

NATA Bylaws Recommendations to the Membership Vote required

By-Law number - far left column

Current language -second column from right (after By-Law number)

Proposed language – middle column in **Blue** (blue)

Rationale in far right column in green

This vote will be ‘accept all’ or “do not accept all”

Article 2

Improve terminology to show “who” we are and “what” we do as an association

Article 2 - Purposes

(a) To enhance the quality of health care provided by athletic trainers	(a) To enhance and improve patient care services provided by athletic trainers	Recommend to add and "improve patient care services".
(b) To advance the athletic training profession.	(b) To advance and advocate for the athletic training profession.	Recommend to add "and advocate for" to show how the association does this.
(c) To safeguard and advance the interests of its members by presenting the profession's viewpoints, concerns, and other important information to the media and to appropriate legislative, administrative, regulatory, and private sector bodies and by developing a working relationship with appropriate governmental and private sector not-for-profit and for-profit entities	(c) To safeguard and advance the interests of its members by presenting the profession's viewpoints, concerns, and other important information to the media and to appropriate legislative, administrative, regulatory, educational, and private sector bodies and by developing positive working relationships with appropriate governmental and private sector not-for-profit and for-profit entities	Recommend to add "educational" behind regulatory to better explain the association.

Article 3

Better defines “dues” since all districts & states are different

Better clarifies who can serve as Directors and Officers

Addressing new categories of Membership

Article 3 - Membership			
	<p>3.2 Application for Membership. Applications for membership shall be made to the NATA membership department and must include payment of the applicable national and district dues.</p>	<p>3.2 Application for Membership. Applications for membership shall be made to the NATA membership department and must include payment of the applicable dues.</p>	<p>Recommend Policies and Procedures changes to clarify the collection of dues for the districts and the states and options available.</p> <p>Recommend to change language to "applicable dues".</p>
	<p>3.4 Membership Rights and Privileges.</p> <p>(a) Certified Members. Each Certified Member shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA. Only Certified-Regular Members and Certified-Student Members shall be eligible to serve as Directors and Officers of NATA. Certified Members may serve on Committees and as liaisons. Certified Members shall have the right to exercise such other privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.</p>	<p>3.4 Membership Rights and Privileges.</p> <p>(a) Certified Members. Each Certified Member shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Clinical Symposia and AT Expo, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA. Only Certified Members shall be eligible to serve as Directors and Officers of NATA. Certified Members may serve on Committees and as liaisons. Certified Members shall have the right to exercise such other privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.</p>	<p>Edits presented address the current categories and clarifies who can serve as Directors and Officers of the NATA. Certified-retired are not actively practicing the profession, thus not included in this category. Certified-students are included (though not likely, unless it is a student working on an advanced degree and classified as such with the NATA). This does not preclude Certified-retired from serving on committees and/or serve as liaisons. Member classifications are currently on the NATA website and will be in the upcoming revisions of the NATA Policies and Procedures Manual. Recommended edits are presented.</p>
	<p>3.5 Membership Dues. (a) National Dues. National dues for classes of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors after consultation with the membership and are non-refundable. National dues for the initial year of membership shall be prorated. No dues shall be charged for any retired or honorary membership categories.</p>	<p>3.5 Membership Dues.</p> <p>(a) National Dues. National dues for classes of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors after consultation with the membership and are non-refundable. No dues shall be charged for any certified-retired, retired-associate, or honorary membership categories.</p>	<p>Edits presented address the current categories.</p>

Article 4

Adding language to our annual meeting to reflect meetings may be Virtual

Article 4 - Annual Members Meeting

	<p>4.1 Time, Location, Notification. An Annual Members' Meeting of NATA shall be held in conjunction with NATA's Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia. The location and time of the Annual Members' Meeting shall be published in advance in appropriate NATA publications.</p>	<p>4.1 Time, Location, Notification. An Annual Members' Meeting of NATA shall be held annually in June. The location and time of the Annual Members' Meeting shall be published in advance in appropriate NATA publications.</p>	<p>Recommend to simply add language to make it clear that a virtual meeting could take place.</p>
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Article 5

