

Constitution
Of The
Wyoming Athletic Trainers' Association

Article I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Wyoming Athletic Trainers Association (WyoATA)

Article II. OBJECTIVES

- A. Promote the advancement of Athletic Training and all of the standards, rules, and laws set up by the National Athletic Trainers Association (N.A.T.A.);
- B. To promote a better working relationship among those persons interested in Athletic Training;
- C. To enhance the profession capabilities of each of its members;
- D. To better serve the common interests of its members by providing a means for free exchange of ideas within the organization;
- E. To enable members to become better acquainted personally through casual good friendship;
- F. To meet the needs of the WyoATA. members in the State of Wyoming.

Article III. FUNCTIONS

- A. Develop and maintain standards for improvement of Athletic Training practice and education in the State of Wyoming;
- B. Promote state legislation to protect the interests of Athletic Training in the public and the right of qualified persons thereof;
- C. Provide for dissemination and exchange of information relating to Athletic Training;
- D. Provide such services as will further the objectives of the Association.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership- There shall be four classes of membership in accordance with the guidelines described in the bylaws Article VII, Section A
1. Certified
 2. Non – Certified
 3. Student
 4. Retired
- B. Membership Application and Approval-
1. Application: Association members who become members by way of NATA membership or RMATA-only membership need not submit an application. Those who desire WyoATA-only membership must submit an online application as provided on the WyoATA website. Qualification for such membership status shall be determined by the Secretary where upon such member(s) shall be added to the membership list of the association;
 2. Approval: Upon completion of the membership requirements as outlined in the bylaws approval, membership approval is based on the decision of the secretary with final approval by the executive committee.

Article V. DUES

The dues for all membership classes are described in the bylaws.

Article VI. SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership cancellation shall be automatic for non-payment of dues as set forth in the bylaws;
- B. Membership cancellations may be recommended by any member of the association for a cause and in compliance with the methods described in the bylaws;
- C. Any member whose membership has been revoked shall have the right of appeal as set forth in the bylaws, and may be reinstated.

Article VII. VOTING POWER

All certified members shall be entitled to one vote upon questions submitted to the association for decision.

Article VIII. ORGANIZATION

- A. The governing body of this association shall be the Executive Committee;
- B. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice – President, and Secretary. The President shall chair the Executive Committee;
- C. All officers serving this Association must meet the criteria in the Bylaws. The officers, election of officers and terms of the office shall be as follows:
 - 1. President: The President shall be elected by a majority vote of the Wyoming Athletic Trainers Association Certified Membership. A minimum of two (2) candidates will be nominated and shall be accepted in person, by mail and/or by email to the executive committee, beginning May 1st. Nominations shall conclude at the annual meeting of the membership, the summer of the year in which the election is to be held, or by July 25th in the event an annual meeting is not held. Ballots shall be made available starting August 1st. Voting shall run from August 1st to August 31st. The incoming President shall assume the new duties starting January 1st of the next year. The term of office for the President shall be three (3) years.
 - 2. Vice President: The Vice - President shall be elected by a majority vote of the Wyoming Athletic Trainers Association Certified Membership. A minimum of two (2) candidates will be nominated and shall be accepted in person, by mail and/or by email to the executive committee, beginning May 1st. Nominations shall conclude at the annual meeting of the membership, the summer of the year in which the election is to be held, or by July 25th in the event an annual meeting is not held. Ballots shall be made available starting August 1st. Voting shall run from August 1st to August 31st. The incoming Vice-President shall assume the new starting January 1st of the next year. The term of office for the Vice – President shall be three (3) years.
 - 3. Secretary: The secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of the Wyoming Athletic Trainers Association Certified Membership. A minimum of two (2) candidates will be nominated and shall be accepted in person, by mail and/or

by email to the executive committee, beginning May 1st. Nominations shall conclude at the annual meeting of the membership, the summer of the year in which the election is to be held, or by July 25th in the event an annual meeting is not held. Ballots shall be made available starting August 1st. Voting shall run from August 1st to August 31st. The incoming Secretary shall assume the new duties starting January 1st of the next year. The term of office for the Secretary shall be three (3) years.

D. Succession of Officers

1. If for any reason a vacancy should occur on the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a replacement in good standing, with the consent of the Board, to fulfill the term of the office of the vacated position.
2. No person can be elected to more than two (2) successive terms of the same office.

- E. Removal of Officers – All officers may be impeached and convicted on the following grounds: embezzlement, malfeasance in office and actions contrary to or in violation of this Constitution instituted, a brief containing the charges shall be drawn up and presented by an Association member to the Executive Committee be adopted by a majority vote of Executive Committee, prior to the formal presentation of the charges. Impeachment of any officer can only take place during the Annual Business meeting of the WATA and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Article IX. POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. The officers are the President, Vice-President, and Secretary.
- B. All powers and duties of officers are specified in the Bylaws and Article VIII, Section C of the Constitution.

Article X. COMMITTEE

All committees, standing or special, shall be created or dissolved at the discretion of the President and with approval of the Executive Committee.

Article XI. GOVERNMENT

- A. The administration of the Wyoming Athletic Trainers' Association shall be entrusted to the Executive Committee;

- B. The Executive Committee shall meet in executive session two (2) times per year, one of which will be at the annual meeting of the WyoATA and one other time before December 31, and may meet at other times when deemed necessary. A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be two (2).
1. The President may submit appropriate items of association business to the Executive Committee for a vote. For such voting procedure, the President shall first secure a “second” to the proposal. Each member of the Executive Committee shall submit a “yes” or “no”, not sooner than fifteen (15) days after submission of the proposal. Executive Committee approval of items submitted shall require a “yes” vote of at least two (2) members of the Committee.
 2. The President may submit emergency items of Association business that are appropriate for Committee action to the Executive Committee for a vote by telephone. For such a voting procedure, the President shall first secure a “second” to the proposal and then call each member of the Committee for his / her vote on the proposal. Committee approval of items so submitted shall require a “yes” vote by at least two (2) members of the Committee. Each member shall verify their vote by a letter of confirmation to the President.
- C. The Executive Committee may submit items of WyoATA business to the voting membership for a vote. Approval of items so submitted shall require a “yes” majority of a response of at least one – half (1/2) of the voting membership of the Association.
- D. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Article XII. AMMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- A. All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the President at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual business meeting.
- B. A proposed amendment to the Constitution that has been properly submitted shall be read at the annual business meeting. A ballot will be sent to all voting members of the association. Approval of the amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a response of at least one-half (1/2) of the voting membership. The ballot must be returned no later than thirty (30) days from the date they are sent out.

Article XIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

- A. The Bylaws may be amended at any official meeting of the Executive Committee by a majority vote. Bylaws may not be added, deleted, or amended by a vote by mail or telephone.

Article XIV. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- A. If the Wyoming Athletic Trainers' Association should be dissolved, all assets remaining after the payment of outstanding debt shall be distributed evenly between all current members of the Association.