



NORTH CAROLINA TAXIDERMY ASSOCIATION
2025 STATE CONVENTION & COMPETITION

INFORMATION BOOKLET
& EVENT PROGRAM

JULY 31-AUG 2, 2025

By Attending the North Carolina Taxidermist Association Competition & Convention, you are agreeing to the following Honor Code below, as well as the NCTA Competition & Convention Rules

North Carolina Taxidermist Association Honor Code Agreement

I agree that I have read and understand the North Carolina Taxidermist Association Competition & Convention Rules and agree to follow them as written. I am entering my competition piece(s) into the NCTA Competition with integrity and high moral standing, fully aware that I am confirming to have prepared the piece(s) completely on my own with no outside assistance. If I am entering any piece(s) that I have had assistance with I agree to enter said piece(s) into the correct corresponding category. I understand that if I am found in violation of the NCTA Competition & Convention rules I will adhere to the consequences of such offenses.

**North Carolina Taxidermist's Association Competition &
Convention Rules can be found at registration desk**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GUEST JUDGES

PAGE NETHERCUTT - BIRDS

JASON KRAUSE - GAMEHEADS/LIFESIZE

GARY BRUCH - FISH

DALTON JEFFERS - DEER

BOB HUTCHINSON - HABITAT

DONNA NAUGHTON - ART



THE NCTA 43RD ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW & COMPETITION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 31ST

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Board Meeting, Set up Competition, Vendor, and Registration Areas
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration Open- Competition Entries Received – Vendor Room Open
3:00 PM – Until Done	SEMINAR #1: Jason Krause – Black Bear SEMINAR #2: David Beamon – Casting Snakes
6:00 PM – Until	HQ Taxidermy Supply Meet & Greet in Vendor Room (Pizza & Wings)
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Speed Mount Competition Sponsored by HQ



FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration Open – Competition Entries Received Vendor Room Open & Scavenger Hunt 'Selfie Safari' signups
8:00 AM – Until Done	SEMINAR #3: Page Nethercutt – Waterfowl SEMINAR #4: Bob Hutchinson – Habitat – Located in the Vendor Room
11:00 AM-11:30 AM	Speed Mount Competition last adjustments 1
12:00PM–Until Done	Triad Park Shelter #7 Cookout Sponsored by McKenzie
3:00 PM – Until Done	SEMINAR #5: Dalton Jeffers – Whitetail Deer SEMINAR #6: Children's Seminar (all ages) – Mel Lopez
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration Open – Competition Entries Received – Supply Room Open (No Mounts Received After 6:00 PM Friday)
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Competition Room Viewing & People's Choice Voting
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Kids Pizza/Movie Night (Bring sleeping bag/blanket & pillow to watch movie)
8:00 PM – Until	Auction & Door Prizes (Auctioneer – Mr. Andy Kearns), Silent Auction, 'Selfie Safari' Scavenger Hunt ends after the auction



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND

8:00 AM – Until Done	SEMINAR #7: Gary Bruch – Fish Competition "What the judges look for."
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	SEMINAR #8: Brianna Rouse – Feather Art
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Vendor Room Open
10:00 AM–12:00 PM	General Membership Meeting, Vote for Officers + Board Members – PLEASE ATTEND
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Competition Room Open – Ribbons in Place – Critiques with Judges
3:30 PM – Until Done	Banquet – Awards Presentation

****If you have not purchased a Banquet Ticket, please wait to enter the Banquet room until the Awards Ceremony begins.****

After the Banquet and Awards Presentation, Pickup Mounts
!!No Mounts Removed Until After the Awards Presentation is concluded!!

Triad Park

9652 W. Market St.
Kernersville, NC 27284

* Shelter #7





North Carolina Taxidermist Association

INFORMATION & OFFICIAL RULES

Revised 2025

NCTA COMPETITION DIVISIONS

COMPETITION ENTRY FEE: \$25 per entry

COLLECTIVE ARTIST DIVISION: \$50 per entry

COMMERCIAL DIVISION

The mounts will be judged from a distance, and the judge will be looking for a good, sound commercial work. There will be multiple first, second, and third-place ribbons. The entry fee is the same as the other divisions. You may enter a mount in any category, but after you receive two 1st place ribbons in an individual category, you have to move on to the Professional Division. You will NOT receive a score sheet.

YOUTH DIVISION

No entry fee with a registered adult. This includes any youth 12 years old or younger.

AMATEUR DIVISION

This division is for someone just starting to compete. You are competing against a score sheet, not against another competitor.

