic trainer is eligible for ASSOCIATE membership.

2.1.4 An ASSOCIATE member in good standing shall be allowed to continue membership in this class as long as he/she continues to pay dues.

2.2.0 Requirements for Continuance of ASSOCIATE membership.

Requirements for continuance of ASSOCIATE INTERNATIONAL membership are the same as those for ASSOCIATE membership (Code 2).

2.2.1 An ASSOCIATE member who fails to pay his/her annual dues during the prescribed period will have his/her membership suspended until dues are paid. A suspended ASSOCIATE member will be assessed non-member fees for Association services.

2.3.0 ASSOCIATE members are not entitled to vote on NATA affairs or to hold NATA office.

2.4.0 DUES:

2.4.1 National: \$75.00 per year plus District Dues.
ASSOCIATE-INTERNATIONAL members do not pay District dues.

3.0.0 RETIRED and RETIRED-INTERNATIONAL

3.0.1 RETIRED-CERTIFIED (Code 3) and RETIRED-CERTIFIED-INTERNATIONAL (CODE 13).

RETIRED-ASSOCIATE (CODE 9) and RETIRED-ASSOCIATE-INTERNATIONAL (Code 19).

3.1.0 Provisions for RETIRED Membership

Provisions of RETIRED-INTERNATIONAL membership are the same as those for RETIRED membership with the following additions and exceptions:

- a. Must reside in a governmental and geographic area not included in any current District.
- b. Membership shall be handled directly by the National Office and be subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
- c. An RETIRED-INTERNATIONAL member will not be a member of any District and will not pay District dues.

- 3.1.1 A Certified member or an ASSOCIATE member who retires because of age shall have the privilege of continuing in the RETIRED class of membership, CERTIFIED or ASSOCIATE, held at the time of retirement without further payment of dues.
- 3.2.0 A CERTIFIED or ASSOCIATE member in good standing who is eligible for RETIRED status may request change to this status through the National Office.
- 3.2.1 The following documentation of intention to retire from the practice of athletic training shall be submitted to the National Office with the request for the change to the RETIRED class of membership:
- a. A letter from the person's place of employment, signed by the head of the department of a higher administrative officer that he/she is officially retired because of ages; and
 - b. A letter from the member to the Association stating that he/she retired from the practice of athletic training as of a specified date.
- 3.2.2 If a person who has been granted RETIRED status resumes the practice of athletic training, he/she must notify the National Office. The person will then be reclassified to a membership class in accordance with his/her eligibility and assessed dues for the current year.
- 3.3.0 A RETIRED-CERTIFIED member shall continue to have the privilege of voting on NATA affairs and to hold NATA office.
- 3.4.0 DUES:
- 3.4.1 There are no dues for RETIRED Members.
- 4.0.0 STUDENT (Code 4) and STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL (Code 14)
STUDENT-Undergraduate (Code 4 A)
STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL-Undergraduate (Code 14 A)
STUDENT-Graduate-Not-Certified (Code 4 B)
STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL-Graduate Not Certified (Code 14 B)
STUDENT-Graduate-Certified (Code 4 C)
STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL-Graduate-Certified (Code 14 C)
- 4.1.0 DUES:
- 4.1.1 For a STUDENT member in any category: \$30.00 per year plus District dues (Effective beginning with dues for 1988 calendar year.)
- STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL members do not pay District dues. All dues to be paid in U.S. funds.

- 4A.0.0 STUDENT-Undergraduate (Code 4 A)
STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL-Undergraduate (Code 14 A)
- 4A.1.0 Qualifications for Membership:
- Qualifications for STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL-Undergraduate are the same as those for STUDENT-Undergraduate with the following additions and exceptions:
- a. Must reside in a governmental and geographic area not included in any current District.
 - b. Membership shall be handled directly by the National Office and be subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
 - c. A STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL member will not be a member of any District and will not pay District dues.
- 4A.1.1 Enrollment in one or more academic courses in an accredited college or university as an undergraduate student (Bachelor's degree not yet earned.)
- 4A.1.2 Making progress toward the fulfillment of the requirements for NATA Certification under (a) and/or (b) below:
- a. Enrollment in one or more courses at an accredited college or university that are related to the fulfillment of the requirements for NATA Certification.
 - b. Currently acquiring acceptable supervised athletic training work hours under the supervision of a NATA Certified Athletic Trainer. Such hours must conform to the description of the character of supervised work hours indicated in the requirements for Certification.
- 4A.1.3 Must be recommended for membership by the NATA Certified Athletic Trainer under whom he/she is acquiring supervised athletic training work hours or by the NATA Certified Athletic Trainer who is an instructor for a course(s) in which he/she is enrolled. Also, the NATA Certified Athletic Trainer who is the program director of an Association Approved Curriculum may recommend students in his/her program for Student Undergraduate membership.
- 4A.1.4 A person shall not be eligible for STUDENT Undergraduate membership for more than five (5) membership years.
- 4A.2.0 The time during which a person is a STUDENT Undergraduate member shall not count as time engaged in athletic training for purposes of determining the number of years in the profession.
- 4A.3.0 STUDENT-Undergraduate members are not entitled to vote on NATA affairs or to hold NATA office.

