

# CONSTITUTION of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Athletic Trainers Association (NAIA-ATA)

## **Article I-Name**

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

## **Article II-Objectives**

The objectives of this Association shall be:

1. The advancement, encouragement, and improvement of the athletic training profession, and to promote a better working relationship among those persons interested in the problems of athletic training.
2. To develop further the abilities of each of its members to function effectively.
3. To better serve the common interest of its members by providing a means for an 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 will be six (6) classes of membership as follows:

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| 1. Certified | 4. Student  |
| 2. Associate | 5. Allied   |
| 3. Retired   | 6. Honorary |

**Section 2.** Qualifications for membership, rights and obligations of members shall be as indicated in the By-Laws.

## **Article IV-Election of Members**

Each applicant for any classification of membership shall sign an application stating his/her desire to become a member and to accept its Constitution and By-Laws.

## **Article V-Cancellation of Membership**

**Section 1.** Membership cancellation may be recommended by any voting member of the association for cause. Cause may be violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, or Code of Ethics. The membership of any member can be caused to cease by a two-thirds vote of the ballots cast by member at the annual business meeting. It is the duty of the members of the NAIA-ATA to submit to the Board of Directors all motions for cancellation. Written notice of cancellation shall be sent by the Secretary/Treasurer within fifteen (15) days following action.

**Section 2.** A person whose membership is canceled in accordance with Section I shall be allowed to appeal, in writing, to the Board of Directors. Such appeal must be received within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notification of cancellation. The Board of Directors shall determine, by a majority vote, to accept or reject the appeal. The decision shall be made and the individual shall be notified in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal.

## **Article VI-Organization**

**Section 1.** Board of Directors

The governing body of this organization shall be the Board of Directors. This body shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Duties and responsibilities of the Board and Committees as a whole are as specified in the By-Laws.

## **Section 2. Elections**

Election procedures are as specified in the By-Laws.

## **Section 3. Vacancy in Office**

Any vacancy in office of President shall be filled by the President-Elect for the unexpired term and shall also continue as President for the duly elected term. Any vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by the Vice President for the unexpired term. At the next general business meeting, this office shall be filled by general election. Any other vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the President with the approval of the Board. Any vacancy in the office of Immediate Past President shall not be filled.

## **Section 4. Absence of President**

In the absence of the President during a scheduled Board of Directors meeting or general business meeting, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President pro-tempore.

## **Section 5. Removal from Office**

Any association officer may be impeached and convicted on the following grounds: embezzlement, malfeasance in office, and actions contrary to or in violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, or Code of Ethics. A brief containing the charges, with the name(s) of the person preferring charges shall be presented to the Ethics Committee. The brief must be adopted by a majority vote of the Ethics Committee. The committee shall notify the President of the decision who shall notify the officer in writing within fifteen (15) days following action.

## **Article VII-Committees and Liaisons**

### **Section 1. Appointments**

All committee members and liaisons shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 2. Standing Committees**

Standing committees are as specified in the By-Laws.

## **Article VIII-Meetings**

### **Section 1. Board of Directors Meetings**

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year, just prior to the annual business meeting. A quorum shall consist of four (4) members present. The President may call additional meeting of the Board as deemed necessary.

The president may submit emergency items of association business that are appropriate for Board action by a vote by telephone. The President shall first secure a "second" to the proposal and the call each member of the Board for his/her vote. Board approval of such items shall become part of the official minutes.

The President may submit appropriate items of association business to the Board for a vote by mail. For such voting the President shall first secure a "second" and then submit the proposal to each Board member for his/her vote. A "yes" or "no" vote shall be returned by mail no more than ten (10) days after the mailing of the proposal. Board approval of such items shall become part of the official minutes.

### **Section 2. General Business Meeting**

The annual business meeting shall be held each year in conjunction with the NATA Annual Meeting and Symposium. A quorum consists of those voting members present . The Board of Directors may call additional general business meeting as deemed necessary. All general business meetings shall be conducted according to “Roberts Rules of Order”.

## **Articles IX-Amendments**

### **Section 1. Constitution**

All proposed amendments to the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the President at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual business meeting. The President shall inform the membership of all proposed amendments at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual business meeting. Proposed amendments shall be read and two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting membership present shall be necessary for adoption.

### **Section 2. By-Laws**

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

## **Article X-Fiscal and Membership Year**

### **Section 1. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year shall be as specified in the By-Laws.

### **Section 2. Membership Year**

The membership year shall be as specified in the By-Laws.