

THE ASTMH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH (ACGH)

2023 Leadership

Member/Position	Term Expires
James Colborn, <i>President</i>	2023
Yazoumé Yé, <i>President-Elect</i>	2023
Corine Karema, <i>Past-President</i>	2023
Maria Elena Bottazzi, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	2024
Achama Eluwa, <i>Councilor</i>	2023
Abdisalan Noor, <i>Councilor</i>	2023
Arielle Dolegui, <i>Councilor</i>	2024
Katherine Wolf, <i>Councilor</i>	2024
Camila Tompkins, <i>Student Representative</i>	2023

CHARTER OF THE ASTMH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH

The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Committee on Global Health (ACGH) is one of the sub-groups within ASTMH. For the effects of this charter, “the Society” means ASTMH and “the Committee” means ACGH.

ACGH Meetings during the ASTMH Annual Meeting

The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Committee on Global Health (ACGH) will meet at least twice during the ASTMH Annual Meeting: 1) for the ACGH Business Meeting; and, 2) for an ACGH Executive Council (EC) Meeting. Both meetings will be listed in the Annual Meeting guide, contingent to ASTMH internal procedures.

The purpose of the ACGH Business Meeting is to inform ACGH membership of the subgroup’s stance by providing a summary of ACGH activities, achievements, accomplishments, and challenges of the previous year, as well as future plans and goals. The ACGH Business Meeting will also allow the incoming president to share his/her vision for ACGH. Newly elected officers will effectively take charge of their offices at the end of the ACGH Business Meeting. The ACGH Business Meeting will be open to any attendee of the ASTMH Annual Meeting.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting-related ACGH EC Meeting is to: 1) provide a platform for the active interchange of ideas among members and non-members of ACGH; 2) encourage non- members to join ACGH and to be fully engaged in advancing the Strategic Plan of ACGH; 3) organize sub-committees to work in the next year’s activities including but not limited to Pre-Meeting Course, Symposia, Strategic Planning, etc.; and, 4) discuss any other ACGH business, as determined by the ACGH EC. The ACGH EC Meeting will be open to all Annual Meeting attendees (including virtual and in-person, depending on the modality chosen for any given ASTMH Annual Meeting).

Each year, the Annual Meeting-related ACGH EC Meeting will be scheduled earlier (at least the day before) than the ACGH Business Meeting.

Membership

ASTMH members may join ACGH by paying subgroup dues in accordance with rates set by the ACGH EC.

Governance

Executive Council

The ACGH leadership will be composed of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary- Treasurer, and four regular Councilors plus one trainee Councilor. A trainee is defined as a member who holds a “Student” or “Post-Doctoral/Resident/Fellow” membership status within the Society.

Additional councilor positions may be created at the discretion of the ACGH EC in coordination with ASTMH. Any active ACGH member (including student members) in good standing is eligible for election to any of the Executive Office positions.

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 end of the ACGH Annual Business Meeting at which the officers are declared elected. All members of the ACGH EC are allowed to vote on Council business. Council members may run for and serve consecutive terms.

The President serves as Chief Executive Officer for ACGH and presides over meetings of the ACGH EC and the ACGH Annual Business meeting.

The President-Elect presides over meetings of ACGH in the absence of the President. If the presidency becomes vacant (see conditions of vacancy below), 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. If the President wishes to resign, he/she must submit his/her resignation to the President-Elect and the ASTMH CEO.

The Secretary-Treasurer of ACGH will work with the Secretary-Treasurer of ASTMH to monitor ACGH’s finances and to develop ACGH’s annual budget. The ACGH Secretary-Treasurer will maintain minutes of the ACGH EC Meetings and ACGH Annual Business Meeting, and compile reports on ACGH activities for presentation to the ACGH EC and ASTMH Council, as requested.

The ACGH EC will meet at least once every two months. In the event that an elected ACGH Officer is temporarily unable to regularly attend ACGH EC meetings, the ACGH Officer must notify the President in advance or no later than 7 calendar days after the missed ACGH EC Meeting. After receiving this notification, the President will formally acknowledge this by extending a “Temporary Absence” letter that clearly indicates a Temporary Absence Period. The ACGH EC Officer must return to office upon expiration of the Temporary Absence Period. The President may appoint any ACGH member in good standing as the Officer’s temporary replacement. If return to office is not possible after the approved Temporary Absence Period has ended, the position will be declared vacant. If any ACGH EC Officer accumulates two consecutive ACGH Executive Council Meeting absences or three non-consecutive absences, then it is the President’s prerogative to declare his/her position vacant. If an elected ACGH EC Officer formally resigns (by submitting a signed letter to the President), then that position is declared vacant. Thus, the conditions of vacancy are: 1) a temporary absence that, although previously communicated, turns into a permanent absence; 2) absence from two consecutive or three non-consecutive ACGH EC meetings; or, 3) official resignation. The President may fill vacancies by appointing ACGH EC Officers from the ACGH

membership to serve for the remainder of the absent Officer's term.