Changing language regarding length of time any District must demonstrate that their membership is 20% of the NATA Membership to initiate a split. Changing from 12 consecutive Months to 24 Consecutive Months

Article 5 - Districts		
<p>5.2 Division of a District into Two Districts. If (for at least twelve (12) consecutive months) the voting Members of a District constitute twenty percent (20%) or more of the total voting Members of NATA, that District may, by majority vote at a District meeting, call for a ballot of its voting Members on the question of whether to split itself into two (2) Districts. The ballot shall specify the geographic boundaries that each of the two new Districts would have. If two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast are in favor of subdividing the District, that District may submit a request to subdivide into two (2) Districts to the NATA Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, accepts the request by a majority vote, the District shall be subdivided into two (2) Districts on the first day of January following the vote of the NATA Board of Directors. The District Director of the original District shall serve as representative of both new Districts until the new Districts shall hold District meetings and elect new District Directors.</p>	<p>5.2 Division of a District into Two Districts. If (for at least twenty-four (24) consecutive months) the voting members of a District constitute twenty percent (20%) or more of the total voting Members of NATA, that District may, by majority vote at a District meeting, call for a ballot of its voting Members on the question of whether to split itself into two (2) Districts. The ballot shall specify the geographic boundaries that each of the two new Districts would have. If two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast are in favor of subdividing the District, that District may submit a request to subdivide into two (2) Districts to the NATA Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, accepts the request by a majority vote, this request will be treated as a substantive change to the NATA Bylaws and follow procedures detailed in Bylaw 12.1. If passed according to procedures in 12.1, the District shall be subdivided into two (2) Districts on the first day of January following the final vote of the NATA Board of Directors. The District Director of the original District shall serve as representative of both new Districts until the new Districts shall hold District meetings and elect new District Directors.</p>	<p>Recommend extending the amount of time a district is above 20% to 24 consecutive months. The mechanism for the district to split remains the same. Once the district asks for the association to consider the split, it should be treated the same as any substantive change to the Bylaws and it proceeds accordingly. Recommended edits are provided.</p>

Article 6

- **Clarified Language regarding who can serve as a Director**
- **Clarified Language regarding when a New Director begins their term on the NATA BOD**
- **Added language for June BOD Meetings to include Virtual**
- **Clarification regarding Proxy Vote**

Article 6 - Board of Directors

	<p>6.2 Qualifications of Directors. Certified-Regular Members and Certified-Student Members of NATA in good standing shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors. A Director who ceases to meet the qualifications for Certified-Regular Member or Certified-Student Member status shall automatically cease to be a Director. A Director who ceases to be a voting Member of the District that elected such Director shall automatically cease to be a Director except as provided in Section 5.2.</p>	<p>6.2 Qualifications of Directors. <i>Certified Members</i> of NATA in good standing shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors. A Director who ceases to meet the qualifications for a <i>Certified Member</i> status shall automatically cease to be a Director. A Director who ceases to be a voting Member of the District that elected such Director shall automatically cease to be a Director except as provided in Section 5.2.</p>	<p>Edits presented address the current categories.</p>
	<p>6.4 Term of Office. The term of office of a Director starts in June following the Director's election and shall be three (3) years, followed by a two (2) year term if re-elected. Terms shall be staggered. A Director who serves a partial term may then serve two (2) additional terms. A Director is eligible to serve again after a one year hiatus (except for interim Director as provided in Section 6.8).</p>	<p>6.4 Term of Office. The term of office of a Director starts in June <i>during the Annual Members Meeting</i> and shall be three (3) years, followed by a two (2) year term if re-elected. Terms shall be staggered. A Director who serves a partial term may then serve two (2) additional terms. A Director is eligible to serve again after a one year hiatus (except for interim Director as provided in Section 6.8).</p>	<p>Different Districts vote at different times. Many districts are voting in their Directors - elect over a year in advance to get a full year of shadowing.</p>

