

CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE

The World Organization of Natural Medicine declares the following principles are basic to the harmonious relations and security of all peoples:

Wellness is a more than the absence of disease... it is an approach to health that aims to reduce risk of serious illness. Being proactive not just reactive, prevention not just treatment, a total approach as oppose to segmented parts. Looking at the individual (mind, body spirit) and finding a balance. It is a framework for achieving potential well-being and a lifelong process. Nations experiencing wellness in mind body and spirit are less likely to engage in war and more likely to try and find peaceful solutions to unresolved conflicts with other nations.

CHAPTER I

Objectives: The objectives of the World Organization of Natural Medicine (WONM) shall be the attainment by all people of the world of high level well through the effective delivery of Natural and Traditional health care and education geared towards underserved people.

Chapter II

Functions: In order to meet its objectives, the function of WONM shall be:

- To assist governments, upon request, in strengthening and integrating health services
- To promote, in co-operation with other specialized agencies where necessary, the improvement of nutrition, sanitation and other aspects of environmental hygiene.
- To promote co-operation among scientific and professional groups which contribute to the advancement of wellness.
- To foster activities in the field of wellness, especially those affecting the harmony of human relations.
- To promote and conduct research in the field of traditional medicine.
- To promote improved standards of teaching in traditional natural medicine and integrated health related professions.
- To provide information, counsel and assist in the field of traditional healthcare.
- To assist in developing an informed public opinion among all people on matters of Traditional healthcare.
- To establish and promote international standards for natural medicine education
- To take all necessary action to attain the objectives.

CHAPTER III

Membership:

Memberships shall be open be limited to healthcare professionals, affiliate organizations and supporters.

Potential applicants become members by signing and accepting the constitution in accordance the following provisions:

Provisions:

- signature without reservation as to approval

- signature subject to approval followed by acceptance; or
- acceptance

Acceptance shall be effected by the deposit of a formal document of request addressed to the chairman of the organization.

The secretary shall record the receipt of document of request for membership and an appointed admittance committee shall examine and approve or decline the application for admittance.

If a member fails to meet its obligations in according to membership agreement the disciplinary committee may, on such conditions as it thinks proper, suspend services to which the member is entitled. The committee shall also have the authority to restore membership

CHAPTER IV

Organs: The work of WONM shall be carried out by the Executive office

CHAPTER V

The Health Assembly: The assembly shall be composed of delegates representing affiliate members

- Each affiliate member shall be represented by a maximum of two delegates, one of whom shall be designated by the member as chief delegate. These delegates should be chosen from among persons most; qualified by their competence in the field of health, preferably representing the health administration department of the member.
- Alternatives and advisers may accompany delegates
- The health assembly at each annual meeting and in such special sessions as may be necessary may be convened at the request of the Board or a majority of the members.
- The Health Assembly, at each annual meeting shall select the country or region in which the next annual meeting shall be held. The head of the assembly shall subsequently fix the place for the next meeting. The administration of the executive office shall determine the date and place where the special meeting shall be held.
- The Health Assembly shall elect and report to the President and other executive officers at the beginning of each annual meeting. They shall hold office until their successors are elected.
- The Health Assembly shall adopt its own rule of procedure

The functions of the Health Assembly shall be to:

- To name members entitled to designate a person to serve as board member of the assembly.
- To establish committees as may be considered necessary for the work of the assembly.
- To inform the president and executive staff of members and international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, any matters with regards to wellness which the Health Assembly may consider appropriate

- To establish sub-committees to promote and conduct research in the field of natural and traditional healing systems by establishment of its own institutions or by co-operation with official or non-official institutions of any member with the consent the president and executive staff.
- To establish such institutions as it may consider desirable
- To take any other appropriate action to further the objectives the organization
- The Health Assembly shall have the authority to adopt agreement with respect to any matter within the competence of the Health Assembly. A two-third vote of the Health Assembly shall be required for the adoption of such agreement which shall come into force for each member when accepted by it in accordance with the directive of the president.