ACGH Policy Documents

The ACGH EC will appoint a Strategic Planning Sub-committee that will be responsible for developing and revising ACGH policy documents, such as the Charter, the Strategic Plan, and other specific policy documents. Members of the ACGH EC are encouraged to actively participate in the Strategic Planning Sub-committee, led by the President or his designee.

The ACGH Strategic Plan will be updated every 3 years to ensure that ACGH continues to align with ASTMH's Strategic Plan and contribute to its Mission and Vision. The ACGH Strategic Plan will incorporate objectives that are specific to the sub-group. The Strategic Plan will be drafted by the ACGH Strategic Plan Sub-committee and approved by the ACGH EC, no later than December 31st of the year prior to the posting/publishing of the Strategic Plan.

The ACGH Charter must be reviewed at least once every 10 years and updated, if needed. The ACGH Charter in use at any particular time will be known as the "Contemporary ACGH Charter". If changes to the Contemporary ACGH Charter are needed, those changes will be drafted by the ACGH Strategic Planning Sub-committee, reviewed by the ACGH EC, and approved by all ACGH members via an all-membership vote.

To start the process, the ACGH EC has the responsibility to submit a request for the ACGH Strategic Planning Sub-committee to review the Contemporary ACGH Charter, at least 12 months in advance. Afterwards, the ACGH Strategic Planning Sub-committee will review the Contemporary ACGH

Charter and determine if changes are needed. If changes are needed, then the ACGH Strategic Planning Sub-committee will draft changes; this document will be known as the "ACGH Charter Draft". After drafting the changes, the Strategic Planning Sub-committee will submit the ACGH Charter Draft to the ACGH EC. The ACGH EC can either send the ACGH Charter Draft back (to the Strategic Planning Sub-committee for revisions) or approve it.

If the ACGH EC sends the ACGH Charter Draft back to the ACGH Strategic Planning Sub-committee, the ACGH EC must provide, in writing, feedback and directions. This is an iterative process that can take as many steps as needed until the ACGH EC makes the determination to approve the ACGH Charter Draft.

If approved by the ACGH EC, the ACGH Charter is no longer a draft but is a "Proposed ACGH Charter". The Proposed ACGH Charter will be subjected to an all-ACGH-membership vote. This all-ACGH-membership vote will be conducted in conjunction with that year's ACGH elections.

The charter vote must include (a link to) a copy of the Contemporary ACGH Charter and of the Proposed ACGH Charter. The Proposed ACGH Charter will be accepted as the new ACGH Charter if a simple majority of valid votes approves the changes.

There might be need to create other internal policy documents - for instance, documents to operationalize activities of the ACGH EC or any of the ACGH Sub-committees. These internal policy documents will be developed and approved either by the ACGH EC, by the ACGH Strategic Planning Sub-Committee, or by the

respective sub-committee, as needed. All internal policy documents must be sent to the ACGH Secretary-Treasurer for archiving once they have been approved.

Finances

The ACGH may receive funds from sources such as ASTMH, voluntary donations, dues, etc. that are managed by ASTMH and used for activities that further the objectives of ACGH (e.g. 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.]).

The ACGH EC shall be the decision-making body regarding how funds are used. A detailed financial request policy is available on the ACGH web page.

Elections

The ACGH EC appoints a Nominating Sub-committee consisting of five active members. No more than three of those members may be current members of the ACGH EC. 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. ACGH Members in good standing may self-nominate or nominate other ACGH members as candidates to the Chairman of the Nominating Sub-committee, but the Nominating Sub-committee will not be obligated to put such individual(s) on the slate unless there is a supporting petition from three active ACGH members in good standing, in addition to the individual proposed.

Election for each office shall be by electronic ballot and/or any other method determined by ASTMH. Election results for each office will be determined by a simple majority (or, if there are more than two candidates, by the greatest number of votes). Results of voting will be announced at the next ACGH Annual Business Meeting.

Sub-committees

Sub-committees may be formed to deal with important issues, including but not limited to, strategic planning, nominations, awards, pre-meeting 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.

Awards

ACGH Award for Research Support

Recipients

2022

Ghassan Ilaiwy
University of Virginia

Evelyn Munayco Pantoja
Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia

Minu Singh
Kathmandu Research Institute for Biological Sciences

2021

Emily Ciccone
University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Marius Paulin Kuate
University of Buea

Aparna Nutakki

2020

Cusi Ferradas
Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia

Pallavi Kache
Columbia University

Uchenna Ogwaluonye
Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria

2019

Rachel Bensman
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Daniele Gusland
University of Wisconsin

Andrea Perez
Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala

ACGH Student Travel Award**Recipients****2022**

Yashodani Pillay
University of British Columbia

Loyce Kayanula
African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)

