

**BALLOT FOR THE PROPOSED
AHTA BYLAW AMENDMENTS**
Drafting Notes

Thank you for taking the time to consider and help the AHTA modernize its corporate structure, governance and membership criteria. We have also used the opportunity to correct grammar and context issues to make the Bylaws more complete and understandable.

The AHTA Board has worked diligently over the past few years to ensure the proposed Amendments maintain the Association's foundation of professionalism and integrity

On the following pages you will find the existing Bylaws with the Amendments highlighted in bold red font. Where language, words, letters or sections are removed, you will note them in font that is crossed out.

Most of the Amendments are self-explanatory. There are 2 substantive changes.

1. **New Membership Categories.** In an effort to better reflect the actual membership of the organization, the Board has created new membership categories. The Chapter system has also been abolished, but a new category to allow these groups to stay *affiliated* with AHTA has been created. The **Affiliate Member** category was created to allow such groups to have limited member benefits, but to still stay involved with AHTA. Other new categories are self explanatory.
2. **Voting Methods.** In an effort to both save the Association money and to recognize the advances in communication technology, the Bylaws were amended to allow for various methods of voting, based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors. Use of verifiable email addresses and, when no email is listed, use of mail ballots will serve the Association in the future. The goal is to maintain the integrity of the balloting process.

Other changes of the Bylaws reflect the move from a "self managed" association to one managed by an Association Management company.

Please look for your ballot in the mail. If you have any questions, please call AHTA Offices at 484-654-0357.

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