

MOTION 1 to approve Article 3.1 as written

Original:

3.1 Classes of Members. NATA shall have the following classes of Members. The Board of Directors may create categories within each class.

- (a) **Certified Members.** Certified members possess current National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) certification (ATC) and are in good standing with the BOC.
- (b) **Certified-Retired Members.** Certified-Retired Members have resigned certification with the BOC and met the Policies and Procedures Manual requirements for Certified-Retired status.
- (c) **Other Members.** Individuals who do not possess BOC certification.

Proposed Change:

3.1 Classes of Members. NATA shall have the following classes of Members. The Board of Directors may create categories within each class.

Professional Membership Categories: Individuals are eligible for Professional Membership if they meet one or more of the following qualifications:

- i. Certified Members.** Certified members possess current Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) certification of Athletic Trainer Certified (ATC) and are in good standing with the BOC.
- ii. Certified-Retired Members.** Certified-Retired Members have resigned their ATC certification with the BOC and met the Policies and Procedures Manual requirements for Certified-Retired status.
- iii. Licensed Only Members.** Licensed members possess a current, valid license to practice athletic training in one or more U.S. states or territories, including the District of Columbia.
- iv. Licensed Only-Retired Members.** Licensed-Retired Members have retired their license(s) to practice athletic training in one or more U.S. states or territories, including the District of Columbia, and met the Policies and Procedures Manual requirements for Licensed-Retired status.

Other Membership Categories:

- i. Other Members.** Individuals who do not currently possess BOC certification or a state license to practice athletic training in one or more states or territories, including the District of Columbia.

Rationale:

- The NATA is an inclusive organization that represents athletic trainers and wants all professional members to have a voice and the right to vote on membership matters.
- The NATA prides itself on representation and advocacy for the athletic training profession, prioritizing our member-driven strategic plan and commitments, we welcome all perspectives within the profession
- This will put us in line with other healthcare professions that have a national certification but represent all individuals that can legally practice in their state.
- The NATA is a membership organization rather than a credentialing body that recognizes state regulatory requirements are mandatory and legal for AT practice.