

Canadian Society for Circumpolar Health
By-Laws

ARTICLE I

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| <u>Section 1</u> | <u>Name</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The name of the Association shall be “Canadian Society for Circumpolar Health”.2 “Circumpolar” is defined as including all Arctic and sub-Arctic areas of Canada and including all indigenous peoples of Canada regardless of area of residence. |
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ARTICLE II

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| <u>Section 1</u> | <u>Goals</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To improve and maintain the health of circumpolar peoples of Canada.2. To promote and support the efforts of circumpolar peoples in the attainment of better health. |
| <u>Section 2</u> | <u>Objectives</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To solicit the views of circumpolar peoples regarding the role and direction of this Society.2. To foster the dissemination of information of a scientific or otherwise educational nature relevant to circumpolar health3. To serve as coordinating agent for international contacts relevant to circumpolar health.4. To increase the awareness in Canada of the health conditions and perspectives of circumpolar people.5. Where appropriate, to serve in a consultative fashion with responsible agencies to satisfy these goals and objectives.6. To encourage the conduct of scientifically based research with special needs identified, such as health care delivery and diseases of lifestyle; to encourage research into mechanisms whereby circumpolar peoples can obtain maximum involvement in their own health care management delivery; to promote the involvement of circumpolar peoples in research projects which concern them.7. To assume a role in the teaching model.8. To serve as a resource to circumpolar peoples in the development of solutions to their needs. |

9. To develop contacts in the international health arena to allow for the bi-directional application of knowledge relevant to both third world and circumpolar health.
10. To develop a liaison with other agencies, military, industrial and academic which have health related involvement in circumpolar areas.
11. To serve as a medium for the publication of materials relevant to circumpolar health.
12. To encourage multidisciplinary involvement in the conduct of research in circumpolar areas.
13. To encourage the development of innovative and creative programs involving alternative models of care.
14. To encourage and assist circumpolar peoples in the entry into professional areas.

ARTICLE III

Section 1 Membership

Full

Membership shall be open to any person in agreement with the purposes of the Society as stated in Article II. Application for membership shall be made in writing and acted upon by the executive of the Society. Full members are eligible for the privileges described in Article IV, Section 1.

Student

Any member who is enrolled as a full time student during the Society's fiscal year. Student members are eligible for all privileges described in Article IV, Section 1.

Honourary

Any person whose personal contribution to the purpose of the Society merits special recognition, may be selected by the Executive Committee as an Honourary Member of the Society. Recommendation for Honourary Membership may be made by any full member, or the Regional Advisory Council. Honourary Members shall be eligible for all privileges described in Article IV, Section 1.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1 Privileges of Membership

1. To receive material pertinent to the Society.
2. To attend all business and scientific meetings.
3. To cast a single vote.

4. To be eligible to hold office or serve on the Regional Advisory Committee.
5. To serve on the Executive.

ARTICLE V

Section 1 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and shall be nominated and shall be nominated and elected by the procedure in Article V, Section 5. The outgoing president shall be a member of the Executive Committee for a period of three years.

Section 2 Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per year at a meeting to be called by the President.

Section 3 Election

A slate of nominees for the Executive Committee will be prepared by the President and the Regional Advisory Council. At the discretion of this Nominating Committee, the slate may consist of one or more candidates for each each position on the Executive Committee. In addition, the slate so prepared will allow each voting member the option to write in candidates. The election shall take place at the annual meeting of the Society.

Section 4 Term of Office

The term of office of the Executive Committee shall be three (3) years. The term shall begin the first day following the general meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1 Regional Advisory Council

The Regional Advisory Council shall consist of: one (1) member or alternate from each of the following regions: Alberta/Saskatchewan; British Columbia/Yukon Territory; Manitoba/Northwest Ontario; Ontario; Quebec; Northwest Territories; Newfoundland/Labrador; Atlantic; and two (2) members or alternates from each of the following organizations: Assembly of First Nations and Inuit Tapirisat of Canada or Inuit Women's Association; and Native Council of Canada.

Section 2 Responsibility

The Regional Advisory Council shall have the responsibility: to bring to the Executive Committee issues related to the purpose of the Society and to act as an advisory body in decisions regarding regional and / or national affairs of the Society.

Section 3 Elections to Regional Advisory Council

Members resident in the regions, and members of the organizations designated in Article VI, Section 1, shall nominate and elect representatives to the Regional Advisory Council.

Section 4 Term of Office

The term of office of the Regional Advisory Council shall be three (3) years. The term shall begin the first day following the general meeting.

Section 5 Meetings

The Regional Advisory Council shall meet at least once annually, normally in conjunction with a meeting of the Executive Committee.

The presence of 50% of elected Regional Advisory Council members or designated alternates shall constitute a quorum.

These meetings shall be open to the general membership who may attend in a non-voting capacity.

Section 6 Unexpired Terms

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill vacancies among officers and members of the Regional Advisory Council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1 Committees

The President or Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint committees as are deemed necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Society and such committees shall report to the President or Executive Committee and shall serve terms as decided by the President or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1 Dues

Annual dues for full and student membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Annual dues shall be established at the general meeting and will be effective from that date. Annual fees shall be due on May 1 of each year.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1 Meetings and Conferences

The Executive Committee shall meet as described in Article V, Section 2. The Executive Committee shall call a general meeting which shall be held every three (3) years in conjunction with the meeting of the International Circumpolar Society.

At the general meeting officers and Committee members will make reports, the Treasurer shall report on the financial status of the Society and old and new business shall be conducted.

Other Executive Committee meetings shall be held at the request of the President.

At the general meeting of the Society, thirty percent (30%) of the current full members of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X

Section 1 Amendments

Amendments may be presented to the Executive Committee and voted on by the membership at the general meeting of the Society, or the Executive Committee shall provide written notice of a proposed amendment to all members by mail.

In order to be adopted a proposed amendment must receive a two-thirds majority favourable vote.

ARTICLE XI

Section 1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year for the Society shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1

The Executive Committee is authorized to hire staff including a legal counsel, auditor, translator, and an Executive Secretary as is deemed necessary.

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1

The organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the organization shall be used in promoting its objectives.

Revised by General Assembly May 23, 1990.
Effective May 24, 1990

Jean Goodwill, President

Gary Pেকেles, Secretary

David Beach, Treasurer