

## Memorandum

**To:** NATA Members  
**From:** NATA Board of Directors  
**Date:** March 21, 2021  
**Subject:** Bylaws Revisions and Vote

The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) has completed an intensive review of the bylaws of the organization and submits changes for review and vote. The NATA Board of Directors asks that members approve all changes as one block.

Per our bylaws, here is our how substantive changes are made:

### **AMENDMENTS**

**12.1 Substantive Changes.** *These Bylaws may be altered, amended, supplemented, or repealed after any such changes, approved by the Board of Directors, are submitted to each of the Districts' annual business meetings, and are approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Districts. Any changes so approved shall be resubmitted to the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors then approves the changes by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the number of Directors then in office (excluding the President), the changes shall thereupon become effective.*

Each NATA district will vote per their procedures during 2021.

Each district director will share with members the following: a clean version of the proposed bylaws, a marked-up version of the bylaws that shows the deletions and additions specifically, and an appropriate rationale for each.

Please note that one section, Section 5.1, has highlighted text. These are to call your attention to a recent change voted on and approved by the NATA Board of Directors. This relates to the approval and creation of District 11. Section 5.1 reflects the approved change to add District 11 and the adjusted state listings for District 4 and District 11. The Board of Directors want to be sure you are aware of this change but note this is not part of this approval process, as it has been approved per section 5.2. There are proposed changes to section 5.2, and those are indicated in the mark-up.

The association followed a member-centric process to review the bylaws and offer changes to the membership. President Tory Lindley, MA, ATC, commissioned a workgroup with the support of the Board of the Directors. Members included current and past board members and members who represented different aspects of NATA leadership. Past District 5 Director Mark Coberley, MS, LAT, ATC, chaired the workgroup. Members of the workgroup included: Diane Sartanowicz MS, LAT, ATC, District 1 Director, Katie Walsh Flanagan EdD, LAT, ATC, District 3 Director, David Gallegos MA, ATC, Cert. MDT, District 7 Director, Michael Goldenberg, MS, ATC, Past District 2 Director, Samar Long, MEd, AT, ATC, NATA Ethnic Diversity Advisory Committee Member, and Roy Rudewick, LAT, ATC, SWATA Past President. This group's comprehensive review and discussion began in February 2020 and was completed for Board of Directors consideration in May and June of 2020.