

ASTMH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH (ACGH)

Leadership

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CHARTER OF THE ASTMH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH

Objectives

The ASTMH Committee on Global Health (ACGH) is organized under the auspices of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) and has the following objectives:

1. To promote the development of the field of Global Health which addresses multidisciplinary transnational approaches to health issues that unfavorably affect underserved and under-resourced populations.
2. To educate about global health issues inclusive of and in addition to ASTMH's traditional purview of tropical medicine and hygiene through pre-courses, workshops, symposia and abstract presentations
3. To foster collaborations between individuals and groups that address global health issues
4. To facilitate dissemination and publication of global health research
5. To provide recruitment opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a career in global health.
6. To serve as a representative voice from ASTMH in other Global Health organizations, societies and working groups.
7. To recognize outstanding contributions in Global Health

Meetings

The ACGH will meet at least annually under the aegis of the ASTMH Annual Meeting.

Membership

Members in good standing of ASTMH who wish to join ACGH may do so by paying subgroup dues in accordance with rates set by the ACGH Executive Council. ACGH will establish a fund for voluntary donations to be managed by ASTMH. Funds collected on behalf of ACGH from sources such as dues, voluntary donations, etc. will be managed by ASTMH and used for activities that further the objectives of ACGH, including receptions, annual awards, fellowships and international training opportunities, and payment of page charges in the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* for qualifying articles (e.g. editorials, topical reviews, symposium proceedings, cutting-edge papers, etc.).

Governance

Executive Council

There will be elected leadership in the form of an Executive Council consisting of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary-Treasurer and four Councilors. Any active member in good standing is eligible for election to office. The initial leadership of the Committee on Global Health will serve for a total of 18 months.

The President-Elect and President will each serve terms of one year in succession. The Secretary-Treasurer and Councilors serve terms

of two years. Terms of office begin at the close of the annual meeting at which the officers were declared elected. All members of the ACGH Executive Council are allowed to vote on Council business. Council members may run for and serve consecutive terms.

The President serves as chief executive officer for the ACGH and presides over meetings of the ACGH Executive Council and the ACGH annual business meeting. The President may fill vacancies among the Councilors by appointing Councilors from the membership to serve until the missing Councilor returns to office or through the remainder of the absent Councilor's term, if return to office is not possible. If the Secretary-Treasurer is unable to complete his/her term, the President will appoint a replacement from the membership to serve until the next annual meeting when a new Secretary-Treasurer will be elected.

The President-Elect presides over meetings of the ACGH in the absence of the President. If the presidency becomes vacant, the President-Elect will serve out the balance of the President's unexpired term before going on to complete his/her originally-scheduled term as President.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the ACGH works with the Secretary-Treasurer of ASTMH to monitor the Committee's finances and to develop its annual budget. The ACGH Secretary-Treasurer maintains minutes of the ACGH Executive Committee and annual business meeting and compiles reports on ACGH activities for presentation to the ASTMH Council as requested.

Elections

The ACGH Executive Council appoints a nominating subcommittee consisting of five active members. No more than three of those members may be current members of the ACGH Executive Council. A slate of candidates for offices to be filled at the next annual meeting will be distributed to ACGH members by mail and/or electronic mail no later than two months prior to the next annual meeting. Members may submit themselves or suggest other active members as candidates to the Chairman of the nominating committee, but the nominating committee will not be obligated to put such individual(s) on the slate unless there is a supporting petition from three active members in addition to the individual proposed.

Election for each office shall be by secret mail and/or electronic mail ballot and determined by majority vote (or by the greatest number of votes if more than two candidates). Mailing and counting ballots shall be the responsibility of the ACGH Secretary-Treasurer. Results of voting will be announced in the ASTMH newsletter and at the next ACGH annual business meeting.

Subcommittees

Subcommittees may be formed to deal with important issues such as awards, pre-course development, fundraising, career opportunities, interfacing with the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, and planning of ACGH-supported symposia and workshops at the ASTMH annual meeting.