

Constitution of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association

Article I. Name

Section 1.01 The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association (SCATA).

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of the association shall be:

- a. The advancement, encouragement, and improvement of the athletic training profession in all of its phases.
- b. To encourage better working relationships among all persons interested in the health and well-being of patients.
- c. To encourage the continued professional development of each of its members
- d. To serve the common interest of its members by providing a means of free exchange of ideas within the profession.
- e. To strive to attain better personal relations through casual good fellowship.
- f. To encourage its members to promote athletic training programs through clinics, workshops, and education.

Article III. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Section 3.01 Diversity Statement

The SCATA is firmly committed to inclusion, diversity, and equity at all levels of the organization. The SCATA values and embraces the diversity of our membership and believes its efforts are enhanced when performed by a diverse representation of the membership with different backgrounds, skills, opinions and perspectives, therefore cultivating an environment of open communication, inclusion, and respect.

Section 3.02 Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of SCATA not to discriminate, nor tolerate discrimination, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, age, religion or religious creed, disability or handicap, sex or gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, genetic information or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law. Retaliation is also prohibited. The organization shall take measures to ensure it maintains an environment that is free of any such discrimination, harassment, exclusion, or separation. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services.

Article ~~III~~ IV. Membership

Section ~~3~~4.01 There will be five (5) classes of membership and no individual shall be eligible for more than one class of membership at any one time. Certified, Student, Associate, Honorary, and Retired will be the membership categories (as defined by Article IV in the By-Laws).

Section ~~3~~4.02 Any person certified as an Athletic Trainer in the State of South Carolina, but not a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association will be considered in the certified class.

Section ~~3~~4.03 Other exceptions may be brought to the Executive Council for consideration.

Section ~~3~~4.04 Each member shall have the respective rights and duties as provided for in the By-Laws.

Article ~~IV~~ V. Status of Members

Section ~~4~~5.01 Active members of the National Athletic Trainers' Association with a valid South Carolina address are members of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association.

Section ~~4~~5.02 Any person certified as an Athletic Trainer in the State of South Carolina, but not a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, can be a member.

Section ~~4~~5.03 The By-Laws shall further prescribe procedure by which eligibility and membership status shall be affected (as explained in Articles V and VI of the By-Laws).

Section ~~4~~5.04 Members must be active within the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association for 48 months before becoming eligible for an Executive Council office.

Article ~~V~~ VI. Dues

Section 56.01 The amount and method of payment of dues shall be prescribed by Article VII in the By-Laws.

Article ~~VI~~ VII. Suspension of Membership

Section 67.01 Membership cancellation may be recommended by any member for a cause and in compliance with the methods within the By-Laws governing Article VI of the Constitution.

Section 67.02 Membership cancellations shall be automatic for non-payment of dues beyond the deadline set forth by the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

Section 67.03 Any member who has ~~his~~ *their* membership revoked will have the right of appeal, as set forth in the By-Laws.

Article ~~VII~~ VIII. Voting Power

Section 78.01 Only voting members of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association, as defined by ~~DHEC~~ *the State Regulatory Agency* and the By-Laws shall be entitled to vote on business matters related to the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association.

Article ~~VIII~~ IV. Organization

Section 89.01 The governing body of this organization shall be the Executive Council made up of:

Voting Members:

- a. President
- b. President-Elect
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Past-President (tie-breaking vote)

Non-voting Members (Advisory Council):

- f. Secondary School Representative
- g. Post-Secondary School Representative
- h. Emerging Practices Representative
- i. Education Representative
- j. DEI Representative
- k. Professional Continuing Education Representative
- l. Legislative Representative
- m. Membership Development Representative

Section 89.02 The President shall serve as chair~~man~~ of the Executive Council and be responsible for the conduct of any and all meetings.

Section 89.03 The President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be the only officers of the organization. *(The Executive Council may not hold roles in other SCATA committees).*

Section 89.04 The officers, election of officers and terms of office shall be as follows:

- a. President
 - a. The President position will be assumed by the President-Elect provided that a vote of confidence is received from the membership.
 - b. The term of office of the President shall be for two (2) years, and ~~he/she~~ *they* may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
 - c. The term of office of the President shall begin at the time of the annual business meeting of the Association.
 - d. In the event that the office of President becomes vacant before the end of the term for which the President was elected: the President-Elect shall become the President immediately and serve the remainder of the term for which the President was

elected. ~~He/she~~ They will then serve ~~his/her~~ the normal term of office as the President.

- b. President-Elect
 - a. President-Elect: Vice President for two (2) years and then two (2) year term of President. Before assuming the office of President, a vote of confidence shall be received from the membership.
 - b. The President-Elect shall be elected by a single majority of the voting membership by electronic mail / web-based ballot.
 - c. The term of office of the President-Elect shall be for two (2) years, and ~~he/she~~ they may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The term of office of the President-Elect shall begin at the time of the annual business meeting of the Association.
 - d. In the event that the office of the President-Elect becomes vacant before the end of the term for which the President-Elect was elected, there will be an immediate vote by to the membership for a replacement.
- c. Secretary
 - a. The Secretary shall be elected by a simple majority of the voting membership by electronic mail / web-based ballot.
 - b. The term of office of the Secretary shall be for two (2) years, and ~~he/she~~ they may ~~not serve two (2)~~ serve up to and including three (3) consecutive terms.
 - c. The term of office of the Secretary shall begin at the time of the annual business meeting of the Association.
 - d. In the event that the office of the Secretary becomes vacant before the end of the term for which the Secretary was elected, there will be an immediate vote by the membership for a replacement.
 - e. The office of the Secretary does not require terms as Treasurer, President-Elect, and President.

~~Section 89.04: Although not designated as an officer of the organization, there shall be a member holding the position of Treasurer:~~

- d. Treasurer
 - ~~a. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Council in year one.~~
 - a. The Treasurer shall be elected by simple majority of the voting membership by electronic mail / web-based ballot.
 - b. The term of office for Treasurer shall be for a two-year term. ~~He/she~~ They may serve three (3) consecutive terms.
 - c. The term of the office of Treasurer shall begin at the time of the annual business meeting of the Association.
 - d. In the event that the office of the Treasurer becomes vacant before the end of the term for which ~~he/she~~ the Treasurer was elected, there will be an immediate vote by the membership for a replacement.
 - e. The office of the Treasurer does not require terms as Secretary, President-Elect, and President.

Article IX. Powers and Duties of Officer

Section 910.01 The powers and duties of the elected officers are those specified under Article ~~VIII~~ IX of the By-Laws.

Section 910.02 An annual business meeting shall be held each year. The government and general supervision of the affairs of the Association shall be entrusted to the membership and Executive Council at this meeting.

Section 910.03 An electronic correspondence may be authorized and utilized by the Executive Council when a decision is required between scheduled meetings of the Association.

Section ~~9~~10.04 There shall be no voting by proxy.

Section ~~9~~10.05 The South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association shall be self-governing all areas not covered by the Constitution and by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

Article XI. Committees

Section ~~10~~11.01 All committees, standing and special, shall be appointed or dissolved at the discretion of the Executive Council.

Article XII. Amendments to the Constitution

Section ~~11~~10.01 All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Association at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual business meeting. The secretary will distribute copies of the proposals to all voting members at three (3) weeks prior to the business meeting.

Section ~~11~~10.02 Proposed amendments shall be submitted only by Certified members.

Section ~~11~~10.03 A 2/3 majority vote of the membership in attendance shall be necessary for the adoption of said amendment(s) at the annual business meeting.

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