



1st Quarter Update 2024



Strategic Plan 2023-2025

The following update provides an overview of the steps that the WNF Committees are taking to ensure that they achieve the objectives set out in the WNF Strategic Plan 2023-2025.

Research Working Group

Dr. Renée Purdy, ND
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The WNF Research Working Group is moving forward with its strategic objectives including developing research curriculum guidelines to support the building of research capacity within naturopathic educational institutions and researching collaboration within the naturopathic profession by gathering data on inter-organisation collaboration and inter-professional collaboration within the naturopathic profession.

To support the building of naturopathic research capacity globally a research advocacy group, currently composed of 13 members has been formed. This group is working on updating a list of tools and resources to support naturopathic research.

If you haven't yet identified a research advocate for your organization, please reach out with the person's name and contact information.

Educational Committee

Tina Hausser, Heilpraktiker, Naturopath
Madeleine "Abena" Tuson-Turner, ND, MSiMR, MSGH

Currently the Educational Committee is reviewing a draft of the *Naturopathic Supervised Clinical Practice Guide*. This guide aims to assist naturopathic programs without in-house clinics to expand their supervised clinical training programs. Additionally, in line with the WNF Strategic Plan 2023-2025, the Educational Committee is developing an educational program guide on naturopathic medical knowledge. This guide will be beneficial for both for institutions considering expansion to a 2500-hour practitioner's program or a 4000+ hour doctoral program. The Educational Committee is comprised of three full members, two educational expert organizations, and 6 educational members, with representation from both 2500-hour and 4000+ hour programs.

Environmental Health Committee

Dr. Moira Fitzpatrick, PhD, ND
Dr. Hope Foley, PhD

The Environmental Health Committee is actively working on the WNF strategic objective of "being part of the conversation". Specifically, members of the committee are on a timeline to complete the Environmental Risk Factors website. The committee has also initiated a subcommittee to research and write a white paper on climate change. The Environmental Health Committee in collaboration with the communications committee is engaged in a social media campaign to educate professionals and the public about the effects of plastic on the environment and human health. This campaign is in support of Earth Day (April 22nd) and its theme Planet vs. Plastic.

There are currently nine members of the Environmental Health committee. We are looking for additional volunteers to help us complete the Environmental Risk Factors website.

Communications Committee

Dr. Tobey-Ann Pinder, BScH, ND, JD

The WNF Communications Committee is currently working towards crafting a comprehensive communications plan that aligns with the WNF Strategic Plan so that in our social media and communications we can continue to highlight the hard work of the WNF Committees, and the delivery of the strategic objectives of the WNF, tailored and targeted to our audiences.

With 5 active members of the Committee, including two outstanding Social Media Coordinators, we're fostering impactful engagement across platforms reflected in positive engagement metrics. As we continue to grow our reach, we welcome new people to the Committee. Please reach out if you have a passion, interest or skills in communications, your voice can help amplify our impact.

Members' Newsletter Reminder - April Edition

The next issue of the WNF Members' Newsletter is just weeks away. We need your news! If you have a story you'd like to share, please contact us.

