

Utah Athletic Trainers' Association Constitution and Bylaws

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Utah Athletic Trainers Association.

Article II: Objectives

The objectives of this society shall be:

1. To enhance the health care of Utah athletes at all levels of competition.
2. The advancement, encouragement, and improvement of the athletic training profession in the State of Utah
3. To promote better working relationships among those persons interested and involved with the problems inherent in caring for the health and well being of the athlete.
4. To better serve the common interest of its members by providing means for an exchange of ideas within the profession.
5. To enable members to become better acquainted personally through casual good friendship.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Qualification for membership and the rights and obligations of the members shall be indicated in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Each applicant for membership shall first sign an application stating the desire to become a member of the UATA and to accept its Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3. The dues structured membership is described in the By-Laws.

Section 4. Each vested member shall be allowed to vote upon questions submitted for an official decision.

Article IV: Organization

Section 1. The governing body of this Association shall be the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two at-large members. The President shall be in charge of the Executive Board.

Section 3. All powers and duties of the officers are described in the By-Laws.

Section 4. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary Treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term by a majority of the voting members. The vote shall take place by mail. Nominees shall have declared a willingness to accept office. The transition of duties will occur at the start of the new calendar year.

Section 5. Should the President not be able to fulfill the responsibilities of the office, the Vice-President shall assume these responsibilities until the end of the term.

Article V: Committees

Section 1. All committees, standing or special, shall be created or dissolved at the discretion of the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Examples of committees that would benefit the Association are: Continuing Education, Membership, Ethics, and Public Relations.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1. Meetings shall be held two times per year at a time and place established by the Executive Board. Business portions of these meetings shall be conducted as per "Robert's Rules of Order".

Article VII: Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual respective business meeting. These amendments shall be distributed to all voting members three (3) weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 2. A proposed amendment to the Constitution that has been properly submitted shall be read at the respective meeting and a two-third majority vote of the present voting membership shall be necessary for adoption of the said amendment.

Article VIII: Amendments to the By-Laws

Section 1. The By-Laws may be amended at any official meeting of the Executive Board by a majority vote. By-Laws may not be added, deleted, or amended by telephone vote.

By-Laws

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Article I: President

Section 1. Selection: In accordance with Article IV Section 4 of the Constitution.

Section 2. Term of Office: Two years, but not more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

Section 3. Functions and Responsibilities:

a. Serve as official spokesman of the Executive Board and the Association.

b. Preside over all official meetings of the Association.

- c. Calls all meetings of the Executive Board as deems necessary.
- d. Serves as ex-officio member of each Association committee.
- e. Appoints all committee chairpeople, contingent upon approval of the Board
- f. Appoints any of the voting membership to fill any Executive Board vacancy that may occur.

Article II: Vice President

Section 1. Selection: In accordance with Article IV Section 4 of the Constitution.

Section 2. Term of Office: Two years, but not more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3. Functions and Responsibilities:

- a. Serves in the absence of the President at all meetings as official spokesman of the Board and the Association.
- b. Liaison and coordinator of the various committees of the Association under the direction of the Board.
- c. Coordinates the Annual Meeting and Clinical Presentations of the Association.
- d. Answers inquires and requests related to the art and science of Athletic Training in Utah.

Article III: Secretary-Treasurer

Section 1. Selection: In accordance with Article IV Section 4 of the Constitution.

Section 2. Term of Office: Two years, but not more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3. Functions and Responsibilities:

- a. Serves as custodian of all records, books, and papers of the Association.
- b. Records minutes of Executive board meetings and distributes them within a reasonable time to the membership.
- c. Conducts official correspondence of the Association with regard to notifying members of upcoming meeting, officers of elections, and committee members of appointments.
- d. Maintains an accurate mailing list of the Association membership.

Article IV: Parliamentarian

Section 1. Selection: Appointed by the President with approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Term of Office: Subject to annual review by the Board.

Section 3. Function and Responsibilities:

- a. Shall attend all meetings of the Executive Board.
- b. Shall maintain order while attending meetings as per "Robert's Rules of Order."

Article V: Committees

Section 1. Selection of committee chairperson and members appointed as per the President with approval by the Board.

Section 2. Term of Office: All members appointed for one year with review for renewal and re-appointment at that time.

Section 3. The association will have the following committees and features as follows:

a. Continuing Education

- 1.) Determines new opportunities for in-service development.
- 2.) Investigates and studies all possibilities for professional education and advancement for the members.

b. Public Relations

- 1.) Establishes an effective public relations program to enhance the public knowledge of athletic training in Utah.
- 2.) Develops a brochure or other material for distribution to concerned group inquiring about the Association.
- 3.) Investigates places for presentations about the Association.

c. Membership

- 1.) Maintains a listing of current members and reviews applications of potential members.
- 2.) Maintains a listing of jobs that are available in the State as well as nation-wide and a cross-reference list of people seeking employment.
- 3.) Reviews membership appeals.

d. Ethics

- 1.) Oversees the professional behavior of all members in accordance with the Association Code of Ethics.
- 2.) Convenes when unethical activity is suggested to the Chairperson and makes their recommendations regarding this activity to the Board.

e. Licensure

- 1.) Works with State Legislature on the development of a bill instituting licensure of Athletic Trainers in Utah.
- 2.) Maintains a working relationship with local legislators.
- 3.) Monitors legislative action that may affect the Association.

Article VI: Membership

Section 1. Classifications

a. Vested members: Members of the Association that have an expressed interest and desire to advance athletic training in Utah AND are:

- 1.) Gainfully employed in the usual and customary role of an athletic trainer OR ARE:
- 2.) Certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association that is seeking employment in a usual customary role OR ARE:
- 3.) A matriculating collegiate student enrolled in an intern of curriculum program.

Individuals who have not been granted this membership but feel they qualify can appeal, in writing, to the Membership Committee who will review the case and make recommendations to the Executive Board.

b. Allied Members: Individuals from other professions that have an alliance with athletic trainers and share common concerns. Interested individuals will be nominated through the Membership Committee who will make recommendations to the Executive Board.

c. Scholastic Members: High school students that have an interest and desire to learn more of the art and science of athletic training. Interested individuals should contact Membership Committee for and application.

Section 2. Voting: Vested members will have voting privileges.

Section 3. Dues: Annual dues for members as per voted and agreed upon by the membership.

Section 4. Liaisons: Professional liaison relations will be kept with other professional associations that share concerns of the Association. Individuals for these posts will be recommended by the Membership Committee with final approval by the Executive Board.

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Code of Ethics

Article I: Standard Principles

Section 1. Competitive Athletics: an athletic trainer shall not show discrimination in the execution of his/her duties or engage in unsportsmanlike activities.

Section 2. Medicine and Drugs: the UATA does not recommend unauthorized or non-therapeutic use of prescription drugs.

Section 3. Fellow athletic trainers: any member of this Association that discredits this Association or profession through act or comment is guilty of breach of ethics.

Article II: Enforcement

Section 1. Reporting of unethical behavior: If a member of the Association feels that a fellow member is in violation of the above code, their feelings should be made in writing to the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee.

Section 2. Investigation and Action: after the facts have been examined by the Ethics Committee, the Chairperson shall notify the Executive Board of their findings. From this, the Executive Board can censure the individual, and possibly revoke membership in the Association.