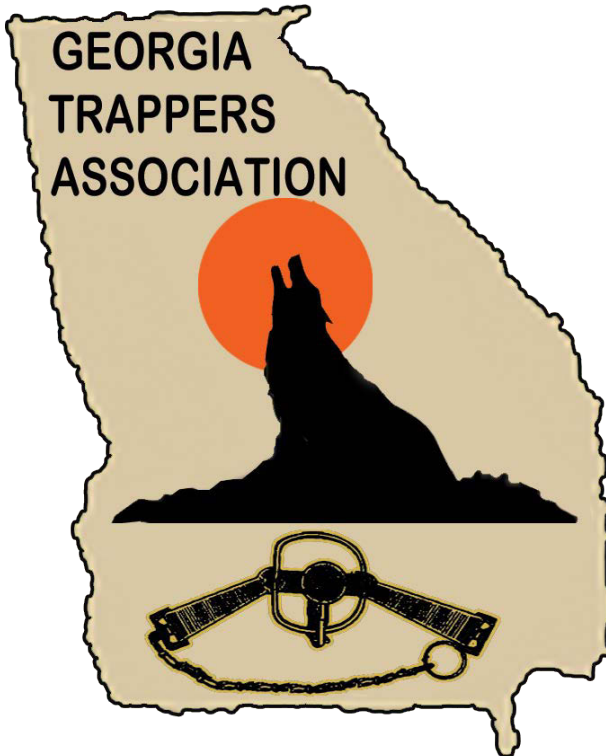


Georgia Trappers Association Constitution and Bylaws



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Preamble

We, believing that the natural resources of Georgia are important assets, economically, recreationally and aesthetically, which should be restored, wisely used, and perpetuated, and realizing that this can be achieved only through interested and enlightened citizens of this state, dedicate this association to these ideals.



Article 1. Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Georgia Trappers Association Incorporated, hereby known as the GTA.

Section 2. The Georgia Trappers Association shall/may be affiliated with the Georgia Wildlife Federation, the National Trappers Association (NTA), Furtakers of America (FTA), Georgia Hunting and Fishing Federation (GHFF), United States Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA), and FurBearers Unlimited (FBU). Every effort will be made to place a representative in each affiliated association.

Article II. Composition.

Section 1. This Association shall consist of individuals including, but not limited to, sportsman,

conservationist, land owners, and others who recognize basic individual responsibility in the wise use of our natural resources.

Article III. Objective.

Section 1. Objectives of the association shall be:

1. To promote the highest standards of sportsmanship.
2. To strengthen the understanding and cooperation between landowners, trappers and other sportsmen, conservationists and the public in general.
3. To encourage protection, restoration and management of water, wildlife, forest and fields.
4. To seek more public conservation and education of youth and adults as to the essentials of trapping into its use as a necessary wildlife management tool.
5. To educate and train the young and inexperienced trappers in the harvesting and management of our natural and renewable resources, and to give them our support.
6. To cooperate with county, state, federal and private agencies having the responsibilities for wildlife land management.
7. To promote organizations of local, district, state and national interest having similar aims, giving them aid, counsel and support in resolving problems of local, state or national origin.

Article IV. Membership.

Section 1. Any person shall be eligible to become a member, unless his acceptance is challenged for a good reason by a member in good standing.

Section 2. In such a case, by the complaining member shall present his case to the Board of Directors (BOD). If the BOD declines to accept the applicant by simple majority vote, the Secretary/Treasurer shall return his application and dues by registered mail, along with a letter of explanation.

Section 3. The BOD (Board of Directors) shall set membership dues.

Dues of this organization shall be as follows:

Annual membership with magazine	\$25.00
Supporting membership	\$10.00
(no subscription)	
Lifetime membership with subscription...	\$300.00
Supporting Lifetime membership.....	\$150.00
(no subscription.)	
Endowment memberships	TBD by BOD.
Corporate membership with up to 2 magazines and all company info on separate corporate membership page.	

Section 4. A member shall be reinstated when he has paid the current dues.

Section 5. A member shall be a " member in good standing " for at least (6) six months to be eligible to vote on the officers and directors.

Section 6. No-Confidence Vote.

