A world with equitable access to health and well-being for all

**Committee on Global Health**

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**Vision**

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**Mission**

**Principles**

1. **Responsive**: addressing and adapting to the changing global health landscape
2. **Forward-leaning**: embracing the changing epidemiology and public health priorities of lower resource countries, including those in the tropics
3. **Collective**: cognizant that we operate within a broader ecosystem and will achieve impact by forging new partnerships
4. **Inclusive**: committed to serving all ASTMH members interested in global health
5. **Transdisciplinary**: breaking down disease siloes within ASTMH and in global health more broadly
6. **Engaged**: Interfacing with major global health agendas including Primary Health Care (PHC) including Community Health, Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**Context**

Increased interest in transdisciplinary and multi-sectoral approaches

- One Health and Planetary Health gathering increased attention
- Climate change will dominate global investments in coming years, and work will cut across all sectors, including health
- Population growth, poverty, inequality, water scarcity, migration, and urbanization are some of the many forces that will demand multisectoral solutions

Broad global health agendas are driving focus and investments

- 3 policy agendas (PHC, UHC, and SDGs) will continue to dominate global discourse over short and medium term
- Continued focus on pandemic threats and preparedness, as well as health system resilience
- The rise of chronic diseases (aka NCDs) is of paramount concern in most countries

ASMTH is evolving rapidly with growing membership, especially from outside of North America

- Need to engage anthropologists, economists, sociologists, political scientists, engineers, & those engaged in implementation and logistics
- Need to engage LMIC members more actively, serve their needs more effectively, and more actively solicit input to inform ACGH and ASTMH priorities

**Goals**

1. **TRAILBLAZING**: Link ASTMH to existing and emerging global health and development initiatives
   - Focus on important trends in global health, linking ASMTH to broader health and development initiatives such as Primary Health Care, Universal Health Coverage, and the Sustainable Development Goals
   - Expand the practice and study of tropical medicine & hygiene to include non-communicable diseases
   - Explore opportunities for transdisciplinary science (such as One Health) and multisectoral approaches to global health.
   - Engage with relevant professional societies and organizations, including product development partnerships (PDPs) to coordinate advocacy efforts

2. **INFORMATION SHARING**: Facilitate the sharing of relevant global health information with ACGH members and ASTMH more broadly
   - Establish, nurture, and maintain regular and meaningful engagement with ACGH members
   - Provide updates on global health policies and the work of international organizations and on groundbreaking technologies for global health
   - Ensure vibrant and relevant global health content at ASTMH Annual Meeting, including Pre-Meeting Courses and symposia
   - Share information about the accomplishments of members.

3. **ADVOCACY**: Serve as the voice of ASTMH on global health issues and promote expansion of ACGH membership
   - Improve global health educational opportunities for ACGH and ASTMH members, as well as with universities
   - Raise awareness of global health challenges and inequities among key stakeholders (including law-makers), including advocacy to maintain / increase funding for global health research
   - Review and prioritize specific global health solutions for engagement
   - Increase recruitment of new members, and engagement of existing members

4. **MEMBER SUPPORT**: Provide services, broker connections, and catalyze opportunities for ACGH members
   - Connect ACGH members with training and research opportunities
   - Provide an environment for social interaction and interpersonal exchanges,
   - Help to broker formal and informal mentorship
   - Increase funding for travel to ASTMH Annual Meeting and other key events.
   - Focus on connecting members for research and programmatic, operational, and advocacy opportunities

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