



**Hauora
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Rural Health
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Charter

**Te Whare Taumata o Ngā Taurira Taiwhenua O Aotearoa
Students of Rural Health Aotearoa**

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1. TE WHARE TAUMATA O TAUIRA TAIWHENUA STUDENTS OF RURAL HEALTH AOTEAROA CHAPTER & OBJECTS

Establishment

1. This is the Charter of the Te Whare Taumata o Tauria Taiwhenua Students of Rural Health Aotearoa Chapter of Hauora Taiwhenua (the Chapter). The Chapter established by the Hauora Taiwhenua / Rural Health Network Inc (**HTRHN**) under Rule 8.1, 8.2 or 21.2 of the Constitution & Rules of HTRHN (**Rules**).
2. The Chapter does not have separate corporate existence and acts solely through HTRHN.
3. This Charter does not amend the Rules. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this Charter and the Rules, the Rules will prevail to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

4. The Chapter Is committed to the values and principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all our structures and workings.
5. Acknowledges and recognises the unique place of Māori as tangata whenua.
6. Recognises the responsibility rural healthcare has in ensuring rural Māori have access to excellent health services which are actively promoted to ensure equitable outcomes.
7. Supports a minimum of 50% Maori representation within Chapter leadership of HTRHN, giving effect to Tino Rangatiranga as stipulated in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and will assist other Chapters to effect this within their own leadership arrangements.
8. Will regularly review and develop processes/structures to ensure we meet our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and empower Māori, with all reviews and (re)developments designed and executed in genuine partnership with Māori.
9. Will work to enable *Ritenga Māori* as framed by Te Ao Māori and enacted through Tikanga Māori informed from Mātauranga Māori.
10. Commits to upskilling Chapter leadership in Te Ao Māori, with the Chapter committee engaging with resources to expand our collective understanding of Te Ao Māori.

Objects

11. The Principles and Purposes of HTRHN are the primary objects of the Chapter.
12. The secondary objects of the Chapter are to:
 - a Ensure its governance reflects a genuine partnership model between Māori and non-Māori which is mana-enhancing and embodies collective power sharing.
 - b Promote Hauora Māori and system transformation as central to realising equitable rural health outcomes.
 - c Provide a diverse, representative voice for students interested in improving health and wellbeing outcomes for all rural communities and be a highly valued leader in this field.
 - d Promote rural health careers to, by engaging and encouraging, tertiary and pre-tertiary students expressing an interest in practising in the rural healthcare field.
 - e Engage broadly, forming partnerships with schools, tertiary education institutions, rural communities, Māori communities, and the rural health workforce, for the benefit of current and future tertiary students.
 - f Advocate for rural students, particularly rural Māori students, to ensure tertiary

institutions continue to utilise policies and entry pathways that produce an equitable health workforce for current and future rural communities.

- g Participate and contribute to research and initiatives that enhance healthcare provision and equity for rural communities.
- h Bring an informed and united rural student perspective to the HTRHN Council.
- i Identify key strategic issues pertinent to the Chapter and take these to the HTRHN Council for consideration and prioritisation for including in the annual workplan of HTRHN.
- j Maintain flexibility in our structure and approach, so our vision and goals represent the changing realities of rural health and education landscapes.
- k Under this Charter the Board and Council delegates to the Chapter and its Chapter Committee certain purposes, principles, functions and powers of HTRHN.

This Charter was provisionally adopted by the Interim Council of HTRHN pursuant to Rule 10.1 of the Rules on 25 November 2021.

