



Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association Student Leadership Council

Constitution

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Preamble- We, the members of the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association Student Leadership Council, do hereby establish this Constitution to help us in reaching our fullest potential.

Article I: Name

The organization shall be known as the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association Student Leadership Council; MoATA SLC.

Article II: Mission Statement

"The mission of the MoATA Athletic Training Student Leadership Council is to promote student involvement by increasing knowledge about the athletic training profession in a younger population, enhancing communication among its members, increasing educational opportunities, developing leadership skills, and furthering the athletic training profession within MoATA."

Article III: Affiliations

This organization is affiliated with the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association (MoATA), Mid-America Athletic Trainers' Association (MAATA), and National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA). MoATA SLC representatives will be athletic training students from any of the CAATE accredited programs in the state of Missouri. Currently, there are 12 accredited athletic training education programs in Missouri: Central Methodist University, Culver-Stockton College, Lindenwood University, Missouri State University, Missouri Valley College, Park University, Saint Louis University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southwest Baptist University, Truman State University, University of Central Missouri, and William Woods University. MoATA SLC understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities and abiding by MoATA, MAATA, and NATA policies.

Article IV: Representatives

Section I: Each accredited ATEP program in the state of Missouri will have the option to appoint two (2) representatives to the MoATA SLC. The method for determining representatives will be left up to each individual ATEP program and/or their respective athletic training student organization. Each representative will be appointed with the consent of their ATEP Director/Coordinator.

Section II: Representative qualifications

1. Prospective representatives should have a strong passion for the profession of athletic training, have a desire to become a leader among students, and have good, reliable communication skills.
2. Prospective representatives must have effective time-management skills. Representatives should understand that they will be asked to take responsibility of completing certain tasks during their tenure as a representative.

Section III: Requirements for becoming a Representative

1. Must be a student in an accredited ATEP program
2. Must be non-certified
3. Must be student during the entire term
4. Must be a member of NATA

In the case that these requirements cannot be met by a potential member, the current members may vote to waive the membership requirements for becoming a representative by a majority vote.

Article V: Officers

Section I: The MoATA SLC will have five officers: a Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, as well as a Certified Athletic Trainer Advisor.

Section II: The MoATA SLC Director will have the responsibilities of:

1. Serving as the Missouri Representative to the District V Athletic Training Student Leadership Council.
2. Communicating with the MoATA SLC about district business
3. Communicating with the MoATA Officers about MoATA SLC business

To be eligible for this position, the member must:

1. Previously have been a member of the council for at least one year
2. Serve a one-year non-renewable term
3. Voted in by members of the MoATA SLC with a majority vote
4. Be voted in by the membership by the first of March

Section III: The MoATA SLC President will have the responsibilities of

1. Serving as the executive of the MoATA SLC
2. Coordinating and running all MoATA SLC meetings and activities
3. Appointing representatives to committee chair positions

To be eligible for this position, the member must:

1. Previously have been a member of the council for at least one year
2. Serve a one-year non-renewable term
3. Voted in by members of the MoATA SLC with a majority vote
4. Be voted in by the membership at the MoATA Annual Meeting

Section IV: The MoATA SLC Vice-President will have the responsibilities of:

1. Observing and taking part in all activities and decisions made by the President
2. Following-up on committee progress
3. Reporting committee progress to MoATA SLC Director and President

To be eligible for this position, the member must:

1. Serve a one-year non-renewable term
3. Be voted in by members of the MoATA SLC with a majority vote
4. Be voted in by the membership at the MoATA Annual Meeting

Section V: The MoATA SLC Secretary will have the responsibilities of:

1. Taking roll and handling all contact information for members of the MoATA SLC
2. Maintaining all documentation for the MoATA SLC
3. Sending all members a bi-annual (December & June) report on council's achievements, activities, calendar, and future plans

To be eligible for this position, the member must:

1. Serve a one-year non-renewable term
2. Be voted in by members of the MoATA SLC with a majority vote
3. Be voted in by the membership at the MoATA Annual Meeting

Section VI: The MoATA SLC Treasurer will have the responsibilities of:

1. Maintaining SLC funds
2. Reporting available funds and coordinating with executive board and committees to spend/collect SLC money.

