



ASSOCIATION FOR APPLIED AND THERAPEUTIC HUMOR

The Home of Humor & Laughter Professionals

Regional Chapter Guidelines

The mission of AATH (*Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor*) is to serve as a community of professionals who study, practice and promote healthy humor and laughter. AATH is a non-profit, 501(c)3, member driven, international community of professionals.

The establishment of regional chapters for AATH is an important way to further our outreach and impact as an international organization. We are pleased that you are interested in establishing a regional chapter to support members who are interested in furthering the mission of AATH at a local level. Let us know how we can support your efforts.

General Guidelines

1. Organize a local leadership team. The structure is flexible.
2. Review the Mission of AATH and establish goals and a timeline for your group.
3. Plan your first meeting and come to consensus about forming a local chapter.
4. Fill out the AATH application form for a Local Chapter Charter and submit to the AATH management office.
5. Fees and dues (*AATH is a non-profit organization*):
 - a. Dues shall be minimal to cover costs of operations-if dues are charged an annual financial report will be sent to management office.
 - b. No or nominal cost for members (*Admission fee to cover expenses*)
 - c. Non-members attend the first meeting admission free. Subsequent fee decisions are up to the local leadership team. AATH Membership brochures should be available for those interested.
6. Decide on dates, time and places for meetings.
7. Market this event to AATH members in your region. Notify the management office so your event can be advertised in the Humor Connection.
8. Fundraisers to support the international mission of AATH are welcome. Please keep the AATH board informed of your fundraisers so we can support your efforts.

Contact info@aath.org to connect with a member of a successful chapter.

We're here to help!



Application for Regional AATH Group

Name of Group _____

Date of first meeting _____

Location of first meeting (*open to the public*) _____

Charter members in attendance _____

Planned schedule of meetings: _____

Goals of the organization (*examples below*):

Increase AATH membership and support the AATH mission

Network with other AATH professionals

Provide programs locally to meet the needs of members

Promote AATH activities including the conference

Other significant information about this group: _____

This application is made with the understanding that this AATH Regional organization will follow the mission and purpose of AATH in accordance with the by-laws and policies. It includes recognition that AATH is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. A short yearly report form including financials will be submitted to the AATH board of directors.

Submit Completed Form to:
AATH, Regional Group Application
220 East State St., Floor G
Rockford, IL, 61104