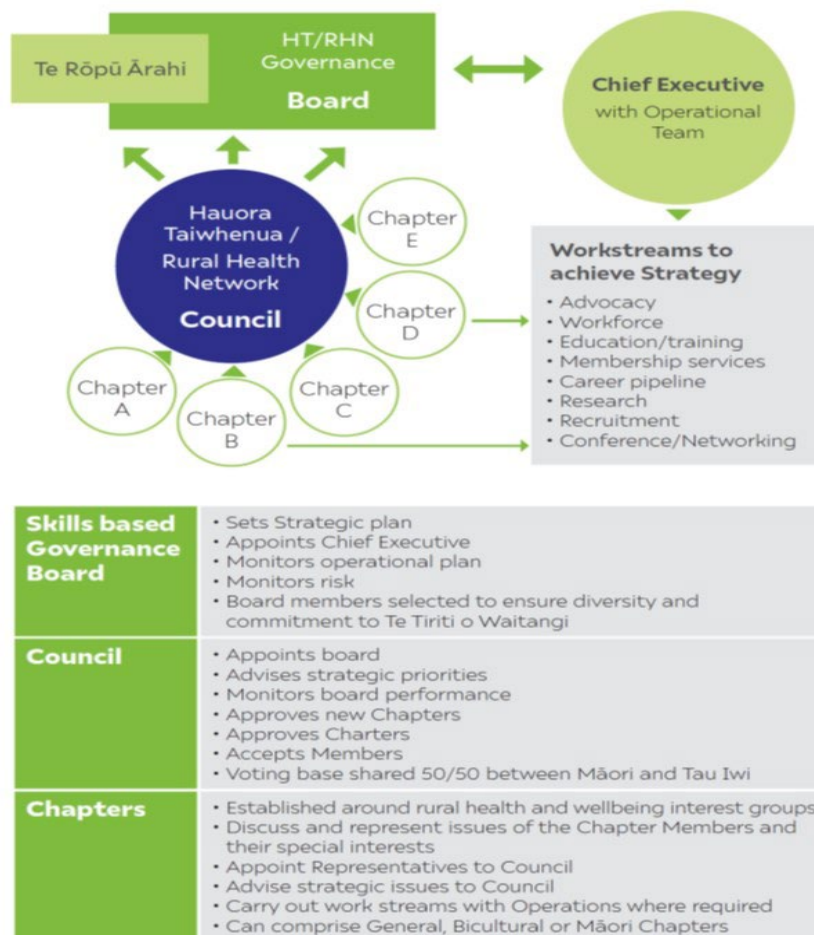
Signed for and on behalf of HTRHN by



Dr Fiona Bolden

HTRHN, Board Chairperson

2. WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHAPTERS, COUNCIL, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT



- 2.1. As shown in the diagram above, the Chapter is one of a number of Chapters of the HTRHN Society. Each Chapter is a membership group representing a special interest within rural health and wellbeing in New Zealand.
- 2.2. The Chapter meets to consider the strategic issues of that special interest group (tauirā/students), and rural health and wellbeing generally, in order to achieve the Purposes of the HTRHN.
- 2.3. The Chapter appoints two representatives to the Council. The Council has the effective governing power of HTRHN as it appoints/dismisses the Board, provides the Board with strategic priorities, and admits or dissolves Chapters. The Council is Treaty based with voting power shared equally between Māori and Non-Māori.
- 2.4. The Board is skills-based. It sets the HTRHN Strategic Plan on advice from the Council, and then oversees the achievement of the strategic outcomes, managing any identified risks at the same time. It does this by appointing a Chief Executive (CE) who has delegated powers to manage an operational team and plan. The CE sets an Annual Operational Plan to achieve the strategy and is accountable to the Board.
- 2.5. The CE and Operational team may call upon Chapters, or their members, in order to achieve the Annual Operational Plan. Depending on the Strategic plan and Operational Plan this will differ in scale and focus for each Chapter.
- 2.6. Each Chapter will have an agreed workplan and associated budget, that has been developed collaboratively with the CE and Operational team, in order to manage Chapter meetings and any work required to achieve the Operational Plan.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. The following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- a Board means the board of HTRHN.
- b Business Day means any day (which is not a Saturday or Sunday) that banks are generally open for business in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.
- c Business Hours means the hours between 8 am and 5.30 pm on a Business Day.
- d Charter means this charter, which sets out the purposes, principles, rules of conduct and governance, and arrangement with HTRHN.
- e Chapter Co-Chair means a chairperson of the Chapter Committee elected in accordance with paragraph 6.7
- f Chapter Committee means the Open Governance Group (OGG) of the Chapter as constituted in accordance with paragraph 6.
- g Chapter Committee Member means an individual who is a member of the Chapter Committee
- h Chapter General Meeting means either a Chapter Annual General Meeting or a Chapter Special General Meeting, held either in person and/or a virtual platform.
- i Council means the Council of HTRHN
- j Register means the register of HTRHN Members kept in accordance with clause 4.8
- k Relevant Interest means an interest in benefiting from and contributing to the Primary Object.
- l Rules means the Constitution & Rules of HTRHN in force from time to time.
- m Workplan means a plan of work and budget that has been approved by the HTRHN Board, consistent with the HTRHN Strategic Plan, in order to further the Objects of the Chapter and Society.
- n Ritenga Māori refers to Māori rituals that will be implemented in all spaces concerning the Chapter, guided by tikanga (protocol) that exist within Te Ao Māori (The Māori World) and to the extent of mātauranga Māori (Māori Knowledge). Examples of this include opening and presiding with karakia/whakatauki, a basic understanding of formal Māori events (Powhiri etc) and whakawhanaungatanga (connections).
- o Student refers to any person who is enrolled and studying at a tertiary institution, unless otherwise specified.