90-100 = 1st place 80-89 = 2nd place 70-79 = 3rd place

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

This division is for someone who has experience but still wants to learn. You are competing against a score sheet, not against other competitors.

90-100 = 1st place 80-89 = 2nd place 70-79 = 3rd place

MASTERS DIVISION

You can enter the Master's Division of your own choosing, but if you have an Award of Excellence in any category or have taken a mount to a higher competition (NTA or World) and have won 1st place, you have to enter the Master's Division. If you have two mounts in the same category, you must enter them into the same division (for example, two shoulder mount whitetails, you cannot enter one into Professional and one into Masters, you have to enter both into one or the other). State Champions will come from this division in each category if there is a mount score of 90 or above. Master's Division will be divided into all categories, the same as Professional and Amateur.

90-100 = 1st place 80-89 = 2nd place 70-79 = 3rd place

COLLECTIVE ARTIST DIVISION

This division has been set up for those taxidermists who want to combine their skills on a certain All taxidermists, Amateur through masters, may compete on a certain piece or pieces. Pieces will be judged for artistic composition by the judges. Scores will be combined by the number of

animals and then divided by that number to determine a final score. Three-ribbon elimination, no multiple ribbons. Scores do not count for points toward your Award of Excellence

North Carolina Taxidermists Association

Competition & Convention Rules

To be eligible, competitors must be NCTA members in good standing (along with VA and SC current members based on reciprocal agreement) and registered for the convention in order to compete.

Any competition pieces mounted in a workshop or competitors assisting other competitors with competition pieces are ineligible to compete in any category other than collective artistry or Challenge of the Art. If the competitor is caught entering a workshop mount....consequences are....suspended for 1 year for 1st offense; 2nd offense banned from competing at NCTA shows. All entries must be completed from start to finish by the competitor only, with no help. (i.e., All taxidermy procedures such as form preparation, skin preparation, sewing, installing of any artificial parts, all mounting procedures, and all finishing procedures, must be done entirely by the individual competitor. Excluding tanning or purchasing of tanned skins.)

Unsportsmanlike conduct, excessive foul language, and excessive drunken behavior will not be tolerated and will result in you losing all awards and cash winnings.

All judging will be done behind closed doors, and only competition committee members will be allowed in the competition room. The only times the competition room will be open to competitors will be listed in the show schedule.

The NCTA Competition Committee will resolve any questions arising from the NCTA competition, and its decision will be final.

Anything judged "Fatal Flaw" will be given a score sheet, but no ribbons or awards will be given. Any mounts with offensive odors will be removed from the competition area and not judged. The NCTA Competition Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry that does not comply with the NCTA Competition Rules or is deemed to be inappropriate or detrimental to the image of taxidermy.

Any infraction of an NCTA competition rule will result in the disqualification of the entry and forfeiture of any awards won by that entry. Registration and entry fees will not be refunded.

While the NCTA will provide general security during the event, all participants acknowledge that unforeseen incidents may occur. Competitors are strongly encouraged to obtain insurance for their competition entries through their local insurance provider if desired. By purchasing a show ticket and submitting entry fees, participants agree to release the NCTA from any and all liability. The NCTA, its Officers,

Directors, and Competition Committee are not responsible for any damage to, loss of, or issues involving mounts entered in the competition under any circumstances.

Multiple ribbons are awarded in most categories. Any entry receiving 90% of a perfect score is awarded first place, 80% of a perfect score is second place, and 70% of a perfect score is third place. There is no honorable mention.

Half-life size entries will be assigned and compete in the Gamehead category, with the exception of whitetail half-life size going into the Whitetail category.

If any entry contains more than one specimen (Example: a pair of wood ducks), an entry fee must be paid for each mount that will be judged. When judging a piece with multiple entries, each individual mount may win its own award. If only one entry fee is paid, the competitor must designate which of the individual mounts they wish to have judged. This rule does not apply to entries in the Collective Artists or Challenge of the Art Divisions, where an entry containing multiple specimens may be entered as a single piece and judged in its entirety.

At the time of entry, each competitor must identify the species of their mount and state whether it is a tanned skin, commercial manikin, or an altered commercial manikin and whether any reproductions, casts, artificial or freeze-dry parts (heads, bills, feet, mouths, and noses) were commercially purchased, made by the competitor, or a combination of both. The competitor must also specify whether the entry's habitat is to be judged or if the entry is competing for any other special awards. Bonus points may be awarded for made parts in all divisions.

Once you compete in a division, you cannot move back down to a lower division.

Entries in the name of a company are not allowed except in the Challenge of the Art of Taxidermy or Collective Artist Division.

