

WNF Naturopathic Roots Working Group 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 and to support internal development and professionalism of its members.

WNF Working Groups are formed to support specific WNF projects or initiatives that advance the global naturopathic profession and/or that add to the professional development of its members. The WNF Naturopathic Roots working group will hold ad hoc meetings to support the development of a document highlighting the history of the naturopathic profession by country and world region.

Membership

- Number of members: minimum three (3). Maximum nine (9).
- At least four (3) world regions represented
- At least one (1) and a maximum of three (3) members from the WNF Executive (one to be Executive Lead).
- At least three (3) and maximum seven (7) representatives from WNF member organizations with an interest in naturopathic history.
- 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

The Executive Lead will normally serve a two-year term and may serve consecutive terms, with no maximum. Members of the WNF Naturopathic Roots Working Group, may participate in the WG for as long as the WG is active.

Quorum

The Naturopathic Roots Working Group meeting is considered to be at quorum based on attendance of at least three (3) members, including the WNF Executive Lead.

Goals

The Naturopathic Roots Working Group shall be directly responsible to the WNF Education Committee and will have the following goals:

- To capture the history of the naturopathic profession by country and/or world region.
- To compile a document outlining the history of the global naturopathic profession
- To support the dissemination of the historical naturopathic information.



Meeting Schedule

The Naturopathic Roots Working Group will hold ad hoc meetings, as it seems fit.

Meeting Procedures

For the purpose of the Naturopathic Roots Working Group, “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 Naturopathic Roots WG at any time and this request will be considered and approved by the WNF Lead. 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 WNF Naturopathic Roots Working Group will be subject to review at least every year by the Board to ensure that it is operating effectively, fulfilling its functions and reviewed for continuing relevance. Each year the Naturopathic Roots Working Group will undertake a self-evaluation of performance. Areas requiring further attention in the following year will be highlighted to the WNF Executive.