

CONSTITUTION

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATION

1 Name

The name of the association is the International Pediatric Nephrology Association (In this Constitution called "IPNA").

2 Purposes

The purposes of IPNA are to:

- 2.1 Promote knowledge and communication among those interested in pediatric kidney disease.
- 2.2 To improve care and treatment of diseases of the kidney and urinary tract in children throughout the world.

3 Activities

IPNA will pursue the following activities:

- 3.1 Publication of a scientific journal, *Pediatric Nephrology*, which will serve scientific and educational goals.
- 3.2 Conduct an International Congress every two years at which time all members from the basic sciences, clinical sciences, and clinical care disciplines will meet to disseminate knowledge of Pediatric Nephrology.
- 3.3 Support activities and development of regional medical meetings, and training facilities, to disseminate information on Pediatric Nephrology to all areas of the world.
- 3.4 Support and conduct basic science workshops and satellite symposia, which stimulate interest in, and disseminate information, on new and innovative research, and provide a forum to stimulate young physicians in Pediatric Nephrology research.
- 3.5 Develop and support educational programs in Pediatric Nephrology for physicians actively involved in the care of children through regional and national pediatric associations.

4 Affiliation

Regional and / or National Societies will be encouraged to affiliate with IPNA and to co-operate in its work. IPNA will not replace nor compete with Regional or National Societies of Pediatric Nephrology but will co-operate, support and complement them in all their activities.

5 Membership

Membership generally:

- 5.1 A member may reside anywhere in the world.
- 5.2 A physician member must have an active interest in Pediatric Nephrology and must be medically qualified. An affiliate member must have an active interest in Pediatric Nephrology including working with children with kidney disease in a clinical role.
- 5.3 Members of Regional and/or National Pediatric Nephrology Societies will be eligible for membership in IPNA.
- 5.4 All individuals seeking membership will apply either directly to IPNA or through a Regional Society.
- 5.5 A register of members will be kept by the President and published from time to time.
- 5.6 Members must pay an annual membership fee, the amount of which will be determined from time to time by the Council, and may include a subscription to the *Pediatric Nephrology* journal. A person ceases to be a member if they fail to pay the annual membership fee. Members from low- and middle-income countries will receive free IPNA membership in all membership categories.
- 5.7 Honorary Membership may be bestowed on individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Pediatric Nephrology and are now retired. An Honorary Member does not pay an annual membership fee and is not eligible to vote in any election. Potential Honorary Members may be proposed to the Council, which will make the final decision on their membership.
- 5.8 Associate Membership may be granted to any person who is not a recognized pediatric nephrologist, but is a medical practitioner who has an interest in, or contributes to, or participates in, or specializes in the care of individuals with kidney and urologic diseases. Associate Members will pay an annual membership fee, the amount of which will be determined from time to time by the IPNA Council, and may include a subscription to the

Pediatric Nephrology journal.

An Associate Member will not be eligible to vote in any IPNA election.

The IPNA Associates group will have one representative member with voting rights on IPNA Council.

5.9 Affiliate Membership may be granted to any person who is an allied health professional who contributes to or participates in the care of children with kidney and urologic diseases or specializes in the care of individuals with kidney and urologic diseases. Affiliate members will pay an annual membership fee, the amount of which will be determined from time to time by the Council.

An Affiliate Member will not be eligible to vote in any IPNA election.

The IPNA Affiliates group will have one representative member with voting rights on IPNA Council.

6 The Council

The Council will be responsible for managing and controlling the property and affairs of IPNA:

- 6.1 The Council will assist with arrangements for the Congress of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association including the selection of the venue and the Congress President.
- 6.2 The members of the Council will consist of:
 - 6.2.1 Seven Executive Committee members.
 - 6.2.2 Twenty-seven Councilors at large, who will be proposed by their Regional Societies, and will consist of:
 - (a) 3 representatives from the *African Paediatric Nephrology Association* (AfPNA), including at least 1 French-speaking and 1 English speaking member
 - (b) 6 representatives from the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN).
 - (c) 5 representatives from the Asian Pediatric Nephrology Association (AsPNA): China 1, India 1, South East Asia 1, West/Central Asia 1, Asia at large 1.
 - (d) 4 representatives from the *Asociación Latinoamericana de Nefrología Pediátrica* (ALANEPE): at least 1 should be from Brazil.
 - (e) 6 representatives from the *European Society for Paediatric Nephrology* (ESPN).
 - (f) 1 representative from the Japanese Society of Pediatric Nephrology (JSPN).

(g) 1 representative from the Juniors Working Group.

(h) The representative from ANZPNA will also serve as a voting member on IPNA Council.