4B.0.0 STUDENT-Graduate-Not Certified (Code 4 B)
STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL-Graduate-Not Certified (Code 14 B)

4B.1.0 Qualifications for membership

Qualifications for STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL-Graduate-Not Certified are the same as those for STUDENT-Graduate-Not Certified with the following additions and exceptions:

- a. Must reside in a governmental and geographic area not included in any current District.
- b. Membership shall be handled directly by the National Office and be subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
- c. A STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL member will not be a member of any District and will not pay District dues.

4B.1.1 Must be full time graduate student in an accredited college or university working toward and advanced degree and working toward the fulfillment of the requirements for Certification.

4B.1.2 Enrollment as a full time graduate student must be verified in writing annually by the registrar or institution.

4B.1.3 Must be recommended for membership by the NATA Certified Athletic Trainer under whom he/she is acquiring supervised athletic training work hours or by the NATA Certified Athletic Train who is an instructor for a course(s) in which he/she is enrolled. Also, the NATA Certified Athletic Trainer who is the program director of an Association Approved Curriculum may recommend students in his/her program for STUDENT Graduate Not Certified membership.

4B.1.4 A person may not be a STUDENT-Graduate-Not Certified member and/or STUDENT-Graduate-Certified member for a combined total of more than three (3) years.

4B.2.0 Time during which a person is a STUDENT-Graduate-Not Certified member shall not count as time engaged in athletic training for purposes of determining the number of years in the profession.

4C.0.0 STUDENT-Graduate-Certified (Code 4 C)
STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL-Graduate-Certified (Code 14 C)

4C.1.0 Qualifications for Membership

Qualifications for STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL-Graduate-Certified are the same as those for STUDENT-Graduate-Certified with the following additions and exceptions:

- a. Must reside in a governmental and geographic area not included in any current District.

- b. Membership shall be handled directly by the National Office and be subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
- c. An STUDENT-INTERNATIONAL member will not be a member of any District and will not pay District dues.

4C.1.1 Must be an NATA Certified Athletic Trainer and be a full-time graduate student in an accredited college or university working toward an advanced degree.

4C.1.2 Enrollment as a full-time graduate student must be verified in writing annually by the registrar of the institution.

4C.1.3 A person may not be a STUDENT-Graduate-Not Certified member and/or a STUDENT-Graduate-Certified member for a combined total of more than three (3) years.

4C.1.4 A STUDENT-Graduate-Certified member must abide by the continuing Education (CEU) requirements for maintaining Certification.

4C.2.0 A STUDENT-Graduate-Certified member will be allowed to vote on NATA affairs and to hold NATA office.

4C.3.0 Time during which a person is a STUDENT-Graduate-Certified member will count as time in athletic training for purposes of determining years in the profession.

5.0.0 AFFILIATE (Code 5) and AFFILIATE-INTERNATIONAL (Code 15)

5.0.1 This membership class is open to individuals who are interested in the relationships of athletic training to education, biological sciences, psychology, sports medicine or athletics. A person applying for membership in this class does not need to be related directly to athletic training.

5.1.0 Qualifications for Membership

Qualifications for membership in the AFFILIATE-INTERNATIONAL class are the same as those for AFFILIATE class with the following additions and exceptions:

- a. Must reside in a governmental and geographic area not included in any current District.
- b. Membership shall be handled directly by the National Office and be subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
- c. An AFFILIATE-INTERNATIONAL member will not be a member of any District and will not pay District dues.

