

CHARTER OF THE COUNCIL OF AFFILIATED MENOPAUSE SOCIETIES
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INTRODUCTION

IMS established the Council of Affiliated Menopause Societies (CAMS) to support the delivery of the society's Mission and Vision. CAMS has a membership structure comprised of national and regional menopause societies. Functioning as a sub-committee of the IMS Board, its elected Chair serves as an ex-officio member of the Board.

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVES

CAMS has the following objectives:

1. To establish connectivity and partnership working across the national and regional menopause societies and with the IMS.
2. To actively engage in the delivery of IMS educational activities, events and World Congress, to support the development of new initiatives, and to encourage membership to the IMS within their country/region.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

1. In December 2021, the IMS Board of Directors agreed to remove the eligibility requirement that a society must have a minimum of five IMS members in order to join CAMS. Membership is now open to any society by application, regardless of the number of IMS members in that society.
2. Members of CAMS shall be national or regional menopause societies that have concluded formal agreements with the IMS.
3. CAMS membership is obtained by application and, if approved, a formal invitation is extended by the CAMS Chair, with the support of the IMS Board.
4. Each Member of CAMS shall designate one Representative who shall be granted IMS Associate Membership for the length of his/her position as Representative). The Representative must have sustained interest in the study of the climacteric and women's health, objectivity with respect to scientific issues and a strong track record of service to the national or regional society.
5. The Representative shall not during his or her incumbency be employed within the pharmaceutical industry. In the event that a Representative is selected and subsequently becomes employed within the pharmaceutical industry, the CAMS member shall designate a new Representative. Each Member shall report its designation of its Representative to the CEO of IMS and provide updates of any changes.

6. CAMS members will encourage other national or regional menopause societies to apply for CAMS membership with the IMS.

ARTICLE III: APPOINTMENT OF CAMS CHAIR

1. Given its function as a sub-committee of the IMS Board, the Chair of CAMS is nominated by the IMS Executive Committee and approved by the Board.
2. The CAMS Chair serves one term (two years), and an individual cannot have an immediate second term in the same position. This is aligned with the terms of office for IMS Executive.
3. The Chair must be an IMS member in good standing¹ and have served one term on either the IMS Board or as the CAMS Representative of their national or regional society.
4. The Chair will provide regular activity updates to the IMS Board and CEO.
5. The Chair has an advisory position on the IMS Board and shall be the spokesperson for the Council to the Board. He/she or a deputy shall be invited to attend all Board meetings.
6. The Executive Committee and Chair will select up to two Vice-Chairs to support CAMS delivery during their term of office.

ARTICLE IV: TENURE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS

1. No CAMS member shall have its Representatives elected for more than two consecutive terms to the same position.
2. In the event of a Representative resigning or otherwise becoming unable to complete his or her term of service, his or her national/regional society will appoint a new Representative within 30 days.

ARTICLE V: OPERATION

1. The Chair of CAMS must establish contact with the designated Representative of each Member not later than ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the convocation of the Society at the World Congress, in order to communicate guidelines issued from the IMS for CAMS's work and to define a programme of activities. In each successive year prior to the convening of the next World Congress, the Chair may receive further guidance from the Board with respect to the development of CAMS programme and shall liaise with the Representatives of the affiliated societies. The program of activities shall be submitted to the Board.
2. The Chair must ensure that CAMS activities are aligned with the mission and strategic direction of IMS.
3. No activities will be undertaken by CAMS without approval from the Board.
4. Any disputed matter which cannot be internally resolved by CAMS via application of the principles stated in its Charter shall be referred to the Board for resolution.

¹ A member in good standing is defined as one who has been a full member for the current and previous year, or continuously in the previous two years.