

# Organization Section

The American Diabetes Association has been engaged in the activities of the International Diabetes Federation and has worked actively toward its development since the first IDF Congress held in Leiden, Holland, in July 1952. Arrangements for official ADA membership in the Federation were completed recently when our Executive Committee and Council voted acceptance of the IDF's Constitution and Bylaws. This document is published below.

Many members of the Association have made plans to attend the Second Congress of the International Diabetes Federation to be held in Cambridge, England, July 4-8, 1955. A brochure containing information about reservations and so forth may be secured from the National Office of the American Diabetes Association.

## INTERNATIONAL DIABETES FEDERATION Federation Internationale du Diabete The Hague CONSTITUTION

### Article I

#### NAME

The organization shall be a federation of national diabetes associations, and its name shall be the "International Diabetes Federation" (Fédération Internationale du Diabète). It may also be referred to as the "I.D.F." or "F.I.D."

### Article II

#### LANGUAGES

The official languages shall be English and French.

### Article III

#### PURPOSES

The objectives of this Federation are to further the acquisition and dissemination of useful and accurate information regarding diabetes mellitus and to undertake such activities as will improve the physical and socio-economic welfare of persons afflicted with the disorder.

To these ends it is the purpose of the Federation to promote the free exchange of knowledge with respect to diabetes mellitus; to improve the standards of treatment of diabetes mellitus; to promote medical and other related scientific research, as well as statistical and socio-economic investigation pertaining to diabetes mellitus; to develop educational methods designed to give diabetic patients a better understanding of their disease; to educate the general public in the early recognition of diabetes mellitus and in the importance of medical supervision of its

treatment; and to encourage the creation of national diabetes associations, which it is believed will assist in fulfilling the objectives of the Federation.

Further, it is the aim of the Federation to take all such measures within its ability, necessary to achieve the above objectives, and in particular to organize congresses and meetings pertaining to the scientific and medical aspects of diabetes mellitus, as well as the social and economic problems of that disorder.

### Article IV

#### TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

The Federation shall be conducted without profit and no part of any income of the Federation shall be applied to the benefit of any member-association, official or delegate, except for actual services rendered and only then upon authorization of the General Council.

### Article V

#### OFFICES

The Federation shall have and continuously maintain an Executive Office and may have regional or branch offices.

### Article VI

#### MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: *Membership classification.* Membership in the Federation shall consist of national Diabetes Associations in each country in which there are suitable and representative national organizations.

Section 2: *Election to Membership.* Membership in the Federation shall be determined by the General Council upon written application of a national Diabetes Association.

Section 3: *Voting Rights.* Each member organization is entitled to two votes at the General Council. (See General Council provision, article VIII). Voting by written proxy is permissible.

Section 4: *Termination of Membership.* Any member may resign six months after a written notification of resignation, but such resignation shall not relieve the afore-mentioned member of any financial obligation theretofore accrued and unpaid, except by specific action of the General Council.

The General Council by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all its members may suspend or expel a member association for action contrary to the purposes and/or the best interests of the Federation. Such action may be taken only after appropriate hearing and consideration.

### Article VII

#### MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each national member association of the Federation shall make monetary contributions as equitably determined by a two-thirds majority written vote of the General Council.

### Article VIII

#### GENERAL COUNCIL

Section 1: *Authority.* The General Council shall direct the policies and the activities of the Federation.

Section 2: *Membership Qualification and Tenure.* The General Council shall be composed of one medical (or allied sci-

ence) delegate and one lay delegate from each national member association, and all officials of the Federation, each delegate and official being entitled to one vote.

Section 3: *Meetings*. A regular meeting of the General Council shall be held at least once every three years, approximately at the same time as the Federation's Congress.

Special meetings of the General Council may be provided by resolution of the General Council. Further, such a meeting may be called by the President with approval of the Executive Board, or upon written request of one-third of the total of the membership of the General Council.

Section 4: *Notice*. Notice of any regular or special meeting of the General Council must be given in writing to each member association and individual officials at least 90 days prior thereto.

Section 5: *Quorum*. One-third of the total number of members of the General Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6: *Naming of Delegates*. The names of each national association's delegates shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 7: *Vacancies*. Vacancies to the General Council shall be filled by the member associations within at least three months from the date of vacancy. If a delegate is temporarily unavailable, the respective national association should appoint a substitute to serve.

Section 8: *Selection of Executive Board*. (Officials). It shall be the responsibility of the General Council to elect the officials of the Federation from members of the General Council.

Section 9: *Time and Place of Congresses*. The General Council shall be responsible for establishing the date and place of the Federation's Congresses.

Section 10: *Receipt of Reports and Statements*. The General Council shall receive the reports of the Executive Board and other reports and statements of the councils, committees and boards.

## Article IX OFFICIALS

Section 1: *Classification*. The officials of the Federation shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Federation may also elect one or more Honorary Presidents.

Section 2: *Election of Officials*. The officials shall be elected from the present or past membership of the General Council by the General Council at a duly constituted regular meeting. If election of officials cannot be held at a regular meeting, it shall take place as soon thereafter as possible and incumbent officials shall serve until their successors have been duly elected.

Section 3: *Tenure of Office*. The term for each official shall be from one Congress to the following Congress, or a period of approximately three years.

Section 4: *Vacancies*. A vacancy in the office of the President, Vice-President(s) or Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled by action of the remaining membership of the Executive Board for the unexpired term of office. The appointment shall be made from the present or past membership of the General Council.

## Article X EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: *Members*. The Executive Board shall consist of the principal officials (President, one or more Vice-Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer) of the Federation. If any of these are not available, the President may appoint a substitute(s) from the membership of the General Council.

