

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION OF UROLOGY NURSES

Aims and Objectives

- To act as a representative body for nurses working in or who have an interest in Urology.
- To promote high standards of clinical practice in urological nursing.
- To develop and promote continuous professional development for our members.
- To develop and promote educational conferences and programs for our members.
- To act as a forum to share experience and knowledge.

Membership

Full membership is open to all qualified nurses working in or who have an interest in the area of Urology.

Affiliated membership is available to:

- All allied health professionals with an interest in Urology.
- Nurses working for industrial or commercial companies.

Full members have voting rights for the association and are eligible to serve on the executive board.

Management

The committee officers are the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who are elected by the committee for a two year term. This may be extended at the discretion of the committee under special circumstances.

An officer may resign their post in writing but remain on the committee. Members appointed to office shall hold the office for the period commencing at the AGM.

Deputies are appointed in each committee officer position (President/Secretary/Treasurer to assist in the duties attached to the post).

Any member wishing to stand for election to the committee must be proposed and seconded by a full member.

The committee is made up of ten to twelve nurses (preferably geographically dispersed) elected by the members of the association.

The committee will converge at least four times per year.

Decisions will be reached by consensus; failure of this process will lead to a majority vote. In the event of a tie the President will have the casting vote.

The committee retains the right to remove an officer or committee member from the post on failure to perform duties required.

Finance

Any money obtained by the IAUN shall be used only for the IAUN and a full financial report will be issued at the Annual General Meeting.

Any bank accounts opened for the group shall be in the name of Irish Association of Urology Nurses.

Expenses such as travel expenses incurred by committee members travelling to meetings and invited speakers at the annual conference will be met by the IAUN.

Membership Fees

Membership of the Association will be payable annually and is valid for one full year effective from January to December.

Method of payment: EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer). Cash or cheque payments are no longer accepted. Members will receive three months notification of any changes to the annual subscription.

Associate subscription fee is the same as full member fee.

The Annual General meeting

The AGM will take place at the Association's annual educational conference in January.

The meeting will be chaired by the President and is open to all members.

Any member can submit items for inclusion on the agenda; they must be submitted two months prior to the meeting. A member must second all proposals.

Cessation on Membership

- Following a reminder if membership fee is not paid within 2 months of the due date.
- If a member has been removed from NMBI professional register.

Alteration of the Constitution

Proposals for amendments to this constitution or dissolution must be delivered to the secretary in writing. The secretary in conjunction with all other officers shall then decide on the date of a forum meeting to discuss such proposals, giving at least 4 weeks (28days) clear notice.

Any changes to the constitution must be agreed by at least two thirds of those members present and voting at any general meeting.

Extra Ordinary General Meeting

- By any member who has obtained 10 further signatories to the proposal.
- By a majority of the IAUN committee.
- In the event of an EGM being called members shall be given 21 days' notice of the agenda, date, time and venue for the meeting.

Dissolution

The group may be wound up at any time if agreed by two thirds of those members present and voting at any general meeting. Any assets shall be returned to their providers, if they require it, or shall be passed to another group/charity with similar aims.

Signature_____ Date_____

President

Signature_____ Date_____

Secretary

Signature_____ Date_____

Treasurer

