

# THE ICHP CONSTITUTION

## Article I. NAME AND PURPOSE:

### (a) NAME

This organization shall be known as the ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS, hereafter referred to as the "Council."

### (b) PURPOSE

The purposes for which the Council is formed are as follows:

- (1) To advance public health by promoting the professional interests of pharmacists practicing in hospital and other organized health-care settings and in the state of Illinois through
  - (a) Fostering pharmaceutical service aimed at drug-use control and rational drug therapy.
  - (b) Developing professional standards for pharmaceutical services.
  - (c) Fostering an adequate supply of well-trained, competent pharmacists and associated personnel.
  - (d) Developing and conducting programs for maintaining and improving the competence of pharmacists and associated personnel.
  - (e) Disseminating information about pharmaceutical services and rational drug use.
  - (f) Improving communication among pharmacists, other members of the health-care industry and the public.
  - (g) Promoting research in the health and pharmaceutical sciences and in pharmaceutical services.
  - (h) Promoting the economic welfare of pharmacists and associated personnel.
- (2) To foster rational drug use in society such as through advocating appropriate public policies toward that end.
- (3) To pursue any other lawful activity that may be authorized by the Council's Board of Directors.

## Article II. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Council shall consist of pharmacist, student, pharmacy technician, supporting, retired and honorary members as provided in the Bylaws.

## Article III. OFFICERS

The officers of the Council shall be active members. The elected officers consist of President, Immediate Past President, President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President-elect shall be elected annually for a term of one year and shall ascend successively to the office of President and Immediate Past President, serving one year in each position. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for two-year terms of office in alternating years.

#### Article IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be a Board of Directors of the Council consisting of Officers, elected Directors, Technician Representative, Chairman of the House of Delegates, Executive Vice President, and New Practitioner Network Chair and ex-officio members: Committee Chairman; Student Representatives; and Editor of KeePosted.

#### Article V. LOCAL AFFILIATES

A local group of pharmacists and related personnel associated with organized health-care settings within the state of Illinois who are active members of the Council and who meet the requirements for affiliation as outlined in the Bylaws may become a local affiliate of the Council upon approval of the Board of Directors of the Council.

#### Article VI. AFFILIATION

The Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists shall be affiliated with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

#### Article VII. HOUSE OF DELEGATES

There shall be a House of Delegates of the Council consisting of Affiliate Delegates, Council Officers, elected Directors and Technician Board Member, Academy/Practice Group Representatives, Chairman of the House, Executive Vice President, and Past Presidents as provided in the Bylaws.

#### Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

Every proposal to alter or amend this Constitution shall be submitted in writing by two (2) or more active or retired members at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council and shall be approved by a majority of the votes cast at a subsequent meeting of the Board. Amendments approved by the Board of Directors of the Council shall then be submitted to the Board of Directors of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists for approval.

Following approval of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, it shall be submitted at the first meeting of the annual session of the ICHP House of Delegates and shall be approved by a majority of the votes cast at the second meeting. It shall then be submitted to the entire active membership of the Council for vote by ~~mail~~ ballot within thirty (30) days of the Annual Meeting. Approval shall be by a majority of the credentialed ballots returned within thirty (30) days of the mailing.

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