5.1.1 Person must have a Bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university or have certification in physical therapy, and

be professionally working in education, athletics, research or medicine.

Note: A physician who is a team physician should be an Association member in the ADVISORY class.

- 5.2.0 Membership in the AFFILIATE Class (Code 5) or the AFFILIATE-INTERNATIONAL Class does not count as time engaged in athletic training as a matter of record.
- 5.3.0 AFFILIATE and AFFILIATE-INTERNATIONAL members are not entitled to vote on NATA affairs or to hold NATA office.
- 5.4.0 DUES
 - 5.4.1 AFFILIATE: National \$75.00 per year plus District dues.
 - 5.4.2 AFFILIATE-INTERNATIONAL: National \$75.00 per year. No District dues.

All dues must be paid in U.S. funds.
- 6.0.0 ADVISORY (Code 6) and ADVISORY-INTERNATIONAL (Code 16)
- 6.1.0 Qualifications for Membership

Qualifications for membership in the ADVISORY-INTERNATIONAL class are the same as those for the ADVISORY class (Code 6) with the following additions and exceptions:

 - a. Must reside in a governmental and geographic area not included in any current District.
 - b. Membership shall be handled directly by the National Office and be subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
 - c. An ADVISORY-INTERNATIONAL member will not be a member of any District and will not pay District dues.
- 6.1.1 Physicians (MD or DO) who are directly associated with a sports program and are providing medical care and advice to members of teams and advising the athletic trainer in regard to his/her duties are eligible for membership in these classes.
- 6.2.0 A CERTIFIED member must nominate a prospective candidate for membership in these classes. The nomination and application shall then be presented to the National Office for approval.
- 6.3.0 ADVISORY members are not entitled to vote on NATA affairs or to hold NATA office.
- 6.4.0 DUES

- 6.4.1 ADVISORY: National \$75.00 per year plus District dues.
- 6.4.2 ADVISORY-INTERNATIONAL: National \$75.00 per year. No District dues.
- All dues must be paid in U.S. funds.
- 7.0.0 ALLIED (Code 7) and ALLIED-INTERNATIONAL (Code 17)
- 7.1.0 Qualifications for Membership
- Qualifications for Membership in the ALLIED INTERNATIONAL class are the same as those for the ALLIED class (Code 7) with the following additions and exceptions:
- a. Must reside in a governmental and geographic area not included in any current District.
 - b. Membership shall be handled directly by the National Office and be subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
 - c. An ALLIED-INTERNATIONAL member will not be a member of any District and will not pay District dues.
- 7.1.1 These membership classes are open to individuals whose business interest or employment is related to athletics in general.
- 7.2.0 ALLIED members are not entitled to vote on NATA affairs or to hold NATA office.
- 7.3.0 DUES:
- 7.3.1 ALLIED: National \$75.00 per year plus District dues.
- 7.3.2 ALLIED-INTERNATIONAL: National \$75.00 per year. No District dues.
- All dues must be paid in U.S. funds.
- 8.0.0 HONORARY (Code 8)
- 8.1.0 An individual may be awarded Honorary membership through the National organization only. A person, who, by virtue of his/her acts and speech, shows profound interest in the athletic training profession and in enhancing its service to those in athletics shall be eligible for membership in this class.
- 8.2.0 Nominations may be made only by a CERTIFIED member through his or her District Director or by a CERTIFIED-INTERNATIONAL member through the Executive Director. Nominations must be accompanied by resumes. Nominations received by a District Director shall be sent to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will send nominations to

the chairman of the Honors Awards Committee. The Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval.

8.3.0 Honorary members are not entitled to vote on NATA affairs or to hold office.

8.4.0 DUES:

8.4.1 There are no dues for Honorary members.

Section 2 Approval of Applications for Membership

1.0.0 Approval of Applications for Membership

- 1.1.0 Membership in the Association must come through and be approved by the National Office. In the case of doubt regarding an applicant's qualifications for membership, the National Membership Committee shall be consulted.
- 1.2.0 Candidates for membership (except HONORARY and INTERNATIONAL membership in any class) must be recommended by at least one CERTIFIED member of the District in which the candidate is located. The completed application, with payment for National and District dues (U.S. funds) shall be sent to the National Office. If the candidate is accepted, (class of membership designated) the membership is recorded and District dues are sent to the District Secretary.
- 1.2.1 Applications for INTERNATIONAL membership in any class shall be sent to the National Office and be subject to the approval of the Executive Director. Payment for National dues (U.S. funds) must be sent with application. There are no District dues for INTERNATIONAL members.
- 1.3.0 A person who is member of one of the Districts must be National member and pay both National and District dues.
- 1.4.0 An Association member (except an INTERNATIONAL member in any class) must hold District membership in the District in which the member is employed (except members in military service).
- 1.4.1 STUDENT members shall be members in the District of their school but the address of record shall be the member's permanent home address.

