



Illinois Art Therapy Association Bylaws

- Article 1 Name, Purpose, and Responsibility
- Section 1. The name of this Chapter shall be the Illinois Art Therapy Association. It is a 501-C3 not-for-profit corporation, organized under the laws of Illinois and an affiliate organization of the American Art Therapy Association (AATA).
- Section 2. The purpose of this Association shall be: to support and work alongside AATA toward the progressive development of the therapeutic use of art in all applicable settings, the improvement of standards of practice, the development of criteria for training art therapists, the advancement of research, the provision of vehicles for the exchange of information and experience, and to increase public awareness of the values, usefulness and applicability of art therapy.
- Article II Membership
- Section 1. Qualifications, Classifications, and Privileges
- IATA membership is open to all members of AATA and shall correspond to AATA Membership. Categories are: Credentialed Professional, Professional, Associate, and Student. All professional members will be eligible to vote and hold office in the Association.
- A. Professional
1. Credentialed Professional: Individuals who have been approved for Professional Membership by the AATA and who maintain current Registration (ATR) and/or Certification (ATR-BC) with the Art Therapy Credentials Board, Inc. (ATCB) shall be classified Credentialed Professional Members. Credentialed Professional Members shall receive all official publications, be eligible to vote, hold office, and serve on committees.
 2. Professional: Individuals who have completed professional training in art therapy are eligible for Professional Membership. Professional Members shall receive all official publications, be eligible to vote, hold office, and serve on committees.
 3. Honorary Life: Credentialed Professional or Professional Members of AATA who have made outstanding contributions to the field of art therapy are eligible for Honorary Life Membership. Honorary Life Members shall receive all official publications, be eligible to vote, hold office, and serve on committees.
- Honorary Life Members shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues. Procedures for selection of Honorary Life Members shall be established by the Board of Directors.
- B. Student: Individuals who do not meet the qualifications of Professional Membership and who are currently taking courses in art therapy or related fields, in accordance with criteria outlined by the Board of Directors, may be eligible for Student Membership. Student Members shall be entitled to receive all official publications and to attend the annual meeting, but shall not have the right to vote or hold office. Student members may serve on such committees as the Board of Directors may from time to time delegate.
- C. Associate: Individuals interested in the therapeutic use of art and who wish to support the purposes and objectives of the ASSOCIATION are eligible for Associate Membership. This category is not open to

individuals who have completed graduate level art therapy programs. Associate Members shall be entitled to receive all official publications and to attend the annual meeting, but shall not have the right to vote, hold office, or serve on a committee.

D. Contributing: Individuals, organizations, institutions, or foundations which contribute annually to the ASSOCIATION may be eligible for Contributing Membership. Contributing Members shall be entitled to receive all official publications and to attend the annual meeting, but shall not have the right to vote, hold office, or serve on a committee.

E. Retired: AATA members who have reached the age of sixty-five (65) and who are no longer engaged in active practice may be granted Retired Membership. Retired Professional Members shall be entitled to vote. Retired Members shall be entitled to attend the annual meeting and receive all official publications for an annual service fee determined by the Board of Directors. Retired Members shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

Section 2. Application for Chapter Membership
Application for membership shall be in accord with the procedures established by the AATA Board of Directors.

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Section 4. Chapter Membership Dues
Membership dues shall be established by the Chapter Board of Directors and shall be due on January first of each year. Chapter dues shall not exceed the dues of AATA. Chapter dues will be paid in conjunction with AATA dues and will be collected by AATA.

Section 5. Termination of Chapter Membership.
Members failing to pay Chapter dues in conjunction with AATA dues shall automatically forfeit their membership in this Chapter. Individuals who have forfeited Chapter membership because of non-payment of dues may be reinstated in accord with policies established by the Chapter Board of Directors and shall be required to pay any reinstatement fee established by the Chapter Board of Directors.

Section 6. Fiscal Year
The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be January 1 through December 31.

Article III Officers and Directors

Section 1. The Officers of this Chapter shall be: President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and three Directors. These officers and shall constitute the Executive Board if IATA.

Section 2. In addition to the Executive Board there will be Committee Chairs to cover the needs of the organization. Committee Chairs will be appointed by a member of the Executive Board and approved of by the Board. Directors from the Executive Board may hold one Committee Chair position.

Section 3. Qualifications for Officers Directors, and Committee Chairs
Individuals who are professional members in IATA shall be eligible to hold office in the Chapter.

