

#### ARTICLE 4 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 4.1. Executive Committee. The activities of EHDN shall be coordinated by an Executive Committee consisting of eleven voting members as follows:
- nine persons elected by the EHDN membership (the “Elected Members”),
  - one person representing the European community of families affected by HD appointed by the European Huntington’s Disease Association or another organization as determined by the Executive Committee, and
  - one person appointed by CHDI Foundation, Inc.

The chairs of EHDN standing committees, and representatives of EHDN Central Coordination, shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee and shall not have voting rights for Executive Committee business.

4.2. Elected Members.

- 4.2.1 The Elected Members must be regular members of EHDN.
- 4.2.2 The Elected Members shall be divided into two, as nearly equal as possible, classes. The term of each class of Elected Members shall be staggered so that one class is elected at each Plenary Meeting.
- 4.2.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, each Elected Member shall serve for a term ending on the date of the second Plenary Meeting following the Plenary Meeting at which such Elected Member was elected, provided, that the term of each Elected Member shall be subject to the election of her or his successor and to the earlier vacancy in her or his office as further described in this Constitution.
- 4.2.4 A person may serve for no more than two terms, whether or not consecutive, as an Elected Member.
- 4.2.5 The Executive Committee may temporarily extend the term of Elected Members in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as a natural catastrophe or global pandemic.

- 4.3. Chair and Deputy Chair. As soon as practicable following the election of new Elected Members, the members of the Executive Committee shall elect from among themselves a person to be the Chair and a person to be the Deputy Chair. The Executive Committee may extend the term of the Chair or the Deputy Chair or both of them as Elected Members to ensure the continuity of EHDN leadership. The Executive Committee may remove the Chair or the Deputy Chair or both of them by majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- 4.4. Vacancies; Replacements.
- In the event of vacancy of the Chair, the Deputy Chair shall succeed the Chair for the balance of his or her elected term.
  - In the event of vacancy of the Deputy Chair, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement from among the other members of the Executive Committee.
  - In the event of vacancy of an Elected Member of the Executive Committee, the position may be replaced by the next available member with the next highest vote count from the last election for the remaining term period.
  - In the event of vacancy of an appointed member of the Executive Committee, a replacement member may be appointed by the organization that appointed the departing member.
- 4.5. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times a year. Members of the Executive Committee may attend such meetings through conference calls and other means of communication. A majority of the Executive Committee present at a meeting may act unless a greater number is required by this Constitution. The Executive Committee may act without a meeting if, prior to or subsequent to the action, each member of the Executive Committee consents to the action.
- 4.6. Responsibilities. The EHDN Executive Committee shall
- oversee the activities of EHDN, including Central Coordination and Language Area Coordination,
  - oversee the development and maintenance of the infrastructure of EHDN,
  - ensure continued funding of the infrastructure of EHDN including proposing and overseeing potential dues, fees or surcharges for EHDN,
  - evaluate and, if appropriate, endorse studies as set forth in Article 8,

- evaluate and, if appropriate, grant access to data or biomaterials or both as set forth in Article 9,
- convene Plenary Meetings and report to the members thereof, and
- adopt such by-laws, rules and policies not inconsistent with this Constitution as considered necessary or useful to further the mission of EHDN.