

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF PHARMACY
COUNCIL OF SECTIONS
STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Council of Sections shall be composed of the administrative officers (chair-elect, chair, immediate past chair) of all academic sections. The primary focus of this Council is to represent the collective interests of the academic disciplines within pharmacy education to the Association and its Board of Directors.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Eligibility

All individual active members eligible for holding the office of chair-elect, chair, and immediate past chair of a section are eligible for membership in the Council of Sections.

2.2 Voting

The administrative officers (chair-elect, chair, immediate past chair) of each academic section shall have full voting privileges within this Council. Individual active, affiliate, associate, student, or emeritus members of any section shall have the right of the floor during Council proceedings but are not eligible to vote on matters coming before this Council.

2.3 Unless otherwise indicated in this document, the term, “members,” means those chosen as administrative officers (chair-elect, chair, immediate past chair) of any section as defined in the Bylaws of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

3.0 ORGANIZATION

The organizational structure of the Council of Sections shall include the following offices, representatives, board, and committees.

3.1 Chair

The Chair shall coordinate the activities of this Council, preside over meetings of this Council and its Administrative Board, and announce meeting calls. The Chair's term of office is normally one year. At the conclusion of each annual meeting, the Chair-elect of this Council assumes the office of Chair. The Chair is not eligible to serve successive terms unless there is a vacancy due to ineligibility of the Chair-elect. If the latter's term terminates, the current Chair will continue in this capacity for his/her final year on the Administrative Board. The Chair shall serve as a representative of this Council on the Board of Directors of the Association.

3.2 Chair-elect

The Chair-elect shall assume the duties of the Chair in the event of the latter's absence or ineligibility and serve on the Council's Administrative Board. The Chair-elect shall serve as a representative of this Council on the Board of Directors of the Association.

3.3 Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for taking the minutes at all meetings of this Council and of its Administrative Board; and for other duties specified in the following rules of this Council. The Secretary shall be elected by this Council to a two-year term, beginning with the termination of the Annual Meeting. The Secretary may not be elected to successive terms of office.

3.4 Immediate Past Chair

The out-going Chair shall serve as Immediate Past Chair of this Council for a term of one year. The Immediate Past Chair shall serve as a member of the Council's Administrative Board and as a representative of this Council to the Board of Directors of the Association. The Immediate Past Chair shall plan (in conjunction with the Administrative Board) and preside over the Council's program session at the Annual Meeting. In the event of the current Immediate Past Chair's inability or ineligibility to serve, the most recent eligible and available past Chair shall be recalled to complete the term of office.

3.6 Board of Directors Representatives

The Representatives of this Council to the Board of Directors of the Association shall be the Chair, the Immediate Past Chair, and Chair-elect. No representative may be elected to successive terms of office.

3.7 Representatives to the Association's Standing Committees

The Administrative Board of this Council shall recommend annually to the President-elect of the Association such members as may be specified in the AACCP Bylaws for each of the Association's Standing Committees and such other committees as may require representatives from this Council.

3.8 Administrative Board of the Council

This Council's Administrative Board shall consist of the Chair, the Chair-elect, the Secretary, and the Immediate Past Chair. The Board shall meet as necessary to plan the Council program at the Annual Meeting including its agenda, to develop this Council's budget and to consider other business. Such meetings are to be scheduled by the Council's Chair. The Executive Vice President of the Association or designee shall be an ex-officio member of the Board without vote.

3.9 Committees of the Council

3.91 The Standing Committees of this Council shall include but shall not be limited to: Nominating, Standing Rules and Resolutions, Quorum, and Programming.

The Nominating Committee will be appointed by the Chair with the Immediate Past Chair serving as chair of the committee. The committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for the offices of Chair-elect and Secretary.

The Standing Rules and Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the Chair and shall be responsible for keeping the standing rules up to date and suggesting changes which may be necessary and shall be responsible for reviewing resolutions submitted to or on behalf of the Council of Sections.

The Quorum Committee shall be appointed by the Chair and functions only at the Annual and Interim Meetings to take the roll of members at these business meetings.

The Programming Committee shall be appointed by the Chair. The Immediate Past Chair will serve as the chair of the committee, with the immediate past chairs of each section serving as members. This committee shall be responsible for establishing the Council's programming at the Annual Meeting, including oversight of individual section programming, and other podium and roundtable sessions submitted at the request of the Council.

3.92 This Council or the Chair may establish additional committees as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Council. Such committees may be continued only until their specific mission has been completed. The Secretary will provide annually a list of all committees, committee members (names and addresses), and due dates of reports.

3.93 Committee membership shall be established by the Chair with the advice of the Administrative Board.

3.94 Membership on all standing committees shall be limited to no less than three members of this

Council. No two members of this Council from the same AACP section may serve concurrently on the same standing committee except for the Programming Committee. Members of any committee (standing or ad hoc) may be appointed for successive terms on the same committee, except for the Nominating Committee.

4.0 ELECTIONS

4.1 Eligibility

To be eligible to be elected Chair-elect of this Council, one must be an individual active member of the Association and an administrative officer of a section (Chair-elect, Chair, Immediate Past Chair) at the time of election. To be eligible to be elected Secretary of this Council, one must be an individual active member of the Association and a member of a section at the time of election. No member of the Administrative Board of this Council may simultaneously hold an Association-wide elected office (e.g., President, Treasurer) at the time the member is serving this Council. Once a Council officer is duly installed, he/she may complete the term of office for which elected as long as he/she remains an active individual member of the Association.

