

**CHARTER AND
MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
FOR THE
WORLD FEDERATION OF NEURO-ONCOLOGY SOCIETIES**

1. NAME

The name of the Organization shall be the WORLD FEDERATION OF NEURO-ONCOLOGY SOCIETIES (WFNOS or “the Federation”)

2. MISSION

The mission of the Federation is to provide an international platform for education and research in the field of neuro-oncology through interorganizational collaboration.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Federation is to promote the development of the field of neuro-oncology by elevating and sustaining the education of all healthcare professionals involved in neuro-oncology, and by encouraging mutual fellowship, goodwill, and scientific collaboration among physicians and scientists actively involved in the field of neuro-oncology worldwide.

4. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

The Federation shall be open to any national neuro-oncology society, or confederation of neuro-oncology societies, that provide services to registered members with advanced educational degrees, consisting of M.D., D.O., Ph.D., or an internationally recognized equivalent. These members of the Federation shall be known as “General Members”.

5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A prospective applicant for General Membership shall file with the Administrative Office such information as necessary to determine the applicant's qualifications as a Member Society. Approval of membership shall be determined by a majority vote of the General Assembly as provided in Section 12.

6. MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

General Members agree that they shall:

- a. Make every effort to send at least one representative to the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology (WFNO) meeting,
- b. Participate in the General Assembly as noted in Section 12,
- c. Actively promote the WFNO call for abstracts to their membership,
- d. Encourage attendance at the WFNO to their membership, and
- e. Participate in discussions relating to international outreach to developing regions.

7. CHARTER MEMBERS

The Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology (ASNO), the European Association for Neuro-Oncology (EANO) and the Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO) shall be the Charter Members of the WFNOS. The Charter Members agree that they shall:

- a. Host a WFNO meeting in a quadrennial rotation (i.e., SNO, EANO, ASNO, SNO...), and
- b. Organize a scientific planning committee that includes representation from the General Member Societies.

8. THE WORLD FEDERATION OF NEURO-ONCOLOGY MEETING

The Charter Member in the rotation that has the responsibility for organizing the WFNO shall:

- a. Be solely responsible for site selection and venue choice,
- b. Contract directly with all third-party vendors,
- c. Assume all legal, contractual and administrative responsibilities for organizing a successful meeting,
- d. Retain any profit resulting from the WFNO meeting, and
- e. Be solely and individually responsible for any loss resulting from the WFNO meeting.

9. CHAIR

The Chair of the WFNOS shall be designated by the Charter Member serving as the host organization for the quadrennial World Federation of Neuro-Oncology meeting.

10. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Each Charter Member shall appoint two (2) representatives to an Organizing Committee who shall work with the Chair to develop the educational and scientific content of the WFNO meeting.

11. CONTRACTING POWERS AND LIABILITY

General Members and Charter Members agree that they shall not:

- a. Enter into contracts on behalf of the Federation,
- b. Receive payments for goods or services supplied to the Federation, or
- c. Receive reimbursement of any out-of-pocket expenses (including hotel and travel costs).

12. GENERAL ASSEMBLY & DECISION MAKING

- a. A General Assembly of the WFNOs shall be convened at each WFNO meeting, on at least 21 days notice and specifying the business to be discussed.
- b. There shall be a quorum at a meeting of the General Assembly if a simple majority of Charter Members and a simple majority of the General Members are present.
- c. Every issue before the General Assembly shall be decided by a simple majority of the Charter Members and separately by a simple majority of the General Members.
- d. Additional meetings of the General Assembly may be convened at an annual meeting of one of the Charter Members at which there is a quorum, on at least 21 days notice and specifying the business to be discussed.
- e. There shall be one vote per member and voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

The administrative office of the Federation shall be the Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO) in the United States of America.

14. AMENDMENTS

This Charter may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Charter Members and separately by a simple majority of the General Members, by electronic mail, teleconference, or at a General Assembly at which a quorum is present.