

CONSTITUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION

Article 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be the California Athletic Trainers Association (CATA).

## Article 2 - Objectives

The objectives of the California Athletic Trainers' Association (CATA) shall be:

1. The advancement, encouragement, and improvement of the athletic training profession in all its phases, and to promote a better working relationship among persons interested in the problems of athletic training.
2. To develop further the ability of each of its members.
3. To better serve the common interest of its members by providing a means for a free exchange of ideas within the profession.
4. To enable members to become better acquainted personally through casual good fellowship.

## Article 3 - Membership classes

### Section 1

Membership classes shall mirror the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

### Section 2

Membership Eligibility: No individual shall be eligible for more than one (1) class of membership at the same time.

## Article 4 - Application

### Section 1

Any individual applying for any class of membership in the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) while located in the state of California, is automatically a member of CATA and is to abide by their respective constitution and bylaws.

## Article 5 - Dues

### Section 1

The dues of all classes of membership shall be prescribed by the NATA.

## Article 6 - Suspension of Membership

### Section 1

Membership cancellations may be recommended by any member of the Association to the Managing Board for a cause and the membership of any member be caused to cease by a two-thirds vote of those members present at the annual business meeting.

### Section 2

Membership cancellation shall be automatic for non-payment of dues. Membership cancellation in the CATA shall be automatic with membership cancellation by the NATA.

### Section 3

Appeals: A person whose membership is canceled in accordance with Article 6 - Section 1 shall be allowed to appeal to the Managing Board for reconsideration themselves or through a member of the association. Information in the appeal shall be presented to the Managing Board and the Board shall by majority vote decide whether to submit the question of the membership cancellation of the Association membership for another one in accordance with Article 6 - Section 1.

## Article 7 - Voting Power

### Section 1

Certified members of the CATA shall be entitled to one (1) vote upon all questions submitted to the Association for decision.



## Article 8 - Organization

### Section 1

#### Governing Board:

The governing board of this organization shall be officers collectively called the Managing Board.

### Section 2

#### Officers:

The Managing Board will consist of nine (9) members known as officers.

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Region 1 Director
5. Region 2 Director
6. Region 3 Director
7. Region 4 Director
8. Region 5 Director
9. Region 6 Director

### Section 3

#### Executive Board:

President, Secretary, Treasurer are elected by the statewide membership who must be a Certified member of the California Athletic Trainers Association and have an NPI number.

### Section 4

#### Region Directors:

Each region membership shall elect a regional director who must be a Certified member of the California Athletic Trainers Association and have a NPI number. For the purpose of facilitating the work of the California Athletic Trainers Association and to give the membership equal representation in the Managing Board the State shall be divided into six (6) regions. These regions shall be designated as numbers one (1) through six (6). Each regional director shall serve as an officer of the Managing Board and act with the full authority of their region in carrying out the functions and responsibilities of the Managing Board.

### Section 5

#### Managing Board Officer Eligibility

A. President: The President shall be elected by a majority popular vote of the statewide voting membership of the California Athletic Trainers Association. The president may not simultaneously hold the office of regional director. The Managing Board shall be the nominating committee. Candidates must have served on the Managing Board or as the chairperson of a standing committee at some time during the four (4) years immediately preceding the meeting at which nominations are made. Up to two (2) candidates shall be nominated at the annual

meeting during the final year of the current president's term. A platform statement by each candidate shall be presented on the CATA Website following the nominations.

B. Secretary: The Secretary shall be elected by a majority popular vote of the statewide voting membership of the California Athletic Trainers Association. The Secretary may not simultaneously hold the office of regional director. The Managing Board shall be the nominating committee. Candidates must have served on the Managing Board or as the chairperson of a standing committee at some time during the four (4) years immediately preceding the meeting at which nominations are made. Up to two (2) candidates shall be nominated at the annual meeting during the final year of the current Secretary's term. A platform statement by each candidate shall be presented on the CATA Website following the nominations.

C. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be elected by a majority popular vote of the statewide voting membership of the California Athletic Trainers Association. The Treasurer may not simultaneously hold the office of regional director. The Managing Board shall be the nominating committee. Candidates must have served on the Managing Board or as the chairperson of a standing committee at some time during the four (4) years immediately preceding the meeting at which nominations are made. Up to two (2) candidates shall be nominated at the annual meeting during the final year of the current Treasurer's term. A platform statement by each candidate shall be presented on the CATA Website following the nominations.

D. Regional Directors: The Regional directors shall be elected by a majority popular vote of the respective region membership. The regional director nominees must reside in the region they are running for at the time of nomination. A platform statement by each candidate shall be presented on the CATA Website following the nominations.

