

## **Mission Statement of the WNF**

1. Supporting the growth and diversity of naturopathic medicine worldwide
2. Supporting the regulation of naturopathic medicine
3. Promoting accreditation and the highest educational standards for our global profession
4. Encouraging naturopathic research
5. Establishing and maintaining a database of Naturopathic organizations, regulation, accreditation, conferences and research activities.
6. Working with world agencies (World Health Organisation, United Nations, UNESCO) and national governments in order to promote naturopathic medicine.

## **Members and Sponsors of the WNF**

The types of members of the WNF will include full members, associate members and individual members. Sponsors will include corporate sponsors and private sponsors.

### ***Full Member (only voting member)***

To become a full member of the World Naturopathic Federation an association must meet the following criteria:

- Legally constituted national naturopathic association or federation.
- Voting members of the national naturopathic association must be limited to primarily naturopaths, naturopathic doctors or their equivalent.
- National naturopathic association must recommend the highest naturopathic educational standards available in their country. Note: Based on the World Health Organization (WHO) benchmark guidelines only national naturopathic associations that ensure that all members graduated from a minimum 1500 hour (or equivalent) naturopathic program are eligible for full membership. The organizations must also:
  - have, as part of their membership criteria, a way of verifying the level of education of their members and graduation status.
  - represent a significant percentage (at least 20%) of naturopaths, naturopathic doctors or their equivalent in their country.
- National naturopathic association must not be subject to, or controlled by, any office or agency of government
- It is strongly recommended that there is only one national naturopathic association or federation per country represented as a full member of the WNF.

*Note: the goal of the WNF is to create a federation that represents the interests of naturopaths, naturopathic doctors (or equivalent). We recognize that in some countries the national naturopathic associations also include other health practitioners. If more than one national organization exists with equivalent educational standards, and one of those organizations has*

*naturopaths/naturopathic doctors exclusively as part of their membership we would generally select the national organization that work with the largest percentage of naturopaths/naturopathic doctors as part of the WNF.*

Full member organizations must:

1. have a commitment to levels of training commensurate with delivery of primary care services in their country
2. have a commitment to achieving statutory licensure or regulation in their country to ensure appropriate levels of accountability and standards in their respective country
3. have a commitment to other principles around professionalization as outlined in the World Health Organization's Traditional Medicine Strategy.

Voting for national naturopathic associations

- Each national naturopathic association will have equal voting rights.
- There will be one vote per country. If it is decided that there will be two (or more) national naturopathic associations for a specific country the countries will jointly have one vote, which they lose in case of disagreement between them.

Cost of membership for Full members

- The annual fee for full membership is USD\$120 (if the number of naturopaths is 10 or less) or alternatively USD\$3 per member to a maximum of USD\$5000.
- When calculating the number of members, only voting members are to be included.

### ***Associate members***

Non-profit naturopathic associations, organisations or institutions with goals and objectives that are consistent with those of the WNF, or are useful to the aims of the WNF, but who do not meet the criteria of Full Membership, may be granted Associate Membership. Associate members pay dues but cannot vote. They can attend meetings as observers, are encouraged to participate on WNF working groups and have access to all materials and information the WNF may provide to its members.

- The annual fee for Associate Membership is USD\$1500.

### ***Educational members***

Educational organisations or institutions that focus primarily on the education of naturopaths, naturopathic doctors, with goals and objectives that are consistent with those of the WNF, or are useful to the aims of the WNF may be granted Educational Membership. Educational members pay dues but cannot vote. They can attend meetings as observers, are encouraged to participate on WNF working groups and have access to all materials and information the WNF may provide to its members.

- The annual fee for Educational Membership is USD\$1500.

## ***Individual Members***

Naturopaths, naturopathic doctors, naturopathic students or their equivalent with goals and objectives that are consistent with those of the WNF may be granted Individual Membership. Individual members pay dues but cannot vote. They can attend meetings as observers, are encouraged to participate on WNF working groups and have access to all materials and information the WNF may provide to its members.

- The annual fee for Individual Membership for practitioners is USD\$250
- The annual fee for Individual Membership for students is USD\$50

## ***Corporate Sponsors***

Corporate sponsors with goals and objectives that are consistent with those of the WNF, or are useful to the aims of the WNF, may be granted corporate sponsorship. Corporate sponsors pay dues but cannot vote. They can attend meetings as observers and have access to all materials and information the WNF may provide to its members. Corporate sponsors cannot participate in WNF working groups.

- The annual fee for Corporate Sponsorship is:
  - Platinum: USD\$10,000
  - Diamond: USD\$5,000
  - Gold: USD\$2,500
  - Silver: USD\$1,000
  - Bronze: USD\$500

## ***Private Sponsors***

Private sponsors with goals and objectives that are consistent with those of the WNF, or are useful to the aims of the WNF, may be granted private sponsorship. Private sponsors pay dues but cannot vote. They can attend meetings as observers and have access to all materials and information the WNF may provide to its members. Private sponsors cannot participate in WNF working groups.

- The annual fee for Private Sponsorship is:
  - Platinum: USD\$5,000
  - Diamond: USD\$2,500
  - Gold: USD\$1,000
  - Silver: USD\$500

- Bronze: USD\$250

### *Non-Profit Sponsors*

Non-profit groups may apply to be non-profit sponsors of the WNF. Non-profit sponsors with goals and objectives that are consistent with those of the WNF, or are useful to the aims of the WNF, may be granted non-profit sponsorship. Non-profit sponsors pay dues but cannot vote. They can attend meetings as observers and have access to all materials and information the WNF may provide to its members. Non-Profit sponsors cannot participate in WNF working groups.

- The annual fee for Non-Profit Sponsorship is:
  - Platinum: USD\$5,000
  - Diamond: USD\$2,500
  - Gold: USD\$1,000
  - Silver: USD\$500
  - Bronze: USD\$250

### **Notes:**

**New members:** Admission of new members to the WNF shall be the decision of the general assembly of voting members. Under the WNF's Bylaws applications for membership may be given interim approval by the WFN Interim Committee, but must be ratified by the WNF Membership in Assembly.

**Termination of members:** Termination of members shall be decided on the same basis as admission of new members.

**Initial membership:** The initial membership fee will be effective until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. That is, for those members that join in January of 2015 their annual dues, for the first year, will cover them for 18 months.