6.2.3 One representative from the IPNA Associates group.

6.2.4 One representative from the IPNA Affiliates group.

Councilors will serve six-year terms and cannot be re-elected. Representatives of the Junior Working Group, IPNA Associates group and IPNA Affiliates group will serve a three-year term and cannot be re-elected.

6.2.5 The Congress President of the forthcoming International IPNA Congress.

6.2.6 *Ex-officio* Members:

(a) The Editor and Co-Editor of the journal of Pediatric Nephrology. They will serve as *ex-officio* members for the duration of their term.

(b) Chairpersons of workshops and symposia. They will serve a three-year term and cannot be further appointed.

(c) Chairpersons of standing and special committees. They will serve a three-year term and can be further appointed for one more term.

7 The Executive Committee

The affairs of IPNA will be managed by the Executive Committee between Council meetings.

7.1 The members of the Executive Committee shall be:

(a) The President.

(b) The Treasurer.

(c) Seven secretaries (may have title of president for their society). One from each of the seven affiliated Regional Pediatric Societies.

*The seven affiliated Regional Pediatric Societies are: the *African Paediatric Nephrology Association* (AfPNA), the *American Society of Pediatric Nephrology* (ASPN), the *Asian Pediatric Nephrology Association* (AsPNA), the *Asociación Latinoamericana de Nefrología Pediátrica* (ALANEPE), the *Australian New Zealand Paediatric Nephrology Association* (ANZPNA), the *European Society for Paediatric Nephrology* (ESPN) and the *Japanese Society for Pediatric Nephrology* (JSPN).

Each secretary's term of office shall correspond with the duration of their term of

office in their respective Societies.

- (d) The President-Elect for **one year** prior to the commencement of his/her term.
- (e) The Past-President for one year following his/her term of office as President.

8 Nominating Committee and the election process for President and Treasurer

- 8.1 The members of the Nominating Committee will consist of the seven Secretaries and one Councilor at large.
- 8.2 The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Council.
- 8.3 The Nominating Committee shall present up to two candidates for both President and Treasurer to the Council. The election of the President and Treasurer will be undertaken by the general membership of IPNA by a simple majority of those voting.
- 8.4 The Nominating Committee will strive to promote multiregional representation for IPNA officers over time.

9 President and Secretaries

- 9.1 The President will manage the day-to-day affairs of IPNA, and serve as its Chief Executive Officer.
- 9.2 The President will serve a term of three years, and may not be re-elected for any additional term, but will serve on the Council as Past President for one year.
- 9.3 The President will be elected **one year** prior to assuming office and will serve on the Council immediately as President-Elect.
- 9.4 The Secretaries will assist the President in their geographical areas and in more general respects and inform the President of events in their region.
- 9.5 Secretaries will be nominated by their Societies and approved by those members.

10 Treasurer

- 10.1 The Treasurer will be responsible for managing the financial affairs of IPNA in conjunction with the President.
- 10.2** The Treasurer will serve for a period of three years and can be re-elected for another term of three years. The Treasurer's election must coincide with that of the President. **Upon election, one year before assuming Treasurer role, the treasurer-elect will join the IPNA Finance**

Committee.

11 Meetings of Council and the Executive Committee

- 11.1 The General Membership of IPNA will meet every two years at the IPNA Congress.
- 11.2 The Council will meet annually, and the Executive Committee will meet at least biannually.
- 11.3 The President will decide the time and venue of meetings after consultation with the Executive Committee.

12 Language

English will be the language of communication for IPNA.

13 Voting

- 13.1 Any alteration or amendment to this Constitution will require a two-thirds majority of members, voting in-person or by electronic ballot.
- 13.2 Alterations or amendments to this Constitution can only be proposed by ten or more members who reside in more than two regions, or by the Council.

14 Publications

- 14.1 IPNA owns the rights and operates the journal, Pediatric Nephrology with a designated publisher.
- 14.2 The contract for the publication of the journal will be negotiated by the President and Treasurer, and approved by the Council.

15 Committees

There shall be standing committees, the members of which shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Council.

16 Scientific Meetings

- 16.1 IPNA shall hold an International Congress every two years. The venue and President of the Congress will be the decision of the Council.
- 16.2 The chair of the Scientific Committee shall be proposed by the President of the Congress and approved by the Council.
- 16.3 International Workshops and Symposia will be carried out on a regular basis by IPNA on Pediatric Nephrology topics that are consistent with the purposes of IPNA and meet the

scientific and educational needs of the International Membership.

17 By-Laws

The Council may issue by-laws, which are consistent with this Constitution and in the opinion of the Council are necessary or desirable for the proper administration and management of IPNA and may amend or rescind from time to time any such by-law.

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