## Section 6

### Interim positions:

Interim positions shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the previous Managing Board Member / Officer was elected. If an officer position becomes vacant before the end of the term for which that officer was elected, an interim officer for that officer position shall be appointed by the CATA Managing Board for the rest of that term. In the event that the Managing Board Member-elect is unable to assume the respective office an Interim member shall be appointed from a committee made up of the Managing Board members currently serving. The Interim Managing Board Member / Officer then assumes the position at the beginning of the term for which the original officer was elected and serves for the full term. It is therefore possible that an Interim Managing Board Member / Officer could serve a partial term, followed by 2 full terms. In such a circumstance an interim Managing Board Member / Officer shall be eligible for nomination and election for two consecutive terms following the interim term assumed.

## Section 7

### Voting:

The membership voting shall be by Email. A Ballot with platform statements will be emailed to each address of CATA members by May 1st and vote will conclude in Three (3) weeks.

## Section 8

### Term Length:

- President: The term of office of the President shall be three (3) consecutive years and he/she may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The term of office shall begin on January 1st of the year following the election.
- Secretary: The term of office of the Secretary shall be three (3) consecutive years and he/she may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The term of office shall begin on January 1st of the year following the election.
- Treasurer: The term of office of the Treasurer shall be three (3) consecutive years and he/she may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The term of office shall begin on January 1st of the year following the election.
- Regional Directors: The term of office of the Regional Director(s) shall be three (3) consecutive years and he/she may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The term of office shall begin on January 1st of the year following the election.

## Section 9

### Removal of Officers:

All state officers may be impeached and convicted on the following grounds: embezzlement, malfeasance in office, and actions contrary to or in violation of this Constitution and its Bylaws. Before impeachment proceedings can be instituted, a brief containing the charges shall be drawn up and presented by a board member to the Managing Board. The aforementioned brief must then be adopted by a majority vote prior to the formal presentation of the charges. Impeachment of any officer shall require a two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the Association present at a business meeting.

## Article 9 - Powers and Duties of Officers

### Section 1

The officers are the President, State Secretary, State Treasurer, and six (6) Regional Directors

### Section 2

All powers and duties of officers are as prescribed in the CATA Bylaws

## Article 10 - Committee / Chairperson

### Section 1

All committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Managing Board. An eligible member may serve on only two (2) committees concurrently and serve as Chairperson of only one (1) of these committees.

### Section 2

All powers and duties of officers are as prescribed in the CATA Bylaws

### Section 3

All committee members including the chair are subject to annual review.

### Section 4

If the managing board determines that committee members or chairpersons are not meeting expectations of the managing board they can remove committee positions by majority vote of the managing board.

## Article 11 - Meetings

### Section 1

The annual business meeting shall be held each year at the FWATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium and/or at the CATA Annual Meeting and clinical symposium. A quorum for the annual meeting shall be a simple majority of the voting membership of the Association present at the meeting.

### Section 2

The Managing Board may submit items of Association business to the voting membership for a vote by mail, FAX, or email. Approval of items so submitted shall require a "yes" majority of respondents of at least one-fifth of the voting membership of the Association.

### Section 3

The Managing Board shall convene at the CATA and/or FWATA annual meeting and clinical symposium and at any other time that the President determines it necessary to call a Board Meeting. A quorum for a Managing Board meeting shall be five (5) members of the Board / Officers.

The President may submit appropriate items of Association business to the Managing Board by email. For such a voting procedure the President shall first secure a second to the proposal, then submit the proposal to each member of the Board by email, with a request to mail a yes or no vote on the proposal by a definite date not sooner than ten (10) days after the mailing of the proposal. Board approval of items submitted shall require a yes vote of at least five (5) members of the Board / Officers.

The President may submit emergency items of Association business that are appropriate for Board action to the Managing Board by telephone. For such a voting procedure the President shall first secure a second to the proposal and then call each member of the Board for their vote on the proposal. Board approval of items so submitted shall require a yes vote of at least five (5) members of the Board / Officers.

## Article 12 - Amendments to the Constitution

### Section 1

All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the State Secretary by a Certified member at least six (6) weeks prior to the CATA and/o FWATA annual meeting and clinical symposium. The State Secretary shall distribute copies of the proposal to all of the voting members at least three (3) weeks prior to the annual business meeting.

### Section 2

A proposed amendment to the Constitution that has been properly submitted requires a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote of the voting membership present shall be necessary for the adoption of said amendment(s).

## Article 13 - Amendments to the Bylaws

### Section 1

The Bylaws may be amended at any official meeting of the Managing Board by a majority vote of the Officers. Bylaws may not be added, deleted or amended by a vote by mail.

A proposed Amendment to the Bylaws must be submitted to the Managing Board three (3) weeks prior to any meeting of the Managing Board at which the proposed amendment would be voted on.