Protected species need proper permits to place with their entry. In some cases, special permits are also required to cross into the U.S. or to cross state lines. The competitor is responsible for knowing and following all such laws pertaining to protected species.

Entries in cases must have removable tops and sides for judging and must be removed by the competitor before judging begins. Competitors are allowed to bring their own reference material for the judges to examine to correctly determine their scores.

Photographs may be placed in an envelope next to the mount and marked "For Judge's Reference." The mount number should also be written on the envelope.

Any names or logos that may reveal the identity of the competitor must be omitted or covered securely.

Entries will only be accepted at the posted times, and NO entries will be removed from the competition area before Saturday night, after the completion of the banquet. Any entry not picked up by the posted deadline will be left unsecured and unattended.

No mount that has previously been in an NCTA Competition can be entered in an NCTA Competition again.

Any entry may be ineligible if, in the opinion of the Competition Committee, too many of the judging criteria are hidden from view or are not included in the mount, and it is not in conjunction with another mount that is judgeable. Example: Single wood duck head coming out of a hole in a tree.

Habitat entries must be paid for separately and identified as such by the participant at the time of registration. Judges who score the accompanying specimen will judge the habitat if applicable.

There will be one NCTA judge for each category in the Professional and Master's Divisions. There will be a different NCTA judge for each category in the Amateur, Youth, and Commercial Divisions. Their decision is final, and they alone decide upon the score an entry receives. Each judge will score each entry separately on an approved NCTA score sheet. All scores will be recorded in the NCTA Competition scores notebook, with the NCTA paper copy going to the participant.

Any conduct by the competitor that is deemed unsportsmanlike could result in disqualification and forfeiture of any and all NCTA awards. Unruly or disruptive behavior towards judges or show officials will not be tolerated, and the individual will be asked to leave without a refund and will be barred from future competitions. Any PROTESTS or CHALLENGES are charged a \$25 fee and must be made aware to the competition committee within 1 hour of showing of ribbons. If a competition or judging problem occurs that cannot be resolved by a consensus of the Competition Committee, the problem will be elevated and resolved by a majority vote of the NCTA Board of Directors. Any such action taken by the Board shall be publicly disclosed and fully explained to the competitor.

Touching or moving of any mount without express permission of the competitor by anyone other than a Judge and/or the Competition Committee/staff is expressly forbidden and grounds for disqualification and removal from the NCTA Convention.

The Competition Committee will resolve any questions concerning the category assignment. Their decision will be final. The above rules are a general overview of the competition rules. The NCTA reserves the right to review and amend these rules at any time deemed necessary.

CATEGORIES-

Selected by which specimen constitutes the major portion of the entry:

Waterfowl

Birds

Fish

Reptile

Life-size Mammals

Gamehead

Whitetail

Original Art

HABITATS: Judging of an entry's habitat is optional and **requires an additional entry fee**. Competitors must identify habitat entries at the time of registration. Judges who score the accompanying specimen will also judge the habitat. Unnatural habitats will not receive a ribbon.

Divisions:

Masters, Professional, Amateur, Youth, Commercial

ONCE YOU COMPETE IN A DIVISION (MASTERS, PROFESSIONAL, AMATEUR, OR YOUTH), YOU MAY NOT MOVE BACK DOWN TO A LOWER DIVISION.

MASTERS DIVISION ELIGIBILITY: Open to all NCTA members who are registered for the convention

CATEGORIES-Selected by which specimen constitutes the major portion of the entry:

Waterfowl

Birds

Fish

Reptile

Life-size Mammals

Gamehead

Whitetail

Original Art

JUDGING: The Master's Division entries will be judged based on the judge's individual merit against a hypothetical "perfect score" rather than against other entries. Judging in this division will be judged exceptionally harder than the Professional Division. Judging will be done with the use of a flashlight and touching of the mount to check that the mount is anatomically correct in all areas. A score sheet will be provided to the competitor, along with the opportunity for the competitor to receive a critique from the judge..

HABITATS: In the Master's Division, judging of an entry's habitat is optional and requires an additional habitat entry fee. Competitors must identify habitat entries at the time of registration. Judges who score the accompanying specimen will also judge the habitat.

AWARDS: In each of the eight major categories, the Highest Numerical Score WITH a first-place ribbon shall earn the title "North Carolina State Champion". Multiple First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons will be awarded. Competitors are eligible for major awards, specialty awards and People's Choice Awards.

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION ELIGIBILITY: Open to all NCTA members who are registered for the convention, but have NOT yet received their Award of Excellence in the particular category they are competing in. Once you receive your Award of Excellence in a category, you must move up to the Master's Division in that category.