2021

Hammed Mogaji
Federal University of Agriculture

Derick Osakunor
Children's National Medical Center

2020

Nouhoun
Barry
GRAS

Akilah Stewart
The University of the West Indies

2019

Saikou Bah
WACCBIP

Caleb Stica
Ifakara Health Institute

2018

Sarah Boudova
Indiana University

Mahfuza Talukder Flowra
Universitas Gadjah Mada

2017

Meredith Hickson
University of Michigan Medical School

Martha Tesfalul
University of California San Francisco

2016

E. Ross Colgate
University of Vermont

Louisa Messenger
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

2015

Rebecca Fischer
Baylor College of Medicine, National School of Tropical Medicine

Marie Nancy Seraphin
University of Florida

2014

Nathan Lo
Stanford University School of Medicine

Elizabeth Thiele
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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ACGH Council Meeting Minutes

Convention Center, Room 214

ASTMH Annual Meeting

Seattle, WA

October 30, 2022, 3:30–5:30 PM PT

ATTENDANCE: [See attendance sign-in list]

Corine Karema, MD, MSEpi, RBM; President
 Abdisalan Noor, PhD, WHO; Councilor
 James Colborn, PhD, CHAI; President-Elect
 Jessica Manning, Cambodia; member, former Councilor
 Katherine Wolf, MPH, Malaria Team Lead, Jhpiego;
 new Councilor
 Kayla, DD Gates Foundation; a Past President
 Miguel Reina Ortiz, MD, PhD; Past President
 Arielle Dolegui, Gates Foundation; new Councilor
 Elizabeth Collins, MD, MPH, DTM, Boston Children's;
 Councilor
 Njeri Wamae, PhD, Adjunct Professor, Consultant, Kenya;
 Councilor

PRESIDENT:

What is the plan for next year?

Who will lead?

How can we boost membership?

- Membership did increase, especially in LMIC
 - ACTION: Need a volunteer to head

Pre-Meeting Course 2022 (ACGH Co-Sponsor):

- Metagenomics
- Pre-Meeting Course slots are competitive: 120 applications submitted for 60 seats
- International Speakers given \$1,000 flight + 1 hotel night + \$100 for incidentals

ACGH Symposiums 2021

1. Genomics
2. Global Health Diplomacy

ACGH Symposiums 2022

1. Role of Women in Advancing Global Health
2. Health Systems Resiliency to Combat System Stressors

ACGH Symposiums 2023

Topic ideas:

Global health financing

- A lot of funders pulled out of global health during COVID

Solidarity in response to GH

- A main lesson learned from COVID

Decolonization

- Health outcomes related to structural racism
- Speaker nomination: Dr. Thrasher – Wrote the *Viral Underclass about HIV, COVID, Health Disparities, Social Determinants of Health, Health Impacts of Colonialism*
 - He's from Chicago, so that's easy, since Annual Meeting 2023 is in Chicago

What is the role of ASTMH or ACGH of promoting policy on the Global Stage?

- INS in Toronto
- Berlin Mtg
- 2014–15 visas declined; W. Africa not able to attend ASTMH Annual Mtg in New Orleans, LA
- Many visas denied in Columbia

Climate change

- Should we fly to meetings to go in person or only attend virtually?

Training and paying the local workforce

Interdisciplinary research

- Could have multiple examples
- Inequities in global N and S (looks like only certain organizations have access to funding)

Building research and administrative capacity, especially administrative capacity

- Fogarty is one of the few organizations that addresses this
- Could build an ACGH program to address this

Survey

- Miguel proposes a survey to engage the membership:
- What topics do you want at the two Symposia? Pre-Meeting Course?
- Corine, James, Elizabeth support a survey
- Corine says after the Survey, need ask for volunteers to lead these Symposia
 - ACTION: create an ACGH membership survey about Symposia and PMC topics

Logistics

- 2022 ASTMH funded only 1 speaker
- We can ask for some funds from ACGH for the lectures
- 2023 Chicago – Some may want to try to bring speakers from Chicagoland to save money
- Try to get big-name speakers
- Two symposiums is the max each subgroup is allowed
- One symposium is always attached to the ACGH Business Meeting (attached to the Business Mtg for each respective ASTMH subgroup)
- Do we want two? (It's a lot of work.)
 - ACTION: Which two people want to lead the Symposium Subcommittees?

Purpose of the Symposiums

- Miguel thinks should be inspiring and should get people to join ACGH
- Advertisement for ACGH
- Engage the members
- Inspire members to get involved
- Offer new topics
- Link to the larger global health world?

Format

- Debate

- Dr. Noor: Important to have a theme, but also to have a few very specific topics and get deeper

Further engagement

- ACGH only has the Symposium and PMC venues now for the setting to engage members
- Engage with the membership throughout the year?
- What happens in between? After the topic is raised?
- Helpful to have more touchpoints throughout the year?
- Do you want to meet in between in Advocacy Action Groups to help ACGH progress on these topics throughout the year?

The Strategic Plan, Symposia, and PMC should align well

- Eg if a symposium topic is selected, how do we frame that as trailblazers?

Other activities

- Mid-year webinar

ASTMH Board Meeting on 10/29/22 topics

- Cost of attending the ASTMH Annual Meeting