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## Global Alliance for Nursing Education and Scholarship (GANES)

### 1.0 Mission

GANES provides the informed strategic international voice on the contribution of professional nursing education and scholarship to improving global health and health care.

### 2.0 Focus

GANES constitutes a key international body providing strategic level expertise in the education and professional development worldwide. Its membership comprises of national associations of nursing Deans and national associations of Schools of Nursing and is able to offer information, support and advice to health care policy makers and nurse educators across the world.

### 3.0 Mandate

GANES' mandate is to work in partnership with key global and national organizations, to increase the contribution of nursing and health professional education in the scaling up and strengthening of the health care workforce.

### 4.0 Membership

- 4.1 Appropriate national organizations, one per discipline per country are eligible for membership.
- 4.2 Each member organisation shall have three nominated representatives;
- 4.3 Each member organisation shall have one vote.
- 4.4 Associate membership: In special instances where a nation does not have an appropriate organization, an individual with a strategic educational mandate may join as an associate member.

### 5.0 Executive Committee

- 5.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of a maximum of six representatives of member organizations.

- 5.2 Member organizations of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the full membership of GANES.
- 5.3 To ensure continuity, the Executive Committee will determine how best to stagger the terms of office of the individuals on the Executive Committee.
- 5.4 The Executive Committee will elect a Chair and a Deputy Chair.
- 5.5 The Chair will serve for a two year period and not normally be re-elected for four years.
- 5.6 The Deputy Chair will be the Chair-elect and will serve as chair for two years and will not normally be re-elected for four years.
- 5.7 No nation shall normally have more than one representative on the Executive Committee.
- 5.8 The Executive Committee shall have the power to invite representatives of member organizations to the Executive Committee for specific purposes and for specified periods of time.

## **6.0 Fees**

- 6.1 The annual membership fee per organization shall be determined by the Executive Committee and would be determined by a sliding scale based on the international income scale.

## **7.0 Meetings**

- 7.1 GANES shall meet at least once, in person, in each 12 month period at such place and time as the Executive Committee shall decide.
- 7.2 The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice, once in person and once by other means in each 12 month period.
- 7.3 The Executive Committee shall hold virtual meetings as necessary;
- 7.4 The host country shall finance the face to face meetings. Travel and accommodation expenses will be the responsibility of each member.
- 7.5 A quorum for all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be 50% plus one.
- 7.6 A quorum for GANES meetings is representation for 50% plus one of the members.
- 7.7 All decisions shall be determined by a majority of votes of those present at the meeting.

## **8.0 Secretariat**

- 8.1 The Chair shall be responsible for providing the secretariat services for GANES: thus, the secretariat will rotate along with the Chair.

## **9.0 Financial Management**

- 9.1 The funds of GANES shall be derived from membership fees, donations and sponsorship.
- 9.2 The banking function will remain in Canada even after the secretariat moves from that country.
- 9.3 Signing authority shall be limited to the three Canadian representatives. Two signatures will be required for each transaction.
- 9.4 A financial report will be presented annually to the Executive Committee and membership.

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