CATEGORIES-Selected by which specimen constitutes the major portion of the entry:

Waterfowl

Life-size Mammals

Birds

Gamehead

Fish

Whitetail

Reptile

Original Art

JUDGING: Judging will be done with the use of a flashlight and touching of the mount to check for the mount being anatomically correct in all areas. A score sheet will be provided to the competitor, along with an opportunity for the competitor to receive a critique from the judge.

HABITATS: In the Professional Division, judging of an entry's habitat is optional and requires an additional habitat entry fee. Competitors must identify habitat entries at the time of registration. Judges who score the accompanying specimen will also judge the habitat.

AWARDS: Multiple First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons will be awarded. Competitors are eligible for the Best of Show Professional Award and People's Choice Awards, along with some specialty awards.

AMATEUR DIVISION: This division is for beginning taxidermists who feel their skills have not developed enough to compete in the Professional Division. Judges will be more lenient in this division, with the primary emphasis on teaching competitors. Multiple first, second, and third-place ribbons will be awarded. Persons entering this

level should be more interested in learning than in winning awards. After 2 years in the Amateur Division or if you win Best of Show Amateur, you will have to move up to the Professional Division. Exception: A child under the age of 18 years old may stay in the Amateur Division until they turn 18 OR win Best of Show Amateur, then they must move up to the Professional Division.

CATEGORIES:

Waterfowl	Life-size Mammals
Birds	Gamehead
Fish	Whitetail
Reptile	Original Art

JUDGING: Judging will be done with the use of a flashlight and touching of the mount to check for the mount being anatomically correct in all areas. A score sheet will be provided to the competitor, along with an opportunity for the competitor to receive a critique from the judge.

HABITATS: In the Amateur Division, judging of an entry's habitat is optional and requires an additional habitat entry fee. Competitors must identify habitat entries at the time of registration. Judges who score the accompanying specimen will also judge the habitat.

AWARDS: Multiple First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons will be awarded. Competitors are eligible for Best Upcoming Amateur, Most Creative Amateur, Amateur Best of Show, and People's Choice Awards.

YOUTH DIVISION ELIGIBILITY: Limited to NCTA family members' children present at the convention, 14 years of age and under (Ages 15 and up must compete in Amateur Division...and/or once/if the child wins the Youth Challenge Award, they must move up to Amateur Division). The parents/guardians must be registered members of the convention. There is no entry fee.

CATEGORIES: All categories that exist in the higher divisions are available for the Youth Division.

JUDGING: Youth judging will be done on an approved NCTA score sheet, and consideration will be taken into account for the experience of those entering.

HABITATS: In the Youth Division, judging of an entry's habitat is optional and requires an additional habitat entry. Competitors must identify habitat entries at the time of registration with NCTA.

AWARDS: Multiple First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons will be awarded. The entry selected by the judges collectively as the best mount in the Youth Division will win the Children's Challenge Award. All entries in this division are eligible for People's Choice Awards. Since scoring is more lenient, entries in this category are not eligible for other major awards.

ORIGINAL ART DIVISION ELIGIBILITY: Open to all NCTA members who are registered for the convention.

CATEGORIES: Masters, Professional, Amateur, Youth

Taxidermy Sculptures: Not limited to manikins or sculptures made specifically for use in taxidermy. The sculptures may be in the form of clay, paper, foam, or some other medium.

Bronzes or Castings-Limited to sculptures which have been cast in bronze or some other medium to create a finished piece of art. These items could be bust, miniatures, or life-size.

Carvings-Limited to birds, fish, mammals, and reptiles which have been carved from wood or some other medium and finished. These could be busts, miniatures, or life-size.

Paintings, pencils, pastels, charcoal, etc.- Limit to flat art only.

JUDGING: Score sheet will be provided to the competitor, along with an opportunity for competitor to receive a critique from the judge.

AWARDS – Multiple First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons will be awarded in each division.

CHALLENGE OF THE ART DIVISION ELIGIBILITY: This is a judge's interpretation division open to all species collectively. It will be judged for aesthetics, not mechanics. Any species of a bird, fish, reptile, mammal, or a combination of parts thereof can be entered to be viewed and interpreted by the judges without the use of a flashlight. This division is considered a very creative division that allows all work to be judged equally. It is open to all NCTA members. Entries may be executed by a single or multiple individuals. Company entries are allowed as long as these same rules are followed. This category includes skull mounts, lamps, gun racks, bear claws, etc. (no points toward Award of Excellence). Any animal freeze-dried in its entirety will be placed in the Challenge of the Art Category (velvet antlers and turkey heads will be allowed in their regular animal category).

