

ARTICLE 5 – EHDN COMMITTEES

- 5.1. Committees. The EHDN shall have a standing Scientific and Bioethics Advisory Committee (SBAC). The Executive Committee may establish other committees and task forces to assist with the oversight of the activities of EHDN with such mandates and responsibilities as the Executive Committee may determine.
- 5.2. Elected and Appointed Members.
- 5.2.1 The Executive Committee may appoint, or arrange the election of, members to committees. Committee members must be regular members of EHDN. Any committee member appointed by the Executive Committee may be removed by the Executive Committee with or without cause.
- 5.2.2 Nominations. The Executive Committee may seek nominations for membership on committees from EHDN regular members. The Executive Committee may appoint members to the committees from the nominations received, hold elections, or add members on an *ad hoc* basis as needed.
- 5.3. Scientific and Bioethics Advisory Committee.
- 5.3.1. Responsibilities. The SBAC shall facilitate Huntington's disease research in Europe by acting as a source of scientific and bioethical knowledge and advice to members of the EHDN network. As such the SBAC may consider and provide recommendations to members and the Executive Committee concerning:
- 5.3.1.1. applications for access to EHDN resources including data or biomaterials,
- 5.3.1.2. applications for EHDN endorsement of studies,
- 5.3.1.3. applications for seed fund projects, and
- 5.3.1.4. such other scientific and bioethical questions as members may raise.
- 5.3.2. The SBAC shall consist of twelve members intended to include a broad representation of the research and clinical interests of EHDN. Each member of the SBAC shall serve for a term ending on the date of the second Plenary Meeting following the appointment or election of such member, provided, that the term of each member of the SBAC shall be

subject to the appointment or election of her or his successor and to the earlier vacancy in her or his office as further described in this Constitution.

5.3.3. Chair and Co-chair: As soon as practicable following each Plenary Meeting, the members of the SBAC shall elect from among themselves a person to be the Chair and a person to be the Co-chair.

5.4 The Executive Committee may temporarily extend the term of Elected Members of EHDN Committees in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as a natural catastrophe or global pandemic.