

COUNCIL OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS

CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists.

ARTICLE II. Purposes.

The purposes of this organization shall be to establish closer working relationships among state and other epidemiologists employed by the states, to consult and advise with appropriate disciplines in other health agencies, and provide technical advice and assistance to the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials as required.

ARTICLE III. Executive Committee.

The governing body of the Council shall be known as the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Council and six elective members. The six members shall include three-at-large members and one member representing infectious diseases, one member representing chronic diseases, and one member representing environmental and occupational diseases and injuries. At each annual meeting, the membership will vote to elect one at-large and one specialty position on the Executive Committee, each to serve a three-year term. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also serve a three-year term. The specialty positions will rotate among the three specialty areas with only one specialty position being open for election each year, unless an Executive Committee member holding another specialty resigns or vacates prior to completion of a full term. The Executive Committee shall submit the names of at least two nominees for each position of the Executive Committee to be filled. The Executive Director shall survey the membership annually to determine the specialty interests of each, and the Executive Committee shall use the self-reported survey information to select nominees for the specialty positions. In case of a vacancy in a previously filled position of an elective member, the position shall remain vacant until the next regular meeting of the Council, at which time the replacement shall be elected only for the remainder of the three-year term. Each state or territory shall be able to vote for as many candidates as there are positions to be filled. Only one vote per state or territory shall be allowed. A majority vote of those voting shall be required to elect. If no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the candidate for the office-in-question receiving the smallest number of votes shall be dropped after each ballot in succession until a majority vote is obtained.

ARTICLE IV. Officers.

The officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice President, President Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall act as a nominating committee

and shall present two nominations to the Council for the position of President-elect, and when necessary, the Vice-President at each regular meeting. After an opportunity is given for additional nominations to be made from the floor, the President-Elect, the Secretary-Treasurer, and when necessary, the Vice-President, shall be elected by secret ballot of the states and territories present and voting at the regular meeting. Only one vote per state or territory shall be allowed. A majority vote of those voting shall be required to elect. If no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the candidate for the office-in-question receiving the smallest number of votes shall be dropped after each ballot in succession until a majority vote is obtained. The President-Elect shall serve as such from the close of the regular meeting when he/she automatically becomes President. The Vice-President shall serve as such from the close of the regular meeting at which he/she was President until the close of the next regular meeting. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President through ineligibility or otherwise, the Vice-President shall serve as President *pro tempore*. In case of vacancies in the offices of President and Vice President through ineligibility or otherwise, the President-Elect shall serve as President *pro tempore*. In case of a projected vacancy in the office of the Vice-President because of a premature departure of the President or otherwise, a new Vice-President will be elected to a one-year term at the regular meeting, according to the procedure put forth in this Article. Any subsequent succession shall be to the elective members of the Executive Committee in order for their seniority with the full term member receiving the greatest number of votes considered to be the most senior. The actual ballots representing the votes cast shall be maintained in the CSTE National Office for two consecutive years and a summary of votes provided to the Secretary-Treasurer as an appendix to the Annual Business Meeting minutes.

No officer shall be eligible to immediately succeed himself/herself in the office to which he/she was previously elected.

ARTICLE V. Amendments.

The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the state epidemiologists or their designees present and voting at any regular-meeting of the Council - provided that such a proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the membership at least one month prior to the date of such a regular meeting.