

NYSAAA CONSTITUTION

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Article III: Membership

Section 1: shall be five (5) classifications in this Association:

A. Individual

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B. Associate

An individual or organization is qualified to participate as an NYSAAA member in the meetings and activities specified by the Executive Board providing:

1. He/she is employed by an institution or is a member of an organization, which is involved in school administration (e.g. a school principal or superintendent, State Department employee);
2. He/she is a student or instructor in an athletic administration curriculum of an institution of higher education;
3. He/she has been an individual member of this Association, but no longer qualifies for that membership classification because of change in employment or job classification.
4. An Associate member is not eligible to vote.

C. Retired

An individual is eligible for retired membership if he/she has been a regular member of this Association but no longer qualifies for that membership classification because of retirement.

The retired member shall agree to comply with the Articles and bylaws of this Association and make application to the Association along with dues.

D. Honorary Lifetime Members

May be bestowed on individuals by the Representative Board. There shall be no dues or voting privileges for such a member.

E. Student Membership

A student membership is for anyone enrolled in a college undergraduate or graduate program and is not actively involved in athletic administration.

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Section 2: The Executive Board of this Association shall determine the projects, establish committees, and provide for necessary expenditures.

Section 3: Ex-Officio members shall include:

Executive Director of this Association

Section 4: A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of members.

Article V: Representative Board

Section 1: The legislative body of this Association of the Representative Board, which shall consist of:

- a. One delegate from each Chapter plus CHSAA;
- b. Members of the Executive Board;
- c. Committee Chairpersons;

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- a. One officer of the NYS COA;
- b. One representative of the NYSPHSAA;
- c. One representative of the NYS Education Department

Section 3: A Chapter shall consist of the following:

- a. The geographic territory and school districts within the boundaries of each of the 11 Sections of the NYSPHSAA;

Section 4: Delegates to the Representative Board shall be individual members of this Association in good standing.

Section 5: Each board member shall have one vote.

Section 6: A quorum of the Representative Board shall consist of one officer and a majority of members present.

Article VI: Duties and Qualifications of Officers

Section 1: Election of Officers

a. The Nominating Committee for the election of Vice President shall consist of the immediate Past-President acting as chairperson, and the two most recent and available Past-Presidents prior to him/her.

b. Process - Each candidate eligible to be elected as the Vice President shall be contacted by the immediate Past-President to assess interest in being considered for the position

Because the election will take place during the annual conference meeting of the Representative Board:

1. Each interested candidate shall submit a letter expressing their desire to be considered along with their resume.
2. All eligible and interested candidates shall be scheduled for an interview prior to the Representative Board meeting at the conference.
3. Each member of the Nominating Committee shall be assigned questions to ask each candidate.
4. The election will take place during the annual conference Representative Board meeting. The Nominating Committee will present their recommendation for each position to the Representative Board. Background information, will be available if requested.

c. Qualifications of candidates shall be as follows:

1. Shall be an individual member of the NYSAAA and the NIAAA;
2. Shall have primary responsibility in athletic administration;
3. Shall have the endorsement of their NYS Chapter or CHSAA.
4. Shall be a member of the Representative Board.
5. Shall have their endorsement of their Chapter and superintendent.

d. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Representative Board at their annual conference Representative Board meeting. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding ballot.

Section 2: In the event an officer is no longer qualified or able to serve, the Executive Board shall select a replacement to fill the unexpired portion of the term. In the event the officer retires or changes employment within the New York State educational system, the officer has an option of completing his/her term and may continue in their capacity if so elected by the Representative Board.

Section 3: President

- a. Shall be elevated from the office of President-Elect;
- b. Shall preside at all meetings of the Representative Board and the Executive Board;
- c. May call special meetings of the Executive Board when deemed necessary;
- d. Shall appoint committee chairpersons;
- e. May appoint ad hoc committees when deemed necessary.

Section 4: President-Elect

- a. Shall be elevated from the office of Vice President;
- b. Shall become President;
- c. Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence;
- d. Shall work with the President to maintain an ongoing program and smooth transition of office in line with the objectives and programs of the NYSAAA;
- e. Shall assist the President in any matters deemed necessary;

Section 5: Vice President

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Section 6: Secretary

- a. Shall be elected by the Representative Board at the annual conference meeting during ODD years;
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