

TERMS OF REFERENCE

CAND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE



1. PURPOSE

The Government Relations & Advocacy Committee (GRAC) is established to support the organization's mission by monitoring, advising, and advocating on policy issues that impact naturopathic doctors, naturopathic medicine and more broadly health equity in Canada.

The GRAC has a mandate to engage the members in the political process. The GRAC mobilizes the membership and helps build and maintain relationships with government officials and agencies and ensures the organization's voice is heard in relevant policy discussions.

The GRAC and its members do not endorse political parties and work with all elected officials regardless of their political affiliation.

The GRAC has an advisory role with respect to advocacy efforts related to health insurance programs.

The GRAC mandate is to act in an advisory role to the CEO. Activities conducted by the GRC are done under the direction of the CAND Board and the CEO.

2. AUTHORITY

The committee reports to the CEO. Committee members do not direct staff in potential work activities and any such assistance is requested through the CEO.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- The CAND CEO
- At least one CAND member per province, is desirable
- At least one board member should be appointed to the GRAC

CHAIRPERSON: The committee shall be chaired by the CEO of the CAND. The Chair will coordinate and chair meetings, update members when new political issues arise and approve and prepare materials in support of the work of the GRAC.

TERM: Members will serve 1 year terms renewable, annually, by the CEO.

4. MEETINGS

- The GRAC will meet as needed at the call of the CEO of the CAND.
- Meetings may be held in person or virtually.
- A quorum shall be a simple majority of members for decisions to be valid.

5. REVIEW

These Terms of Reference are approved and reviewed by CAND CEO, as needed to ensure they remain relevant and effective.