

NCTA Bylaws

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation shall be the North Carolina Taxidermist's Association, a non-profit, educational organization incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, referred to herein as NCTA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the NCTA shall be:

- A. Further better understanding among taxidermists and related industries;
- B. Unite into one organization all interested taxidermists, taxidermy suppliers, and interested parties;
- C. Disseminate information and meet in convention at regular intervals;
- D. Function as a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife through the preservation of specimens to the highest standards of the art of taxidermy;
- E. Engage in such other civic, charitable, educational and business activities that the NCTA Directors shall deem appropriate.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section I

A member shall be defined as a person who is a practicing taxidermist or a person who is interested in promoting taxidermy.

Section II - Members Rights

- A. Membership in the NCTA shall be designated as Individual Membership, having 1 vote, or Family Membership (husband and wife) having 2 votes on all matters affecting the operation of the operation of the NCTA.
 - 1. One proxy vote may be cast by a family member in the absence of the other voting family member or

2. One proxy vote may be cast by a NCTA member for the absent party, PROVIDING the Board of Directors has given prior approval to the subject matter to be voted upon.
- B. All members are encouraged to obtain the applicable permits (licenses) for taxidermy and related fields from the State and Federal authorities.
- C. Out-of-state persons may hold membership in the NCTA and have the same rights as in-state members, EXCEPT that the out-of-state member may not vote on anything dealing with North Carolina State game laws or any other matter that would affect the resident member of the NCTA through enactment of State laws.
- D. Individual members or family members shall refrain from actions or activities which are detrimental to the NCTA.

Section III - Dues

- A. All dues are payable in advance to the Secretary/Treasurer and are due as of January 1 for the year January 1 through December 31. Renewal notices shall be mailed in December for January 1 renewals. Members failing to renew by January 31 will receive another reminder in the next Newsletter.
- B. Any new member may join during any part of the year and shall pay a full year's dues as an Individual Membership or a Family Membership.
- C. The Board of Directors will review the dues annually; and should any increase seem necessary, the matter will be brought the membership for vote and approval.

Section IV - Majority for Voting Purposes

A majority of attending members shall carry the outcome of any vote.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section I - Principal Officers

The principal officers of the NCTA shall consist of the President, Vice President and Secretary and/or Treasurer and such additional officers as the NCTA may from time to time deem desirable.

Section II - Election of Officers

The officers and Board of Directors of the NCTA shall be elected annually by the membership by means of mail-in votes. Nominations for officers and directors may be made by a nominating committee and/or by nominations from NCTA current members. Nominations will be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer no later than October 1 with confirmation to be received no later than October 15. All nominees should submit a photo of themselves as well as a brief biographical sketch to the Secretary/Treasurer no later than October 15. This information together with an election ballot and self-addressed stamped enveloped will be mailed to all current members in early

November. Ballots returned to the Secretary/Treasurer must be post-marked no later than November 25 to be considered valid.

Section III - The President

The President shall be the chief executive for the NCTA. He/She shall preside at all NCTA meetings, appoint all committees and be Ex-Officio member of all such committees and shall perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the membership.

Section IV - The Vice President

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the presidency in the absence of the President and shall perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the President or the membership.

Section V - Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer shall have custody of all records and funds of the NCTA; take accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and membership meetings; give notice of each meeting to the members; type and disseminate Newsletters, voting ballots, and other information as outlined from time to time by the President of membership. As the Treasurer, he/she shall keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements of the NCTA in financial books to be maintained for that purpose; deposit all assets in the name and to the credit of the NCTA; disburse funds of the NCTA, take proper vouchers therefore and render to the NCTA such reports as they shall prescribe. The Treasurer shall be bonded for the faithful performance of his/her duties. All books, records and vouchers of the NCTA shall be opened to the inspection of any member. The Treasurer shall at least once a year and whenever requested by the NCTA render a full and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures and submit a schedule showing the financial status of the NCTA and any changes, if any, since the last report.

Section VI - Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) elected Board members plus the immediate Past President, and the current President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The six (6) elected Board members will be chosen two (2) each from three (3) sections within the state of North Carolina. The sections are designed the MOUNTAIN SECTION - that area from the extreme western North Carolina to a line from by U.S. Highway 52 (from Mt. Airy to Winston-Salem to Lexington to Salisbury to Albemarle to Wadesboro); the PIEDMONT SECTION - that area east of Highway 52 to Interstate 95; the COASTAL SECTION - that area east of Interstate 95.
- B. The immediate Past President shall serve on the Board of Directors for a period of one year following his/her tenure in office as President.

Section VII - Removal

- A. Any officer of the NCTA may be removed at any time, with just cause, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.

- B. Any member nominated or elected to office who fails to renew his/her dues by the renewal deadline can be disqualified from office or from running for office until sure time that his/her dues are paid.
- C. If such a former member remains delinquent for more than 60 days after renewal notices have been mailed, new nominations and/or elections will have to be scheduled.

Section VIII - Vacancies

Any vacancy in any office of the NCTA may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a majority vote of the NCTA membership present at a meeting. If such a vacancy occurs between meetings, the President (or if the vacancy occurs in the office of the President), the Vice President may appoint a successor to serve in such office until the next meeting of the NCTA. If any office is absent or unable to perform his/her duties, the NCTA may delegate his/her powers and duties during the period of such absence or disability to another person. Said powers and duties shall be carried out by the appointee until the next meeting of the NCTA.

Section IX - Resignation

Any officer may resign his/her office at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Secretary/Treasurer. The resignation shall become effective upon the date indicated therein or if no date is specified, upon receipt thereof by the Secretary/Treasurer. Acceptance shall not be necessary to render the resignation effective.

Section X - Tenure of Office

- A. The term of Office for the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer is one (1) year. The term of office for each elected Board of Director member is two (2) years, with one (1) director from each of the three (3) designated sections of North Carolina being elected each year. Each term of office will begin January 1 after being elected by the membership in November of the previous year.
- B. Two (2) consecutive terms is the limit for all officers to be elected and serve in a particular office.
- C. No member may hold two (2) elective offices simultaneously.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section I - Dates

One or two regular meetings shall be held each year; the number of meetings for a particular year will be determined by the membership in a meeting of the previous year. If two meetings are held, the "winter" meeting will normally be in February or March and the "summer" meeting in August or September; however, the Board of Directors may make exceptions to this schedule as needed. Additional "emergency" meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meetings will be sent out in a Newsletter or by special mailings to all current members by the Secretary/Treasurer.

Members nominations will be submitted in advance by May 31 by members in good standing.

Ballots will then be included in the Summer NCTA Newsletter with photo and bio of nominees.

Members in good standing may send in an absentee ballot before the Annual Summer Show Convention & Competition if unable to attend.

Present members will vote at membership meeting at the Annual Summer Show Convention & Competition where the new officers and board members will be announced.

Section II - Exhibitions and Competitions

The membership shall vote at each meeting as to the location of the next meeting and what competition, if any, shall take place.

ARTICLE VI - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the NCTA shall be from the first day of January through the last day of December.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended only by the Board of Directors formulating the amendment and preparing it for presentation to the general membership at a called meeting or the next scheduled meeting. The general membership will be given notice by mail of such an amendment to be made and a vote will be taken at the called meeting or the next general meeting. The amendment will be adopted by a majority vote of the membership present and incorporated into the Bylaws.

NCTA "Sections" of North Carolina