	<p>6.9 Meetings. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors which shall be held in conjunction with the NATA Annual Members' Meeting. Other meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or at the request in writing of a majority of the number of Directors then in office. Minutes of all Board meetings shall be taken.</p>	<p>6.9 Meetings. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors which shall be held in June. Other meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or at the request in writing of a majority of the number of Directors then in office. Minutes of all Board meetings shall be taken.</p>	<p>Recommend to simply language to include how a virtual meeting could fit in.</p>
	<p>6.13 Action by Majority Vote; Proxy Voting. Each Director shall have one (1) vote, except that the President shall have only the voting rights described in Sections 9.1 and 12.2 of these Bylaws. An affirmative majority vote of eligible voting Directors at a meeting where a quorum is present shall constitute action by the Board of Directors. A Director may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Director. No proxy shall be valid after three (3) months from the date of its execution. Each proxy shall be revocable unless expressly provided therein to be irrevocable and unless otherwise made irrevocable by law. Only Certified-Regular Members or Certified-Student Members from the same District as the Director issuing the proxy may be named as proxies.</p>	<p>6.13 Action by Majority Vote; Proxy Voting. Each Director shall have one (1) vote, except that the President shall have only the voting rights described in Sections 9.1 and 12.2 of these Bylaws. An affirmative majority vote of eligible voting Directors at a meeting where a quorum is present shall constitute action by the Board of Directors. A Director may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Director. No proxy shall be valid after one (1) month from the date of its execution. Each proxy shall be revocable unless expressly provided therein to be irrevocable and unless otherwise made irrevocable by law. Only Certified Members from the same District as the Director issuing the proxy may be named as proxies.</p>	<p>NATA Bylaws supersede any District bylaws which may state that a Certified-Retired can be a Director. District bylaws may need to be changed if this is the case. Non-certified students member can attend meetings, they just cant vote. Changed terminology to meet proposed updated membership categories. See above statement that NATA Bylaws supersede any District Bylaws re: Certified-Retired members. Only actively practicing certified athletic trainers are eligible for the BOD. Recommend no change on the proxy time. At times, there may be more than one month between calls (summer, etc). Edits have been presented.</p>

Article 7

- **Added Language regarding Councils & Commissions to be created by the BOD**
- **Change Ballot to Vote**
- **Changed S/He to They Are**
- **Language Adjustments to reflect the addition of Councils and Commissions**

Article 7 - Committees			
	<p>7.1 Committees of the Board. Committees of the Board may be established at any time by the Board of Directors. The authority, responsibilities, and organization of each Board Committee shall be set forth in the NATA Policies and Procedures Manual.</p>	<p>7.1 Committees of the Board. Committees/Councils/Commissions (referred to hereafter as Committees) may be established at any time by the Board of Directors. The authority, responsibilities, and organization of each Board Committee shall be set forth in the NATA Policies and Procedures Manual.</p>	<p>The advent of Councils should be reflected in the Bylaws. i.e. Committees/Councils/Commissions of the Board.</p>
	<p>7.2 Standing Committees.</p> <p>(a) Presidential Nominating Committee. The Presidential Nominating Committee is comprised of each seated District Director and the most immediate past Director for each district, provided s/he is currently a member of the district. Each district will receive one vote per representative. In the event that one or both of these individuals is a candidate or unavailable, the District Board or equivalent will appoint a replacement(s) who will receive a proxy vote. Those who declare candidacy shall not serve on the Nominating Committee and shall not vote.</p>	<p>7.2 Standing Committees.</p> <p>(a) Presidential Nominating Committee. The Presidential Nominating Committee is comprised of each seated District Director and the most immediate past Director for each district, provided they are currently a member of the district. Each district will receive one ballot per representative. In the event that one or both of these individuals is a candidate or unavailable, the District Board or equivalent will appoint a replacement(s) who will receive a proxy ballot. Those who declare candidacy shall not serve on the Nominating Committee and shall not vote. Detailed procedures for this committee and the entire election process shall be located in the NATA Policies and Procedures.</p>	<p>Recommend to substitute the word "ballot" for "vote" and "s/he" for "they are".</p>
	<p>7.3 Other Committees. Ad Hoc Committees whose authority is limited to that of advising the Board of Directors shall be established by the President or the Board. Ad Hoc Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the President.</p>	<p>7.3 Other Committees or Groups. Other committees or groups whose authority is limited to that of advising the Board of Directors shall be established by the President or the Board. Chairs shall be appointed by the President.</p>	<p>Adjusted to account for Councils and Commissions.</p>
	<p>7.4 Notice of Meeting. Committee meetings may be called by the Chair of the Committee upon actual notice to each member by generally accepted means to an address supplied by the member for such purposes.</p>	<p>7.4 Notice of Meeting. Committee meetings may be called by the Chair upon actual notice to each member by generally accepted means to an address supplied by the member for such purposes.</p>	<p>Recommend to remove "of the Committee" after Chair.</p>