Section 2: *Responsibilities*. The Executive Board shall be charged with the responsibilities to act for the General Council between meetings and in the interest of expediency may consider and review all matters of policy. Further, the Executive Board acting collectively may take any executive action deemed necessary to fulfill the objectives of the Federation. The Executive Board shall be responsible to the General Council and shall submit a report of all action taken at the next duly constituted meeting of the General Council.

## Article XI ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be adopted by a three-fourths majority of the organizing national diabetes associations or their duly authorized representatives. Ratification of the Constitution must be made in writing and/or by written vote by the aforementioned representatives after submission of proper credentials.

## Article XII AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be altered, amended or repealed by a two-thirds written affirmative vote of members of the General Council at a duly constituted meeting, providing that the proposition so to change the Constitution has been previously submitted in writing to members of the General Council 90 days prior to the meeting at which final action is to be taken.

## BYLAWS

### Article I

*Location of the Executive Office*. The Executive Office is to be located in the Netherlands. (See article VIII, section 9 of the Constitution.)

### Article II

*Monetary Contributions*. The monetary contributions of each national member association shall be made on an annual (calendar year) basis.

Further, such contributions of each national member association shall be based on per capita voting membership of each such association and shall be computed at the rate of 10 cents Dutch currency or its equivalent annually. (See article VII of the Constitution.)

### Article III

Section 1: *Fiscal Year*. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep accounts of all income and expenditures of the Federation, based on a calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

Section 2: *Audits*. At least once each fiscal year, the accounts shall be audited by properly qualified auditors, a statement of which must be submitted to the Executive Board for acceptance. Copies of the annual financial statement shall also be sent to the national member associations.

Section 3: *Financial Commitments*. Monetary commitments in excess of 500 florins Dutch money or its equivalent, must be approved in advance by the Executive Board.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

The newly-constituted Board of Governors began its work in San Francisco on June 18, 1954, by organizing and electing officers for the coming year. At this, its first meeting, a joint session was held with the Council of the American Diabetes Association.

The duties of Governors were broadly defined by the Council:

- a. To be the senior delegate to the Assembly of Delegates.
- b. To assist in the creation of Affiliate units as authorized by the Council of the American Diabetes Association.
- c. To encourage and co-ordinate activities in the field of diabetes at a state level, including professional education, public education and case finding.
- d. To establish liaison between the American Diabetes Association and its Affiliates, and the State and County Medical Societies and any other groups.
- e. Any other duties designated by the Council of the American Diabetes Association.

Governors will play an increasingly important part in current as well as future planning of ADA activities. They will serve to co-ordinate all activities pertaining to diabetes in each state. Policies and programs of the national organization will be interpreted to local groups; local interests and needs will in turn be reflected to the Council by the Board of Governors.

Louis K. Alpert, M.D., of Washington, D. C., was elected Chairman of the Board, with Edwin W. Gates, M.D., of Niagara Falls, N. Y., Vice-chairman. Henry E. Oppenheimer, M.D., of St. Louis, Mo., was elected Secretary of the group. As Chairman, Dr. Alpert will serve as a member of the Council of the ADA ex-officio.

The following Governors to date have been appointed for one year.

<i>State</i>	<i>Governor</i>
Alabama	Leon S. Smelo, M.D.
Arizona	Eleanor Waskow, M.D.
Arkansas	James T. Wortham, M.D.
California	
Northern & Nevada	H. Clare Shepardson, M.D.
Southern	Helen E. Martin, M.D.
Colorado	W. Bernard Yegge, M.D.
Connecticut	Barnett Greenhouse, M.D.
Delaware	Lewis B. Flinn, M.D.
District of Columbia	Louis K. Alpert, M.D.
Florida	Sidney Davidson, M.D.
Georgia	Christopher J. McLoughlin, M.D.
Idaho	Samuel M. Poindexter, M.D.

- Illinois
  - Northern
  - Southern
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire and Vermont
- New Jersey
- New York
  - Eastern
  - Western
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
  - Eastern
  - Western
- Rhode Island
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin

- Ford K. Hick, M.D.
- Thomas D. Masters, M.D.
- John H. Warvel, M.D.
- Robert C. Hardin, M.D.
- Thomas J. Luellen, M.D.
- Carlisle Morse, M.D.
- Daniel W. Hayes, M.D.
- Elton R. Blaisdell, M.D.
- J. Sheldon Eastland, M.D.
- Reed Harwood, M.D.
- William M. LeFevre, M.D.
- Moses Barron, M.D.
- Henry E. Oppenheimer, M.D.
- John A. Layne, M.D.
- Morris Margolin, M.D.
- See Northern California
- James H. Townsend, M.D.
- Benjamin Saslow, M.D.
- Edmund L. Shlevin, M.D.
- Edwin W. Gates, M.D.
- Charles W. Styron, M.D.
- Edgar A. Haunz, M.D.
- Cecil Striker, M.D.
- Bert F. Keltz, M.D.
- Zolton T. Wirtschafter, M.D.
- William F. Hanisek, M.D.
- John A. O'Donnell, M.D.
- Louis I. Kramer, M.D.
- John W. Donahoe, M.D.
- Philip C. Thomas, M.D.
- Edmond K. Doak, M.D.
- Donald E. Smith, M.D.
- See New Hampshire
- William R. Jordan, M.D.
- Robert L. Reeves, M.D.
- George P. Heffner, M.D.
- Maurice Hardgrove, M.D.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Atlantic City, N. J., will play host to the American Diabetes Association at the 1955 Annual Meeting June 4-5, immediately preceding the Annual Session of the American Medical Association, June 6-10. ADA committees scheduled to convene before the Annual Meeting include: Assembly of Delegates, June 3; Board of