CATEGORIES: It is an open category- First, Second, and Third place plaques awarded overall, no separate divisions (i.e., Masters, Professional, Amateur, Commercial, Youth).

JUDGING: Judges will select the winners based on the overall merit of the entries. No score sheet.

AWARDS: A maximum of one First, Second, and Third place plaque will be awarded. Judges Choice.

COLLECTIVE ARTISTS DIVISION ELIGIBILITY: This division is for competition entries worked on by more than one taxidermist; all competitors must be identified. Entry requires an additional entry fee. Award of Excellence points will not be credited to any competitor.

HABITATS: In the Collective Artists Division, judging of an entry's habitat is optional and requires an additional habitat entry fee. Competitors must identify habitat entries at the time of registration. Judges who score the accompanying specimen will also judge the habitat.

CATEGORIES: It is an open category- no separate divisions (i.e., Masters, Professional, Amateur, Commercial, and Youth).

JUDGING: Winners are selected by the Judges' Choice. Entries are judged from a distance, with no score sheet.

AWARDS: A maximum of one First, Second, and Third place will be awarded overall in the Collective Artist Division based on the highest numerical scores. First, Second, and Third place medallions will be awarded. Collective Artists Division entries are not eligible for the "North Carolina State Champion." No points awarded for Certification and/or Award of Excellence.

COMMERCIAL DIVISION ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all NCTA members attending the Convention.

CATEGORIES:

Waterfowl

Birds

Fish

Reptile

Life-size Mammals

Gamehead

Whitetail

Original Art

JUDGING: This is a judge's interpretation division open to all species. It will be judged for aesthetics, not mechanics. Competitors should strive to present life-like entries. Any species of a bird, fish, reptile, mammal, or combination can be mounted in a display and entered to be viewed and interpreted by the judges. Judges will judge from 5 feet away. No score sheets.

AWARDS: Multiple First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons will be awarded. No score sheet, no critique, not eligible for any awards or titles. No points awarded for Certification and Award of Excellence.

**North Carolina Taxidermist's
Association
Award of Excellence Qualifications**

21 Points Total

1 Blue Ribbon at NC Show

Blue Ribbon 3 Points

Red Ribbon 2 Points

White Ribbon 1 Point

**Masters Qualification
3 Award of Excellence**

Waterfowl

Birds

Original Art and other

Whitetail

Game Heads

Life-size

Fish

Reptiles

Habitat (this category does not count
toward your Master's)

NCTA Master Taxidermists

(Listed in alphabetical order)

- Chris Barnhardt – 2004
- Martin Bess
- Bruce Bolick
- John Cranford – 2011 (Birds, Fish, Reptiles)
- Bob Driver
- Mike Gillis (Whitetail Deer, Life-Size, Reptiles, Game Heads)
- Tommy Hall – 2004 (Whitetail Deer)
- Kevin Hastings
- Justin Hinson
- Chris Horne
- William Lloyd Johnson III – 2006
- Bradley Morgan – 2017
- Page Nethercutt – 2005 (Game Heads, Birds, Small Game)
- Donna Naughton – 2017
- Dennis Smith
- David Strickland
- Darlene Tarlton – 2011
- Steve Tugwell – 2017 (Whitetail Deer, Game Heads)

North Carolina Taxidermist Association (N.C.T.A) Certification Program

On August 2, 2000, the N.C.T.A Certification Program was voted on and approved by the general membership. The qualifications for certification in this program are among the most demanding in the country. The standards were set high but attainable by any member who puts forth the hard work and effort to be the best in their field or fields of choice.



Certification Qualifications

Must be a member in good standing of the NCTA and meet one of the three following qualifications in professional competition.

One 1st Place blue ribbon and best of category

One 1st Place blue ribbon plus 5 other points

Two 2nd place red ribbons plus 5 other points

Point System

1st place = 4 points

2nd Place = 3 points

3rd Place = 2 points

These Qualifications must be met in each category being only for NCTA members who have met all qualifications can display the following NCTA Certified Taxidermist Logo.

NC Certified Taxidermist Dues are \$50.00 for first-time Taxidermists
\$25 for Renewals

Please make checks payable to:
NC Certified Taxidermist

NCTA Bylaws

(Originally formulated December 6, 1981; revisions incorporated and printed August 1989, new bylaws voted on and passed at annual membership meeting in August 2013 - bylaws effective January 1, 2014, revisions incorporated and printed July 2014)

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.

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