

GATA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the GEORGIA ACADEMIC TEAM ASSOCIATION heretofore referred to as GATA.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND GOALS

Section One

The membership of GATA shall be comprised of persons who pay the annual dues which are to be set by the Executive Committee.

Section Two

GATA seeks to :

- (a) encourage academic team competition among Georgia High School Association member schools ;
- (b) sponsor a State Championship Tournament annually ;
- (c) provide information about available tournaments both at the state and national levels;
- (d) foster communication among academic teams throughout the state of Georgia.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section One

The elected officers of GATA shall be as follows : President, Vice-President , Secretary , Treasurer , Newsletter Editor , and Convention Director.

Section Two

An Executive Committee composed of the elected and appointed Officers , the Immediate Past President , and up eight members – at – large (with careful consideration given to geographical and school size balance) , shall have the power to act for the organization in between general membership meetings .

Section Three

The President , after consultation with the Executive Committee , may appoint certain other ad hoc officers and Committees as may become necessary or advantageous to the facilitation of the activities of the organization .

Section Four

The President shall preside over all general and Executive Committee meetings and shall give direction to the organization . The President shall serve a two year term .

Section Five

The Vice - President shall act as President in the absence of the President . shall be the tournament Director of the State Tournament and co – sign checks written by the Treasurer..

Section Six

The Secretary shall keep and preserve an accurate record of the proceedings of all general and Executive Committee meetings , and shall make appropriate reports of those proceedings to the President and general membership .

Section Seven

The Treasurer shall collect , secure , and account for the Organization 's funds and shall make reports of such as called

for by the President .

Section Eight

The Newsletter Editor shall be in charge of assembling, printing , and mailing GATA's three annual newsletters .

Section Nine

The Convention Director shall secure a convention site , handle the convention registration , make all on - site arrangements , and assist the executive committee with workshops , programs , and vendors .

Section Ten

The eight Members –at –Large shall serve on the Executive Committee and act as liaison between the Committee and the General membership . They will serve a one – year term .

Section Eleven

The officers listed in sections four , five , six , seven , and eight will serve two – year terms .

ARTICLE IV : MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Section One

A general membership meeting shall be held on the first day of the Annual Convention-Workshop . Ten percent of the membership (As of the preceding August 7) shall constitute a quorum at any general membership meeting . Other general membership meetings may be held as called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Committee .

Section Two

Executive Committee meetings may occur as frequently as is deemed necessary by the President or by a majority of the Executive Committee .

Section Three

Elections shall be held on the first day of the Annual Meeting and shall fill any offices or Executive Committee positions constitutionally or otherwise open . Candidates must receive a majority of the votes cast to be elected . Nominations of candidates shall be submitted in writing to the President prior to the general membership meeting or by oral nomination from the floor at the time of election .

ARTICLE V : AMENDING PROCESS

Section One

This Constitution and By –Laws may be amended by a 3 / 4 ths majority of those voting at the general membership meeting .

Section Two

Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by any individual member . Any proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary * at least seven full days prior to the Annual Convention – Workshop . The Secretary will submit a written list of proposed amendments to the membership assembled at the Annual Convention - Workshop on the first day of the meeting . Voting on those proposed amendments shall occur at the official business meeting of the Annual Convention – Workshop .

----- * Since GATA currently has no secretary,
email your suggested revisions to Executive Director La Juana Modling at
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