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| International Collaboration of PeriAnaesthesia Nurses  ICPAN | Title: **Membership Policy** | No. | Page 1 of 1 |
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1. **Purpose:**

To clarify the procedure surrounding membership and the roles and responsibilities of the International Collaboration of PeriAnaesthesia Nurses Inc. (ICPAN Inc. - heretofore referred to as ICPAN) board members involved in this process.

1. **Reporting structure**

The Membership Secretary will liaise with the Treasurer regarding membership issues and report back to the Chair and Board of Directors at regular intervals.

1. **Roles and Responsibilities of Membership Secretary**

Promotion

* Promote recruitment and retention of organisational and affiliate members
* Assist with development of public awareness tools that promote membership
* Be involved in extension activities for formation of new perianaesthesia associations

Administration

* Disseminate Membership Forms to like-minded associations
* Manage the renewal and withdrawal of members
* Compile records of organisational member contacts
* Send notices of expiring membership dues
* Liaise with ICPAN Treasurer to ensure accuracy in deposits of membership dues

Maintenance

* Maintain records of organizational and affiliate members
* Keep copies of receipts for dues and contributions

1. **Eligibility of Membership**

Membership is open to nurses and other health care professionals working or interested in perianaesthesia practice that includes any environment/location where clients are undergoing general, regional or local anaesthesia, or sedation.

1. **Categories of Membership**

ICPAN Membership is available in the following categories:

1. Organisational Membership
2. Affiliate Membership
3. Organisational Membership

An established national association that promotes perianaesthesia nursing practice, supports the goals/objectives of ICPAN and pays annual membership fees. This category has the responsibility of electing a member of their national association who will represent their country as the National Organizational Representative on the General Advisory Committee (GAC) with the right to one vote. There can only be one national perianaesthesia organization in any given country that has the right to join ICPAN as the official national representative of perianaesthesia nurses in that country. Upon joining ICPAN, all association members are considered members of ICPAN and receive benefits of membership.

1. Affiliate Membership

Any healthcare professional who is currently working in perianaesthesia care or has an interest in perianaesthesia patient care may become an affiliate member. This professional is not represented by a national perianaesthesia association. This member supports ICPAN goals/objectives and pays an annual membership fee. This fee will be reviewed at intervals by the ICPAN Board. These members are not eligible to sit on the GAC but receive all other membership benefits. Affiliate members shall have no voting rights.

1. **Benefits of Organisational Membership**

ICPAN is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes which will ensure beneficial outcomes for patients, families and populations and the advancement of perianaesthesia nursing knowledge. Member organisations will receive one year’s membership and the following benefits:

* **Membership** that confers status and global recognition of the member associations
* **Networks** of global perianaesthesia nursing associations that provide information and current practices related to the specialized perianaesthesia field
* **Advocacy** for best practices in perianaesthesia nursing
* **Opportunities** for strengthening collaboration among perianaesthesia nurses globally
* **Educational** conferences that provide opportunities for sharing of knowledge and collegial networking
* **Access** to peers and specialists in the field of perianaesthesia nursing through the targeted Special Interest Group Forums
* **Connections** through the website to resources, conferences and networking opportunities
* **Research** support by providing links to the global perianaesthesia membership and researchers and potential opportunities for global research projects
* **Leadership** opportunities that will help in the development of personal and professional skills through active participation in Committees, the Global Advisory Council and ICPAN Board of Directors
* **Information** to potential members in establishing national perianaesthesia associations
* **Global Volunteer Opportunities** provide development and advancement of perianaesthesia nurse education in countries with limited resources by offering educational materials and mentorship.

1. **Membership Period**

Membership runs from 1st October to 30th September the following year. This is to facilitate GAC members being elected to the Board of Directors, so that new GAC members can be proposed to fill any vacancies.

1. **Renewal of Membership**

Renewal of membership will be due on 1st October each year. Renewal notifications will be sent out by the Membership Secretary via e-mail four weeks prior to this date.

1. **Discipline or Consequences of Improper Conduct**

The ICPAN Board may use its discretion to expel members who act inappropriately or bring the organisation into disrepute without reimbursement of fees.

**Addendum**

Current Affiliate Membership Fees $25

**Current ICPAN Organisational Membership Fees**

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| Organisational Membership Number | | Amount USD |
| 0 – 50 | 🞎 | $25.00 |
| 51 - 100 | 🞎 | $50.00 |
| 101 - 250 | 🞎 | $100.00 |
| 251 - 500 | 🞎 | $250.00 |
| 501 - 1000 | 🞎 | $500.00 |
| 1001 - 1500 | 🞎 | $1000.00 |
| 1501 - 2500 | 🞎 | $1500.00 |
| 2501+ | 🞎 | $2500.00 |