

CLINICAL GROUP (AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON CLINICAL TROPICAL MEDICINE AND TRAVELERS' HEALTH)

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE CLINICAL GROUP

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1

This organization shall be called the American Committee on Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health (ACCTMTH). In most instances, it will be referred to as the "Clinical Group."

Section 2

The purposes of this organization shall be to promote the clinical aspects of tropical medicine, medical parasitology and travelers' health.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

There shall be three classes of members: active, honorary and student.

Section 2

Active members will be those individuals who are members of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH), who are actively engaged in, or interested in, clinical aspects of tropical medicine, medical parasitology and/or travelers' health.

Section 3

Students within the biomedical sciences who have an interest in clinical areas of tropical medicine, medical parasitology, and/or travelers' health may become student members. They shall have all the privileges of membership except voting and holding office.

Section 4

Honorary members shall be nominated by a two-thirds vote of the council and approved by at least two-thirds of members' casting votes. Honorary members will be individuals outside this organization recognized for their outstanding contributions to clinical tropical medicine and travelers' health. They shall have all the privileges of membership except voting and holding office.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1

The officers of the organization shall be a President-Elect, President, and Past President, Secretary/Treasurer and three Councilors.

Any active member in good standing is eligible for election to office. The officers shall constitute the council, in which the government of the organization shall be vested.

The President-Elect, President and Past President shall each serve terms of one year in succession. The Secretary/Treasurer and the Councilors will be elected for a term of three years. Terms of office in the organization shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which the officers were declared elected. Officers may run for and serve consecutive terms.

If the presidency becomes vacant, the President-Elect shall become the President for the remainder of the unexpired term. The President may fill vacancies among the Councilors by appointing Councilors from the active 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 active membership or Councilors to serve until the next annual meeting when a new Secretary/Treasurer will be elected.

Section 2

The duties of the President shall be those regularly devolving on the chief executive officer. He/she shall preside at subcommittees as provided in the bylaws.

Section 3

The Secretary/Treasurer and/or Secretariat of the ASTMH shall be the custodian of all records of the Committee. They shall handle the business and finances of the committee and shall submit an annual financial report.

The Secretary/Treasurer and/or Secretariat of the ASTMH shall be responsible for mailings to members, including mailing of ballots and other business matters. The Secretary/Treasurer shall preside over the Committee in the absence of the President.

Section 4

Council shall annually appoint a nominating subcommittee consisting of five active members. No more than three of those members may be current members of Council. A slate of candidates for offices to be filled at the next annual meeting shall be submitted 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. Mailing and counting ballots shall be the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer and/or Secretariat of the ASTMH. The results of voting will be announced in a Newsletter and at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Section 1

Amendments to this constitution and bylaws may be adopted on approval by a majority of the ACCTMTH council and upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of ballots cast subject to the following conditions:

- a) The proposed amendment must be in writing and signed by at least three members of the Committee.
- b) The signed proposed amendment must be in the hands of the Secretary/Treasurer and/or Secretariat of the ASTMH before the annual meeting of the Committee.
- c) Voting of proposed amendments by the active members will be done by mail and/or electronic mail, except as provided in section 1d, below. The mailing and counting of ballots shall be the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer and/or Secretariat of the ASTMH. Results of balloting will be announced at or before the annual meeting following the vote.
- d) If at least 25 percent of active members are present at an annual meeting, a majority of those present can require a vote on a Council-approved amendment at that meeting. The amendment can be passed by two-thirds of ballots cast.

ARTICLE V

COUNCIL FUNCTION

The Council shall manage the Committee's affairs and direct its business. It shall initiate, coordinate and terminate the work of the subcommittees. It shall have the power to approve the expenditure of funds and establish an annual budget for the Committee.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet annually for business and scientific sessions. The business meeting and at least one scientific meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the ASTMH.

In addition, Council may call for other scientific sessions for purposes of continuing medical education. Council will determine the time and place of such additional meetings.

In the conduct of business sessions, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the guide. At the beginning of each session, the President shall appoint a member to serve as parliamentarian. Minutes will be recorded and maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII

SUBCOMMITTEES

The President shall appoint annually a Program Chairman who should work cooperatively with the program committee of the ASTMH. With approval by a majority of council members, the President may create and appoint ad hoc subcommittees, as needed.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES

Dues may be assessed and changed by a majority vote of the ACCTMTH Council, subject to approval by a majority of active members voting. A quorum of twenty percent of active members may be called and required for that vote.