Section 3 DUES

- 1.0.0 Dues. All dues must be paid in U.S. funds.
- 1.1.0 National dues for each class of membership shall be set by the Board of Directors.
- 1.2.0 District dues shall be set by each District.
- 1.3.0 Dates Concerning Dues
 - 1.3.1 Dues become payable on January 1st for the calendar year. If dues are not paid by February 15th the member becomes delinquent.
 - 1.3.2 If dues are not paid by March 1st the member is suspended and must apply for reinstatement. A fee of \$20.00 (payable to the National Office) is charged for reinstatement.
 - 1.3.3 The National Membership Committee should consider the circumstances of non-payment of dues and make a judgement as to the reinstatement of a suspended member to the previous class of membership later in the year. However, if a member is suspended for non-payment of dues for a full year (the calendar year for which dues are first not paid) or more he/she must apply for membership as a new member and meet the current qualifications for membership in the class of membership for which he/she is applying.
 - 1.3.4 A deleted member may be reinstated through the following procedure:
 - a. Submittal of a letter requesting reinstatement and containing the reason(s) for his/her delinquency of dues payment.
 - b. Payment of dues (both National and District) for the years for which dues were not remitted at the discretion of the Executive Director.
 - c. Payment of the \$20.00 reinstatement fee.
 - d. Review of the CEU status of the person requesting reinstatement.
 - e. Subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
- 1.4.0 The time for which suspension is in effect, year or more, shall not count as time engaged in the profession.

Section 4 CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP CLASS

1.0.0 Change of Membership Class

1.1.0 If a member desires to change his/her membership class and believes the he/she is eligible for such a change, and meets the membership criteria for the class requested, a "Change of Membership" form should be obtained from the National Office. This form should be completed and returned to the National Office for review and action. If approved, the change is recorded and notification sent to the District Secretary.

1.2.0 If a member is found by the National Office to be in the wrong membership class, he/she will be reclassified by the Executive Director. This will be done without the member making a request for a change. Should a change be made in this way, the Executive Director will notify the member, the District director, the District Secretary and the Membership Committee Chairman.

Section 5 INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

1.0.0 Inter-District Transfer of Membership:

- 1.1.0 A member of the Association in good standing who moves into a District other than the one in which he/she holds membership must transfer his/her membership to the District into which the move was made. This is done by notifying the National Office of the change of address. The National Office will complete the District change appropriately. Notification of the change is sent to the District Secretary.
- 1.2.0 If a member is found by the National Office to be in the wrong District, he/she will be transferred to the correct District by the National Office. This will be done without the member initiating a request for the change. The member and the District Secretary shall be notified of the change.

ARTICLE XXXVI

PHYSICIAN-ATHLETIC TRAINER ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Section 1 Selection of Chairman: There shall be two (2) co-chairmen appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors. One chair shall be an athletic trainer selected from the Certified membership of the Association; the other chair shall be a physician selected from the Advisory membership of the Association.
- Section 2 Term of Office: Two (2) years and may be reappointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Council Members: The number of Council members will be determined by the Co-Chairmen to form a workable group. The ratio of athletic trainer and physician members on the Council shall be equal.
- Section 4 Selection of Council Members: Recommended by the Chairman, appointed by the President with agreement of the Executive Director and approval of the Board of Directors from the Certified membership of the Association (for the athletic trainer members) and from the Advisory membership of the Association (for the physician members).
- Section 5 Term of Office: One (1) year and may be reappointed with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6 Functions and Responsibilities:
1. Formulates and reviews broad medical concerns affecting all athletes.
 2. Establishes a forum for open communication between athletic trainers, physicians and athletic supervisory personnel.
 3. Provides assistance to athletic trainers in regulatory and licensing initiatives.