

CONSTITUTION FOR  
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGISTS  
ASSOCIATION des NEPHROLOGUES PEDIATRIQUES du CANADA

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1           The name of this organization shall be “The Canadian Association of Pediatric Nephrologists - Association des Nephrologues Pédatriques du Canada”.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 1           This is a non-profit organization, with close collegial ties to the Canadian Society of Nephrology.

The Association will promote academic interest, cooperative research and data gathering within the specialty of pediatric nephrology. The Association will relate to the Kidney Foundation, promoting acceptable standards of care for children with renal disorders. The Association will provide information to both the Royal College of Physicians and surgeons and to university chairs of pediatrics to help define training and manpower needs.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1           Eligible members are those physicians or those scientists whose practice is largely confined to pediatric renal disease or research.

SECTION 2           An associate membership will be available to those who want to participate in promoting the purpose of the association. Such members will neither vote nor hold office, but will be expected to pay dues.

#### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

SECTION 1 The officers of the association shall be President, President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer. The officers shall have been voting members of the association for at least one year prior to their election.

SECTION 2 In the event of death, resignation or removal from office of any officers, the members of the organization may nominate and elect a successor.

#### ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 This constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote of the total membership, either during a regular meeting or by subsequent ballot, provided the amendment has been proposed in writing and recorded at the last regular meeting.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I - MEETING

- SECTION 1 A regular meeting shall be held annually, often at the time and site of the Canadian Society of Nephrology meeting.
- SECTION 2 Special meetings may be called by the officers.

### ARTICLE II - FISCAL YEAR

- SECTION 1 The fiscal year shall end December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- SECTION 2 Newly elected officers shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting and hold office for two years, or until a duly elected successor takes office.
- SECTION 3 Only the Secretary-Treasurer may serve for more than two consecutive years in the same office.

### ARTICLE III - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- SECTION 1 Nominations and elections will be held at the annual meeting. A nominating committee composed of three Past Presidents with the immediate Past President as chairman shall present a slate of candidates. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. A two thirds majority of members present will be required to elect.

## ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- SECTION 1 The President shall preside at all meetings, have general supervisory power over the organization, see that officers perform duties, and enforce the by-laws. He or she will be primarily responsible for the organization of the annual meeting. The president will cast the deciding vote when there is a tie in the balloting.
- SECTION 2 The President-Elect shall preside in the absence of the President in the case of death, sickness, resignation, disqualification, refusal or neglect of the President to discharge the duties of his or her office. The President-Elect shall then perform duties incumbent upon the President for the remainder of the term of office.
- SECTION 3 The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a careful and authentic record of the proceedings of the organization and prepare a roll call of members. A financial report will be presented at the annual meeting.
- SECTION 4 The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all money of the organization, pay bills and disperse funds as directed and have all accounts receipted upon payment of the same. The treasurer shall be charged with the collection of dues. All disbursements shall be by cheque and require the signature of the Treasurer.

## ARTICLE V- DUES

- SECTION 1 Dues shall be established by majority vote of the membership at each annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

- SECTION 1 These by-laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the total membership, either during a regular meeting or by subsequent ballot, provided the amendment has been proposed in writing and recorded at the last meeting.

ARTICLE VII - NON PROFIT STATUS and  
DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall enure to the benefit of any individual or member. Where appropriate, the officers may determine to compensate reasonably any officer or employee of the Association in accordance with and commensurate with the labour, services, or other endeavours performed by such persons.

SECTION 2

In the event of the dissolution of this Association, or in the event it shall cease to exist for the stated purposes, all the property and assets shall be distributed to an organization or agency of similar nature and of charitable and nonprofit status, or to a local, provincial, or the federal government for exclusively public purposes. Under no circumstances shall any of the property or assets of this Association during the existence and/or upon the dissolution thereof go and be distributed to any other officer, member of other person within the Association.