

APPRENTICE TREASURERS' AUTOMATION COMMITTEE

BY-LAWS

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This committee shall be referred to as the Apprentice Treasurers' Automation Committee, herein after referred to as ATRAC. Apprentice Information Systems, LLC will herein after be referred to as Apprentice or AIS.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of this committee are as follows:

1. To allow for recommendations concerning changes in the Apprentice software.
2. Ensure that the changes in the software are in keeping with the consensus of all who utilize the Apprentice software.
3. For networking among county treasurers to ensure a better understanding of the software.
4. To allow Apprentice to keep the treasurers informed on any upcoming changes in the software and recommendations for upgrading hardware to meet software needs.
5. To allow the county treasurers to keep AIS informed of any and all state-mandated changes that would affect the proficiency of the software.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this committee shall consist of: (1) the duly elected county treasurers of the State of Arkansas, and/or the duly appointed chief deputy or deputy treasurer, and (2) all members must be in good standing with AIS.

MEETING

Meetings shall be held during the months of March, June, September and December of each year. The day, times and location of each meeting shall be decided upon by those present at the previous meeting. (i.e. During the March meeting, the day, time and location of the June meeting shall be determined, and so on.)

Meetings shall be conducted as defined by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

OFFICERS

ATRAC's governing body shall consist of a three-member board: president, vice president and secretary/treasurer.

The president shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings and shall perform all duties consistent with the office. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall appoint such committees as shall be deemed necessary.

In the absence of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties of that office.

The secretary/treasurer shall be the recording and corresponding officer. The secretarial duties shall include keeping records and minutes of all meetings and distribution thereof to the membership by mail. The secretary/treasurer shall also keep a roll of all members and their current contact information. The treasury duties shall include the billing and collecting of all dues and maintaining a record of all income and expenditures. A financial report shall be included with the minutes of each meeting and submitted to the entire membership by mail prior to each meeting.

DUES

Dues shall be \$25.00 per county. The secretary/treasurer shall be responsible for the billing and record keeping of all dues. Dues shall be payable prior to the first meeting of every calendar year and shall cover a period of January 1 through December 31 of each year.

ELECTIONS

The President may appoint an election clerk. The election clerk shall have the responsibility of coordinating the election to ensure that the election is handled in a fair and honorable manner.

The officers of ATRAC shall be elected during the first meeting of an election year. Election years are defined as even numbered years. Officers shall hold office for a period of two years and may hold the same office for two consecutive terms. After two years out of office an individual may be reelected to the same position. This does not prevent an individual from holding another office immediately following two consecutive terms. (i.e. If an individual held the office of vice president for four years, he/she may be elected president the same year he/she vacates the position of vice president.)

Elections shall be held only in the event a quorum is present, either in person or by proxy. A quorum is defined as a majority of the membership. If there is no quorum at the first meeting of the election year, elections shall be postponed until another meeting can be scheduled where a quorum is present. All duly elected officers shall continue to hold their respective offices until after the election of new officers. Newly elected officers shall take the office at the next scheduled meeting following the election meeting.

The president may appoint a committee to select nominees for office. However, nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the first meeting of the election year. If requested by any member present, elections may be held by secret ballot. Otherwise, a show of hands will be the indicative sign. Each county is allowed only one vote per office per election regardless of the number of persons present from each county at the meeting. The elected officer(s) shall take office at the next scheduled meeting. Any vacancies shall be filled in the same manner.

Any member-in-good-standing may give to another member, or their designee, his/her proxy agreement in writing to be cast as a proxy vote in the event of absence from a meeting. Members may also cast their vote by mail. Such a ballot is to be sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the word "Ballot." The ballot shall not contain the name of the voting member. The envelope shall show the name and county of the member. The ballot shall be mailed to the secretary or election clerk and shall arrive no later than the day preceding the meeting. The secretary or clerk shall take the sealed ballot to the meeting for inclusion in the balloting.