The Health Assembly shall have authority to adopt regulations at the direction the World Organization of Natural Medicine concerning:

- To promote, in co-operation with other specialized agencies where necessary, the improvement of nutrition, sanitation and other aspects of environmental hygiene.
- To promote co-operation among scientific and professional groups which contribute to the advancement of wellness.
- To foster activities in the field of wellness, especially those affecting the harmony of human relations.
- To promote and conduct research in the field of natural medicine.
- To provide information, counsel and assist in the field of natural medicine
- To assist in developing an informed public opinion among all people on matters of natural medicine as the choice for the poor.
- To take all necessary action to attain the objectives of the World Organization of Natural Medicine.

CHAPTER VI

The executive department and officers shall consists of the President, President's Attaché, Vice president, general secretary consultant and all administrative members.

Functions of the Executive Board:

- To give effect to the decision and policies of the Health Assembly
- To act as the executive organ to the Health Assembly
- To advice the Health Assembly on questions referred to it by and on matters assigned to WONM by conventions, agreement and regulations
- To promote the agenda of meeting of the Health Assembly
- To study all questions within its competence
- To take emergency measures within the functions and financial resources of WONM to deal with events requiring immediate action. In particular it may authorize the Health Assembly to take necessary action participate in the organization of health relief to victims of calamity.

- The Executive office/depart under the leadership of the organization's president shall execute the power delegated by its body.

Duties of the Executive department members:

Executive: Chief Operating Officer directly oversees the areas of Communications, Congresses and conferences, Legal

Executive Membership officer: shall oversee and manage all affairs of membership.

Communications Officer: Shall responsible for decimation of information and advertising to the public as well as government and non-governmental organizations.

Secretary General: shall be responsible for record keeping of member nations and organizations meeting and conventions

Consultant: Shall be responsible for the image of the organization through websites, radio, TV, and social media

Sub-committee consisting of maximum of six members to execute direction given by the executive department.

CHAPTER VII

Budget and Expenses

The secretary shall prepare and submit to the executive the annual budget estimates of the organization as directed by the president. The Executive department shall consider and submit to the Health Assembly appropriate budget and recommendations as it deem advisable to carry out its activities.

The Health Assembly or the executive office may accept and administer gifts and bequest made to WONM provided that the conditions attached to such gifts and bequest are acceptable to organization or the Health Assembly and are consistent with the objectives and the policies of the organization.

A special fund to be used at the discretion of Executive department/office shall be established to meet emergencies and unforeseen contingencies.

CHAPTER VIII

Voting: The decisions of the Health Assembly or the Executive Department/office shall be made by two third of the members present and voting. The decisions shall include: the adaptation of conventions and agreements, the approval of agreement of bringing WONM into relation with inter-governmental organizations and agencies and amendment to the constitution.

Decisions on other questions, including the termination of additional categories, of questions to be decided by two third majority, shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

CHAPTER IX

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

- WONM shall enjoy in the territory of affiliate member nation such legal capacity as may be necessary for the fulfillment of its objectives and for the exercise of its functions
- WONM reprehensive/s designated to serve on the Executive and administrative personnel's shall similarly enjoy such privileges and immunities as necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connections with WONM Such legal capacity, privileges and immunities shall be defined in a separate agreement to be prepared and voted on by two third majority of members present and voting.

**CHAPTER X
AMMENDMENTS**

Text of proposed amendments of this constitution shall be communicated by the World Organization of Natural Medicine president to members at least six months in advance of their considerations. Amendment shall come into force for all members when adopted by a two third vote of the Executive Office members and six members of the Health Assembly and accepted by two third vote of the members in accordance with their respective constitutional process.

**CHAPTER XI
INTERPRETATION**

Any question or dispute concerning the interpretation or applications of this constitution which is not settled by negotiation shall be referred to an external independent organization for resolution unless the parties concerned agree on another mode of settlement.

This Constitution was done in the city of Toronto Canada the 1st day of January 2006 in a single copy in English and agreed to by majority Executive members