



## WNF Education Committee Terms of Reference

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### Rationale

As a professional international association, the WNF is engaged in a diverse range of activities; however, all activities have an overarching goal to enhance and promote the global naturopathic profession.

The WNF represents naturopathic doctors and naturopaths globally. All member organizations need to support the highest in naturopathic educational standards for their country and need to support the regulation of the naturopathic profession. The naturopathic profession is defined by its philosophies, principles and theories and encompasses a broad set of therapies, practices and procedures.

The WNF Educational Committee supports the global naturopathic educational community and provides guidelines and support documents to ensure the highest in naturopathic educational standards.

There are three main naturopathic educational programs:

- A 4000+ hour naturopathic doctor program
- A 2500-hour naturopathic practitioner program
- A 4000-hour Bachelor in Naturopathic and Yoga Sciences (only offered in India and Nepal)

### Membership

- Minimum number of members: five (5); maximum number of members: eleven (11)
- At least four (4) world regions represented
- At least one (1) and a maximum of two (2) members from the WNF Board (one to be Co-Chairperson).
- At least one (1) and a maximum of two (2) full members
- At least three (3) and a maximum of five (5) educational members (one to be Co-Chairperson).
- A maximum of (1) NPP or specialities based on the Strategic initiatives for that year.
- The WNF Chief Executive Officer.
- Any conflicts of interest must be declared, and those individuals may be asked to leave the working group.

### Period of Office

Appointed members shall normally serve on the Educational Committee for a term of two (2) years. Members may serve consecutive terms.

### Quorum

A quorum for meetings of the Educational Committee shall be half the membership (at the time, plus one and a WNF Executive member must always be in attendance.

## Goals

The Educational Committee shall be directly responsible to the WNF Board and will have the following functions:

- To support the highest in naturopathic educational standards globally.
- To represent the three standard naturopathic educational programs globally.
- To maintain a working knowledge of the naturopathic educational landscape globally.
- To facilitate collaboration between WNF educational members
- To foster the naturopathic accreditation efforts of our members.
- To produce guidance documents for naturopathic educational program.
- To support naturopathic educational institutions that are working towards one of the standard naturopathic educational programs.
- To work collaboratively with other WNF committees with respect to naturopathic educational support.
- To assist in the evaluation of potential naturopathic educational institutions for WNF Educational Membership.

## Meeting Schedule

The Educational Committee shall meet four (4) times a year, normally before meetings of the Board. Additional meetings may be scheduled on a needs basis to enable the Committee to discharge its duties.

## Meeting Procedures

For the purpose of this Committee policy and associated procedures, “meeting” shall include a meeting conducted face-to-face, by telephone (teleconference) or by audio visual means.

External stakeholders of the WNF may request the opportunity to address the Educational Committee at any time and this request will be considered and approved by the Chair/co-Chairs. The minutes of the meeting will be recorded and shared with the members within a week of the meeting.

## Review and Reference

Terms of Reference and the functioning of the Educational Committee will be subject to review at least every two years by the Board to ensure that it is operating effectively, fulfilling its functions and reviewed for continuing relevance. Each year the Educational Committee will undertake a self-evaluation of performance. Areas requiring further attention in the following year will be highlighted to the Board.