

## **MOTION 2 to approve Articles 3.4, 6.2, and 6.13 as written**

### **Original:**

#### **3.4 Membership Rights and Privileges.**

(a) **Certified Members.** Each Certified Member shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA. Only Certified Members shall be eligible to serve as Directors and Officers of NATA. Certified Members may serve on Committees and as liaisons. Certified Members shall have the right to exercise such other privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.

(b) **Certified-Retired Members.** Certified-Retired members shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA. Certified-Retired members shall pay no dues and have other rights and privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.

(c) **Other Members.** Other Members shall have the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA, but shall have no voting rights and shall not be eligible to serve as Directors or Officers of NATA. Such Members shall have other rights and privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual

### **Proposed Changes:**

#### **3.4 Professional Membership Rights and Privileges.**

(a) **Professional Members.** Each Certified and/or Licensed Member shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA. Professional Members shall be eligible to serve as Directors and Officers of NATA. Professional Members also may serve on Committees and as liaisons. Professional Members shall have the right to exercise such other privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.

(b) **Professional-Retired Members.** Professional Certified-Retired and/or Licensed-Retired members shall have the right to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Members and the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA. Professional-Retired Members shall be eligible to serve as Directors and Officers of NATA. Professional-Retired Members may serve on Committees and as liaisons. Professional-Retired members shall pay no dues and have other rights and privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.

### **Other Membership Rights and Privileges:**

(c) **Other Members.** Other Members shall have the right to attend the Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, the Annual Members' Meeting, and other national meetings of NATA, but shall have no voting rights and shall not be eligible to serve as Directors or Officers of NATA. Such Members shall have other rights and privileges prescribed by the Board of Directors and set forth in these Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.

**Original:**

**6.2 Qualifications of Directors.** Certified Members of NATA in good standing shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors. A Director who ceases to meet the qualifications for Certified Member status shall automatically cease to be a Director. A Director who ceases to be a voting Member of the District that elected such Director shall automatically cease to be a Director except as provided in Section 5.2.

**Proposed Change:**

**6.2 Qualifications of Directors.** Professional and Professional-Retired Members of NATA in good standing shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors. A Director who ceases to meet the qualifications for Professional or Professional-Retired Member status shall automatically cease to be a Director. A Director who ceases to be a voting Member of the District that elected such Director shall automatically cease to be a Director except as provided in Section 5.2.

**Original:**

**6.13 Action by Majority Vote; Proxy Voting.** Each Director shall have one (1) vote, except that the President shall have only the voting rights described in Sections 9.1 and 12.2 of these Bylaws. An affirmative majority vote of eligible voting Directors at a meeting where a quorum is present shall constitute action by the Board of Directors. A Director may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Director. No proxy shall be valid after one (1) month from the date of its execution. Each proxy shall be revocable unless expressly provided therein to be irrevocable and unless otherwise made irrevocable by law. Only Certified Members from the same District as the Director issuing the proxy may be named as proxies.

**Proposed Change:**

**6.13 Action by Majority Vote; Proxy Voting.** Each Director shall have one (1) vote, except that the President shall have only the voting rights described in Sections 9.1 and 12.2 of these Bylaws. An affirmative majority vote of eligible voting Directors at a meeting where a quorum is present shall constitute action by the Board of Directors. A Director may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Director. No proxy shall be valid after one (1) month from the date of its execution. Each proxy shall be revocable unless expressly provided therein to be irrevocable and unless otherwise made irrevocable by law. Only Professional or Professional-Retired Members from the same District as the Director issuing the proxy may be named as proxies.

**Rationale:**

- To be more inclusive of all certified and licensed athletic trainers, this change provides both with the same level of membership rights and privileges.
- 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.