Section 4. Term of Office

- A. Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs shall serve for a two year term or until their successors are elected. President-elect and President will serve one year each or until their successors are elected.
- B. The term of office shall commence at the close of the annual meeting of IATA.
- C. The President-elect shall automatically assume office of the president at the conclusion of the president's term.
- D. No elected officer shall serve two consecutive terms in the same office.
- E. No member may serve in two elected positions concurrently.

Section 5. Nomination and Election of Officers

- A. Elections shall be held by E-ballot.
- B. The Nominating Committee will consist of no more than five people, with no more

- than one being on the Board.
- C. The Nominating Committee shall prepare and submit to the Board at least one nominee for each of the following positions: On odd numbered years, the membership will elect Secretary, and one Director. On even numbered years, the membership will elect Treasurer, and two Directors. Every year a President-Elect will be elected.
 - D. Plurality shall elect. Tie votes shall be broken by a second balloting of those individuals receiving tie votes.
 - E. Ballots shall be mailed with in thirty days of September 1 and returned postmarked within thirty days of the mailing date. Envelopes will be sealed and signed by the voting member in order to be counted as official.
- Section 6. Duties of Officers
Officers shall perform those duties prescribed by these by-laws and the parliamentary authority adopted by the Chapter, manage the business of the Chapter between meetings of the Chapter and perform those additional duties prescribed from time to time by the members or the Board of Directors. In addition, the President will assume the duties of Delegate of the Assembly of Affiliate Chapters. The major duty of the Delegate is to attend the Assembly of Chapters at the annual AATA meeting.
- Section 7. Vacancies
A. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled for the unexpired term by the President-Elect.
B. The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President and conclude the term of the President in addition to the term to which s/he was elected.
C. Vacancies in the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, the Directors, or any of the Committee Chairs shall be filled by appointment of the President with approval by the Executive Board. Board members thus appointed will serve until the next regular election. A simultaneous vacancy in both the office of President and President-Elect shall require a special election by the voting membership in order to fill the position.
- Section 8. Removal from Office
A. Any officer or director may be removed from office at any time by a vote of a majority of the members of a Chapter at any regular or special meeting of the members.
B. Members elected to the Board may not accumulate more than two unexcused absences from Board Meetings. A warning will be issued after two unexcused absences and dismissal will occur after three.
- Section 9. Expenses of the Board
Expenses over fifty dollars charged to IATA by Board Members must first be approved by the President.
- Article IV Meetings of the Membership
- Section 1. Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held at a time and place established by the President and the Board of directors
- Section 2. The last scheduled meeting of the fiscal year shall be designated as the Annual Meeting. At the Annual meeting the following will be presented: election results, reports of officers, any other business that comes before the Chapter.
- Section 3. Special meeting of the Chapter may also be called by the President.
- Section 4. Notification of all meetings of the Chapter may also be sent to the membership no less than thirty days prior to the meeting.
- Section 5. Quorum: Those voting members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- Article V Executive Board of Directors
- Section 1. The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of the Elected Officers and the Directors.
- Section 2. The Executive Board of Directors shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Chapter and shall perform those additional duties enumerated in these by-laws and shall perform those duties required by law and as shall be assigned by the membership

- from time to time.
- Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors
- A. Regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President.
 - B. Notification of all meetings of the Board shall be given each Board member at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
 - C. A quorum for all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be the members of the Board present.
- Article VI Committees
- Section 1. Unless specified otherwise in these by-laws, all standing and special committees shall be determined by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. In establishing any committee, the composition, powers, term and duties shall also be designated.
- Section 2. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominations Committee.
- Article VII Parliamentary Authority
- The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.
- Article VIII Amendments
- Section 1. Amendments to these by-laws may be proposed by any two voting members and may be considered at any meeting of the membership and then notification of E-Ballot shall be sent to each voting member for approval.
- Section 2. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in the manner prescribed by the Chapter Board of Directors and subsequently submitted to AATA for prior notification before being submitted to the membership for approval.
- Section 3. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the voting membership at least thirty(30) days in advance of the meeting or thirty(30) days in advance if the meeting at which the results will be announced.
- Section 4. A majority vote of the members voting shall be required to adopt any proposed by-law amendment.
- Article IX Indemnification
- The Association shall indemnify all Officers and Directors for expenses incurred with the defense or settlement of any claim against such person by reason of service as an Officer or Director, unless a judgment or adjudication shall establish that such a claim arose or resulted from any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious or knowingly wrongful act, error or omission of such person.
- Article X Dissolution
- Chapter dissolution shall be in accord with policies and procedures established by AATA.