

ARTICLE VII. NETWORKS

Section I. DEFINITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council may establish such Networks representing various member groups as determined by the Board of Directors. The Networks may serve as a mechanism for members with similar professional interests to pursue issues pertinent to their unique needs. The Networks shall further serve as a structure for these member groups to be represented within the Council.

Section II. COMPOSITION

The Council, through its Board of Directors shall establish Networks as specified in the ICHP Policy & Procedure Manual.

Section III. MEMBERSHIP

By right of membership in the Council, a member may affiliate with Networks as specified in the ICHP Policy & Procedure Manual.

Section IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Network shall foster the purposes of the Council. Members of the Networks shall strive to implement the professional policies of the Council among themselves and in the areas in which they serve. Networks may not adopt, publicize, promote or otherwise convey any policy or principle in the name of the Council which has not been authorized by the Council. Acts of the Networks shall in no way commit or bind the Council.

The Network is responsible for coordinating all programs and/or communications between the Board of Directors and the Network.

Section V. DUES

All applicable dues must be paid directly to the Council as described in Article I, Section IV of the Bylaws.

Section VI. DISSOLUTION

A Network may be dissolved by the Board of Directors.

Section VII. NETWORK ELECTED CHAIR

If a Network has been authorized to conduct an official election by its members of a Chair, that Chair shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors. That election will occur with each annual election of the other Board officers and directors. If the Network does not have an elected chair the appointed chair shall be an ex officio member of the Board. He/she shall be responsible to coordinate all Network programs, communicate

with the Board of Directors, and attend all Board meetings as the representative of the Network.

Section VIII. VACANCIES OF THE NETWORK CHAIR

If the office of an elected Chair of a Network becomes vacant, the position shall be filled by the Chair-elect. If the office of an appointed Chair of a Network becomes vacant, the position shall be filled by the appointment of a new Chair by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section IX. ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair of a Network shall prepare an annual report covering the period between annual meetings of ICHP which shall record all pertinent activities of the Network. This report shall be available to the ICHP membership at the Annual Meeting.