4.2 Vacancies

Upon the death, incapacity, or departure from academic pharmacy of an elected officer, the following procedure will occur: for Chair, the Chair-elect shall automatically succeed to the office of the Chair and serve the remainder of the term plus one full term. At the conclusion of the Chair's term of office, normally one year, and when a successor has been properly installed, the Chair shall automatically succeed to the office of Immediate Past Chair.

For Chair-elect, the office will remain vacant until the next regularly scheduled election.

For Immediate Past Chair, the most recent and eligible Past Chair will be asked to serve as Immediate Past Chair until a new Chair is installed, allowing the former Chair to assume the position of Immediate Past Chair.

For Secretary, the most recent and eligible Secretary will be asked to serve until a new Secretary is installed.

4.3 Nominations

The Nominating Committee shall advance two candidates for each office. For the office of Chair-elect of the Council, the Nominating Committee will annually begin by soliciting nominations of those currently holding the office of Chair-elect of a section. If the initial search is unable to advance two candidates for Chair-elect of the Council, the Nominating Committee shall then solicit nominations of those holding the office of section Chair, and then of the Immediate Past-Chairs of a section until two candidates are slated.

For the office of Secretary of the Council, the Nominating Committee shall solicit nominations from individual active members of the Association who are members of a section.

Nominations for either position may be received from the floor of the Council meeting during the Annual Meeting with supportive biographical materials and consent of the nominee.

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Elections will be conducted by mail or electronic ballot as described in the AACP Bylaws Article XIII. Only Council members (chair-elect, chair, and immediate past chair of each section) shall be eligible to vote for Council officers.

5.0 MEETINGS

- 5.1 This Council shall hold at least one meeting a year which shall be during the Association's Annual Meeting.
- 5.2 Notice of Meetings
Notice of all of this Council's meetings shall be made in advance to all members as part of the Annual Meeting program announcement by AACCP headquarters.
- 5.3 Agenda
It is the duty of the Administrative Board to prepare the agenda for this Council's meetings and to disseminate this information to the membership by the appropriate means.
- 5.4 Quorum
Fifty percent (50%) of the individual active members of this Council representing not less than one-half of the sections of the Association will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 5.5 Voting
A majority of quorum votes is required for passage of a motion. If less than a quorum votes, those who refrain from voting acquiesce in any action taken by the majority of those present and voting. Only individual active members are entitled to vote.
- 5.6 New Business
Items of business not listed on the agenda for the regular meeting may be considered only upon approval of a majority of the members present and voting representing not less than five sections of the Association.
- 5.7 Minutes
The Secretary shall record the minutes of this Council's sessions and send one copy to the Executive Vice President of the Association in a timely manner. Minutes of the meeting of this Council shall be presented for approval at the next regular meeting. The secretary shall keep a permanent file of all minutes.
- 5.8 Special Meetings
Special meetings of this Council may be called by the Chair on his/her own behalf or when requested to do so by a majority vote of the Administrative Board, or upon written petition to the Chair of twenty percent (20%) of the individual active members of this Council.

6.0 BUDGET AND FINANCE

- 6.1 This Council shall not assess or collect dues from its members.
- 6.2 This Council shall receive annually a portion of dues collected by the Association to defray expenses of this Council incidental to its annual meeting and its activities during the year, as approved by the AACCP Finance Committee.

7.0 REPORTS

- 7.1 Resolutions approved by this Council may be statements of this Council's position requiring no further action, or they may be referred to the AACCP House of Delegates, the AACCP Board of Directors, or to any other units of the Association as dictated by their content or intent.
- 7.2 Copies of all reports are to be submitted to the AACCP office.

8.0 GENERAL RULES

- 8.1 Employment

This Council shall not employ any individual whose services may require reimbursement by the Association except with prior authorization by the Board of Directors.

8.2 This Council shall not enter into a contract that in any way obligates the Association without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

8.3 Establishment of Policy

This Council has the privilege of recommending Association policy; however, it is not authorized to extend or alter an existing Association policy without prior review and approval by the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates.

8.4 Public Statements

No member of the Council may issue a public statement in the name of this Council unless authority has been granted by the Administrative Board, and no member of this Council may issue a public statement in the name of the Association unless authority has been granted by the Board of Directors.

8.5 Communications

Communications dealing with major Council activities, policies and ballots of this Council shall be sent to all Council members. The secretary may use the facilities and staff of the Executive Vice President's office to duplicate and to mail these communications to this Council's membership.

8.6 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

This Council may not appoint an official Association representative to another organization. However, nominations for such appointments may be recommended for review and action by the Board of Directors.

8.7 Relations with Other Councils

The Council Chair shall refer all matters which properly belong in the jurisdiction of another Council to the Chair of the respective Council.

8.8 Conference

Special conferences or workshops may be held by this Council upon prior approval of the Board of Directors.

8.9 Amendments of Rules for the Council

This Council may adopt additional rules or amend existing rules as needed to conduct its affairs, provided that these rules are not inconsistent with the Association's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Changes in Association Bylaws will automatically update appropriate sections of these Rules; the Chair of the Council will specify these changes during the next regular business meeting of the Council. The Standing Rules Committee shall consider any amendments proposed by a member and shall report its recommendations to the membership at least (30) calendar days prior to the Annual Meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the individual active members of this Council present and voting will be necessary for adopting. New rules or amendments shall be transmitted to the Executive Vice President for his/her records.