Article 8

- **Defining membership of the NATA Executive Committee, adding VP**
- **Changes reflecting the President Nomination Process**
- **Clarified who can run for NATA President**
- **Language regarding how the NATA VP is Elected**

Article 8 - Officers		
<p>8.1 Officers. NATA's Officers shall include a President, a Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer.</p>	<p>8.1 Officers/Executive Committee. NATA's Officers and Executive Committee shall include a President, a Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer.</p>	<p>Recommend to define the Executive Committee composition.</p>
<p>8.2 President. (a) Nomination. If more than two (2) candidates choose to stand for election, the Presidential Nominating Committee shall (subject to qualifications contained in these bylaws) nominate two (2) candidates for President at a meeting to occur within one (1) year prior to the election of the President, which shall take place before the Annual Members' Meeting at which the current President's term ends. Each candidate must be a Certified-Regular Member or a Certified-Student Member, and must have been a Director during some portion of the four-year period prior to the nomination.</p>	<p>8.2 President. (a) Nomination. If more than two (2) candidates choose to stand for election, the Presidential Nominating Committee shall (subject to qualifications contained in these bylaws) nominate two (2) candidates for President at a meeting to occur within one (1) year prior to the election of the President, which shall take place before the Annual Members' Meeting at which the current President's term ends. Each candidate must be a Certified Member, and must be a sitting Director or immediate past Director.</p>	<p>1. Changes in the presidential election procedures which occurred this year fit into the current Bylaws and do not need to be changed. Specific procedures for these selections have been very detailed in the policies and procedures for this in upcoming revisions. 2. Conversations with current and past Presidents and District Directors unanimously feel that while committee chairs do have committee experience, the experience needed to preside over the entire association requires a greater breadth of knowledge of the profession, and at a minimum been a District director who directs business for an entire District. Tory stated that even a full year of shadowing the president would not remotely have prepared him for the position as 4-5 years on the Board and all decisions involved. Ths, we recommend changing the language to represent the intention that the candidates be a current or immediate past-district director. 3. We will wait on recommendations on language for membership categories, but should be simplified to being an eligible voting member of the association in concept.</p>

	<p>8.3 Vice President.</p> <p>(a) Nomination. Members of the Board of Directors shall nominate one (1) or more Directors for Vice President of NATA.</p> <p>(b) Election. The Board of Directors shall elect the Vice President by majority vote.</p> <p>(c) Term of Office. The term of office of the Vice President shall be one (1) year.</p>	<p>8.3 Vice President.</p> <p>(a) Nomination. Members of the Board of Directors shall nominate one (1) or more Directors for Vice President of NATA.</p> <p>(b) Election. The Board of Directors shall elect the Vice President <i>as specified in the NATA Policies and Procedures Manual</i></p> <p>(c) Term of Office. The term of office of the Vice President shall be one (1) year.</p>	<p>Recommend to add language as it is defined in the NATA Policies and Procedures Manual.</p>
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	<p>8.4 Secretary/Treasurer. The Chair-Finance Committee, who shall be appointed by the President pursuant to Section 7.2 (d) of these Bylaws, shall serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of NATA.</p>	<p>8.4 Secretary/Treasurer. The Chair-Finance Committee, who shall be appointed by the President pursuant to Section 7.2 (b) of these Bylaws, shall serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of NATA.</p>	
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