To be eligible for this position, the member must:

1. Serve a one-year non-renewable term
2. Be voted in by members of the MoATA SLC with a majority vote
3. Be voted in by the membership at the MoATA Annual Meeting

Section VII: A certified athletic trainer and member of MoATA will be appointed by the executive board to serve as an advisor for the MoATA SLC. He or she will not have specific voting rights, but will be called upon for input and advice for the SLC.

In the case that one-year of previous council membership could not be attained by a potential executive board member, the current members may vote to waive the one year of previous membership requirement for becoming an executive board member by a majority vote.

This council will be committed to encouraging membership to run for and hold executive board positions. But, in the case that five individual officers cannot be assigned with full-faith in their commitment to the council, officers may be appointed by the council to two (2) executive board positions. No member may hold more than two (2) executive board positions at any time.

Article VI: Operations of the MoATA SLC

Section I: Scheduling of Meetings

The MoATA SLC will conduct membership meetings at least twice per year.

1. At the MoATA Annual Meeting in June.

2. One other meeting as determined by the executive board.

Section II: Attendance at Meetings

1. Attendance at meetings is strongly encouraged. Absence of a representative at a meeting will be noted. Upon two absences, the representative will be asked to resign his or her position to another qualified person from their ATEP.
2. If an absence is anticipated, the council secretary should be contacted. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration.
3. Should an institution not be represented for two consecutive meetings, the respective ATEP Director/Coordinator will be contacted and a request to appoint two new representatives.

Section III: Attendance at events.

1. It is requested that at least one representative from each institution be present for the district and national meetings. It is anticipated that MoATA SLC meetings will occur at these places so representation will be needed.
2. Any MoATA SLC sponsored event will require the attendance of all members. This is key to make these events a success. Representatives are expected to encourage students from their respective institutions to attend the events as well.

Article VII: Committees

Section I: There will be a minimum of two (2) committees in the MoATA SLC. More committees can be created at the discretion of the executive board.

Section II: MoATA SLC Annual Meeting Student Section Committee will organize a student section for the MoATA Annual Meeting in June. This committee will designate a chair person who will report progress to the Vice-President of the MoATA SLC.

Section III: MoATA SLC High School Athletic Training Day Committee will work to design a state-wide workshop for high school students. This will help interested high school students learn how to pursue athletic training as a career as well as teach them basic skills such as taping and bracing. This committee will designate a chair person who will report progress to the Vice-President of the MoATA SLC.

Section IV: MoATA SLC Quiz Bowl Committee will work to plan, organize, and carry out a quiz bowl type competition. This competition should be designed to choose the best representative from one of our state's 12 accredited programs to represent our state at the district level quiz bowl. This committee will designate a chair person who will report progress to the Vice-President of the MoATA SLC.

Section V: MoATA SLC Fundraising/Promotions Committee will work on raising awareness about the MoATA SLC across the state of Missouri and explore ideas on how to raise

money for the MoATA SLC. This committee will designate a chair person who will report progress to the Vice-President of the MoATA SLC.

Article VIII: Removal of Officers and Members

Section I: Failure of an officer to fulfill his/her duties will result in removal from position. In this case, the SLC members will accept volunteers and vote on a new officer as soon as possible.

Section II: Any member who fails to represent his/her institution as stated in this constitution will be given a warning. A second notice will result in removal from SLC.

The institution's ATEP will have the opportunity to appoint a new member as soon as removal is noted.

Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to this manual may originate from any member of the SLC or from a written request from a member institution. Any changes must be approved by the current representatives and by the SLC Advisor in order for the new amendment to be established.

In order to institute an amendment, the following must happen:

1. The amendment must be presented to each member of the SLC at least 2 weeks before a vote will be taken by e-mail.
2. The proposed amendment will be voted on as designated by the executive board.
3. The proposed amendment must receive a majority vote from the SLC to be instituted into the constitution.