- A. A no-confidence vote is a vote by the Board of Directors which states that a person in a position is no longer deemed fit to hold that position. This may be based on said person falling short in some respect, failing to carry out obligations, or making choices that other members feel are detrimental to the GTA
- B. Upon a notification by letter of a no-confidence vote the accuser will notify the Board of Directors and a meeting will be scheduled to present the case against the accused. The accused will then be able to offer a rebuttal. At the end of the hearing a secret ballot vote will be used to determine the outcome.
- C. Upon a confirmed no-confidence vote the accused will resign immediately and turn over all documents and/or records, banking documents and any other legal documentation or property of the GTA.
- D. If the President is the one submitting resignation the Vice President will assume duties of President until elections may be held at the next annual meeting.
- E. In the case of the President resigning (see D.), the acting President will appoint an acting Vice President from the Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting.
- F. Any position vacated by the no-confidence vote, or resignation, with the exception of the President, may be filled by appointment of the President, pending a formal vote at the next annual convention.

- G. A no-confidence vote must have a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors to pass.

Article V. Powers

Section 1. Powers of the association shall be to:

1. Direct, manage, supervise and control all business, property and funds of the association.
2. To make surveys and conduct research and experiments bearing upon wildlife and other material relating to its works.
3. Prepare and issue publications and other material relating to its work.

Section 2. The work of this Association shall not be conducted for private gain.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. All membership meetings shall be called by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 2. Members shall be notified by mail, email, phone, or text at least 30 days before a meeting date.

Section 3. A quorum of at least ten (10) percent of the members must be present at any membership meeting in order to conduct business.

Article VII.

Section 1. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern conduct of all meetings.

Article VIII. Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Executive Director, Correspondence Secretary, Membership Secretary/Treasurer, NTA Director, Legislative/Congressional Director, General Organizer and the Youth Director. The officers shall be elected bi-annually at the convention and must be a member of the association in good standing.

- A. The President shall have general direction of the administrative work of the association; shall be a member ex officio of all committees other than the nominating committee; shall perform such other duties as provided, or as are assigned, by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President during the President's absence or inability to serve, and upon the death, resignation or removal of the President, shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.
- C. The Executive Director shall have the general direction and supervision of the activities of the Directors of the association.
- D. The Correspondence Secretary shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of all meetings of the association; shall cause written notices to be sent out of all meetings; shall attend to all correspondence for the association; and shall be responsible for

reporting each month to the magazine currently subscribed to.

- E. The Membership Secretary/Treasurer shall receive all membership applications; issue membership certificates to all members; maintaining accurate roll of all memberships current mailing address and expiration date of each; shall provide directors with a list of current members in their district on a quarterly basis; and shall be responsible for the recording and deposits of all receipts of the association. At each meeting the treasurer shall present a complete and detailed statement of all income and expenses. All funds shall be deposited and such depositories as approved by the board of directors. The membership secretary shall assist the corresponding secretary with the correspondence for the association. This position will be by appointment. Appointment will be ratified by 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors bi-annually.
- F. The National Trappers Association Director shall be a member of the NTA in good standing; shall represent the association at the National Trappers annual convention and keep the membership informed about the activities of the NTA.
- G. The Legislative/Congressional Director shall be responsible for keeping the membership informed about laws and regulations concerning trapping on the state and national level. When necessary, this Director shall inform the association as to when it would be necessary to contact the appropriate senators and representatives on a state or national level.

- H. The General Organizer shall be responsible for keeping up with the GTA educational booth; shall be the contact and be responsible for coordinating help in updating the association on the outdoor shows that the association participates in. The general organizer shall be responsible for ordering merchandise which is so or given away at the booth (magazines, T-shirts, pamphlets, etc.)
- I. The Youth Director shall be responsible for directing activities of the youth membership in trapping activities at the annual convention as well as other activities for our youth.

Section 2. Every effort will be made to have at least two directors from each Georgia DNR game management regions. The directors will be nominated by the President and confirmed by the director committee and voted to accept by 51% majority vote from the board of directors.

Section 3. Officers/ Directors

Requirements for director and officer positions:

- A. Directors: Must be a member for 6 months in order to apply for director position (apply to director committee). Once approved he/she will be on a 6-month probation as a director.
- B. Officers: A member nominated to run for office shall be a member in good standing for 3 consecutive years and a current director for (1) one full year prior to nomination.

Article IX. General.

Section 1. Any member shall be automatically dropped from the rolls of this organization if found to be a habitual violator of Game and Fish Laws.

Section 2. Any amendment or addition to the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization must first be referred to the Board of Directors for study. It must be brought to the vote of the membership at a regular meeting.

Section 3. When properly approved by the membership, any member may request and receive a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