ARTICLE IX

ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEES

The Past Presidents of this organization will collectively form an advisory subcommittee. This subcommittee may bring matters to the attention of Council and advise it on matters it is considering. However, neither the advisory subcommittee nor its members, except for the immediate Past President, will have a vote in Council affairs, unless the member has been re-elected as an officer of ACCTMTH.

AMENDMENT 1 (18 NOV, 1992)

A condition of active membership will be payment of dues.

AMENDMENT 2 (30 NOV, 1992)

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AMENDMENT 3 (1 DEC, 1999)

Remove meeting attendance as a membership requirement in Article 2, Section 2.

Revised: 30 June 2003

CLINICAL GROUP OFFICERS

Name	Title	Term Expires
Richard D. Pearson	President	2004
David Hill	Immediate Past President	2004
David Shlim	Secretary-Treasurer	2003
Martin Cetron	Councilor	2003
Kenneth R. Dardick	Councilor	2004
M. Patricia Joyce	Councilor	2005

CLINICAL GROUP PAST OFFICERS

NAME	YEARS
<u>President</u>	
David R. Hill	2000–2002
A. Clinton White	1998–2000
Steve Hoffman	1996–1998
Frank J. Bia	1994–1996
Len Marcus	1992–1994
Jay S. Keystone	1990–1992
Elaine Jong	1988–1990
<u>Secretary–Treasurer</u>	
David R. Shlim	2000–2003
Vernon Ansdell	1997–2000
David Freedman	1994–1997
Barbara Herwaldt	1991–1994
Murray Wittner	1988–1991
<u>Councilor</u>	
Claire Panosian	2001–2004
Martin Cetron	2000–2003
Philip Fischer	1999–2002
Monica Parise	1998–2001
Victor Kovner	1998–2000
A. Clinton White	1997–1998
Douglas MacPherson	1996–1999
Jan Evans Patterson	1995–1998
Thomas Strickland	1994–1997
Phyllis Kozarsky	1994–1996
Frank Bia	1993–1994
David Hill	1992–1995
Marty Wolfe	1991–1994
Ralph Bryan	1990–1993
Len Marcus	1989–1992
Bob Goldsmith	1989–1991
Michele Barry	1989–1990

VINCENZO MARCOLONGO MEMORIAL LECTURE—This lecture is presented annually at the ASTMH annual meeting as part of the ACCTMTH meeting.

1990
New Orleans, LA
“Radiological Aspects of Tropical and Parasitic Disease”
M. Reeder
Honolulu, HI

1991
Boston, MA
“Tropical Dermatology”
Anthony Bryceson
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
London, England

1992
Seattle, WA
“HIV and Opportunistic Infections in Northeastern Brazil”
Anastacio de Queiroz Sousa
Federal University of Ceara
Fortaleza, Brazil

1993
Atlanta, GA
“Human Rabies: Clinical Features, Pathogenesis and Potential Treatment”
Thiravat Hemachudha
Chulalongkorn University
Bangkok, Thailand

1994
Cincinnati, OH
"Management of Severe and Complicated Malaria"
Nicholas White
Hospital of Tropical Diseases, Mahidol University
Bangkok, Thailand

1995
San Antonio, TX
"Tuberculosis: Developments in Epidemiology, Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention"
J.H. Ellner
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, OH

1996
Baltimore, MD
"An Infectious Disease Specialist in Haiti: AIDS, Diarrhea, Typhoid Fever and Civil Unrest"
Jean Pape
Cornell University
Haiti

1997
Orlando, FL
"Clinical Features and Epidemiology of Tick Borne Encephalitis in Central and Eastern Europe"
Michael Roggendorf
Institute of Virology, University of Essen
Germany

1998
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Annual Meeting Cancelled due to Hurricane Georges

1999
Washington, DC
"Malaria Prophylaxis: A New Approach"
Eli Schwartz
Tel Aviv University
Israel

2000
Houston, TX
"Leptospirosis, the Hide-and-Seek Disease"
Solly Faine
Monash University
Melbourne, Australia

2001
Atlanta, GA
"Visceral Leishmaniasis in Sudan: New Insights from the Past Decade"
Edward Zijlstra
College of Medicine
Blantyre, Malawi

2002
Denver, Colorado
"Meloidosis: The Peril in the Paddy Fields"
David Dance
Public Health Laboratory
Plymouth, United Kingdom

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS STUDENT BOOK AWARD—Recognizes excellence in research presented by a student at the annual meeting.

Recipient	Year
Daniel Grushka	1999
Shingairai Feresu	2000
Kai-Hsin Chang	2001
Tina Marie Loane Peterson	2001
John Todd Utz	2002