

Constitution of the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society

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Preamble

We, the members of the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society in order to embody common goals and become more unified in advancing, encouraging, and improving the athletic training profession, do ordain, establish, and maintain this Constitution for the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society.

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society (IATS).

Article II – Objectives

The objectives of this society shall be:

1. Advancing, encouraging, and improving of the athletic training profession in the State of Iowa.
2. Serving the common interest of its members by providing a means for exchange of ideas within the profession.
3. Enabling members to become better acquainted personally and professionally through casual good fellowship.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. All members of the IATS must hold membership in the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA). The qualifications necessary for the various membership classes are indicated in the By-Laws.

Section 2. All members of the NATA that qualify for IATS membership with a mailing address within the state of Iowa will be designated as a member of the IATS.

Section 3. All members shall be obligated to pay dues as indicated by the By-Laws.

Section 4. Policy for the collection of dues will be set by the Mid-American Athletic Trainers' Association until a time when the MAATA provides autonomy to the states for independent dues collection.

Section 5. No one may hold membership in more than one category.

Article IV- Organization

Section 1. The governing body of this society shall be the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of this society shall consist of the Past-President, President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Their powers and duties shall be prescribed by the By-Laws.

Section 3. The President-Elect and Treasurer shall be elected for a two (2) year term by a majority mail vote of the voting membership. The President-Elect will automatically assume the office of President immediately after the conclusion of the President's term in office. The President will automatically assume the office of Past-President immediately after the conclusion of the President's term in office. If the office of President-Elect is vacant, the President and Past-President will remain in their positions until a new President-Elect is available to assume the office of President. The election of these Executive Committee members shall be as indicated in the By-Laws.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be elected for a three (3) year term by a majority mail vote of the voting membership. The election of this Executive Committee member shall be as indicated in the By-Laws.

Section 5. Any vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled for the unexpired term by the President-Elect.

Section 6. Any vacancy in the offices of the Past President, President-Elect, Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled as indicated in the By-Laws.

Section 7. During the absence of the President, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President pro-tempore.

Section 8. 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 and its By-Laws. Impeachment proceedings shall be carried out in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 9. Committees: All committee chairpersons will be appointed by the President, with agreement of the Executive Committee, for the purpose of acting in an advisory and fact finding capacity to the membership and Executive Committee.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1. The Annual meeting of the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society shall be held each year in conjunction with the MAATA symposium at a time and place set by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee may call for meetings of the membership at other times to meet the objectives of the society.

Article VI – Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the President at least six (6) weeks prior to the Annual meeting. All proposals shall be submitted to the membership for approval thirty days prior to the Annual meeting.

Section 2. All proposed amendments to the Constitution which have been properly submitted to the President and the membership shall be read at the Annual meeting for comment purposes only. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmation vote of the returned ballots, which were mailed to the members after the Annual meeting, shall be necessary for adoption of the amendment(s).

Section 3. The Executive Committee may adopt emergency By-Laws as indicated in the By-Laws.