

EHAC Constitution (Articles of Incorporation)
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Article I. Title. The organization will be known as the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC).

Article II. Role. The primary responsibility of the Council is the review and accreditation of environmental health programs in accordance with criteria developed to assure the excellence of graduates of those programs. The Council shall establish by-laws and such guidance and policy documents as may be required to fulfill its role.

Article III. Functions. The Council, in discharge of its responsibility, and as established in its by-laws, shall have responsibility for all functions, related records, and correspondence pertaining to accreditation of environmental health programs, render advice and counsel to institutions in the development of curricula and the conduct of educational programs in the environmental health sciences. The Council shall be the source of reports and information pertaining to the accreditation process, and shall file with the National Environmental Health Association such annual or periodic reports as the Council deems pertinent. The Council may organize and delegate activities essential to discharging its responsibility for accrediting environmental health programs leading to baccalaureate degrees and graduate degrees.

Article IV. Membership. The Council shall consist of elected and appointed members. The membership shall number no less than fourteen, and by even numbers up to and including twenty.

Section I. Elected Members. The Council shall consist of persons elected to the Council by sitting members. A nomination slate shall be prepared according to the by-laws. The terms of elected members shall be three years. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms. One-half, of the membership shall be current environmental health faculty, and one-half shall be practicing environmental health professionals from both the public and the private sectors. Both academic and practitioner Council members shall be currently practicing in their respective role.

Section II. Appointed Members. Two public representatives may be appointed by the Council for three year terms as provided in the bylaws. The representative(s) will not be environmental health science and protection professional(s). The representative(s) is(are) selected on the basis of personal credentials and interest in higher education and the accreditation process.

Article V. Officers. Officers of the Council will be Chair, Vice-Chair for Undergraduate Programs, Vice-Chair for Graduate Programs, Secretary and Treasurer, and Director-At-Large. These will be elected from the Council members by the Council members as specified in the by-laws. The Director-At-Large shall be a practitioner. The Council may authorize the employment of additional persons to assist in the Council activities.

Article VI. Meetings. The Council shall meet annually during the National Environmental Health Association annual education conference. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair.

Article VII. Quorum. For the purpose of official business a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Council membership.

Article VIII. Amendments. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the elected Council members.

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