3.2 In this Charter a reference to:

- a person includes an individual, company, corporation, partnership, firm, joint venture, association, trust, unincorporated body of persons, governmental or other regulatory body, authority or entity;
- b including and similar words do not imply any limit;
- c writing shall include information recorded in electronic form if the information is readily accessible so as to be usable for subsequent reference.

3.3 Defined terms used in this Charter that are not defined above have the meanings given to them in the Rules.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. To be admitted as a Chapter Member an applicant must:
 - a Make an application to the Council of HTRHN.
 - b comply with other requirements of the Rules, including paying the applicable entrance fee, annual subscription and other charges properly levied on the applicant.
 - c have a Relevant Interest; and
 - d be accepted by HTRHN in the manner set by the Council from time to time.
- 4.2. The Chapter is primarily a group of Individual Members, where those individual members are tertiary students studying towards a degree or diploma in a health or wellbeing related field of study at a recognised tertiary institution.
- 4.3. The Chapter may accept applications from Organisation Members, where those organisational members are Rural Health Clubs bound by a constitution or terms of reference, whose members are tertiary students studying towards a degree or diploma in a health or wellbeing related field of study at a recognised tertiary institution.
- 4.4. In order to be successful in applying to be a member of the Chapter you must meet these criteria.
- 4.5. Each Organisational Member of the Chapter shall appoint three (3) named representatives for their organisation. These named representatives will represent the Organisational Member in meetings of the Chapter and carry the Organisational Member's vote under clauses 5.11 and 5.13. The three (3) named representatives will be automatically registered as Individual Members of HTRHN with all benefits conferred to such membership by HTRHN.
- 4.6. The Chapter Committee can delegate the role of administering membership applications to the HTRHN management. In this case the HTRHN management will provide a report on changes to membership at each subsequent meeting of the Chapter Committee.
- 4.7. In accordance with the Rules, a Chapter Member will be a Member of HTRHN.
- 4.8. A Chapter Member is bound by this Charter as well as the Rules, alongside the code of conduct of the Chapter.
- 4.9. HTRHN shall keep a register of HTRHN Members (Register) showing their names, last known addresses, phone numbers and email addresses and shall keep such Register up to date.
- 4.10. A person ceases to be a Chapter Member if:
 - a the person ceases to be a member of HTRHN for any reason; or
 - b the person notifies the person's resignation as a Chapter Member by notice in writing to HTRHN.
- 4.11. When a person ceases to be a Chapter Member that person shall be removed from the Register and shall not be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges of membership of HTRHN.
- 4.12. Chapter Members are not partners and are therefore not in any way jointly or severally liable to each other notwithstanding this Charter.
- 4.13. Every Chapter Member shall be entitled to a copy of this Charter, and the Chapter Committee will endeavour to have a copy of this charter available for download from the Chapter website.

5. MEETINGS

Chapter Annual Meetings

5.1. An Annual Meeting of the Chapter will be held:

- a within 6 months from the establishment of this Charter; (First Annual Meeting); and
- b subject to (c) below within 2 months before any Annual General Meeting of HTRHN.
- c If, in complying with (b) above, the Second Chapter Annual Meeting would occur within 2 months of the First Chapter Annual Meeting, the Second Chapter Annual Meeting may be deferred.

5.2 Subject to the time requirement set out in clause 5.1, the Chapter Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Chapter Committee.

5.3 The business of the Chapter Annual Meeting shall be:

- a to receive reports on the Chapter's previous Financial Year's activity, including reports from the Chapter Co-Chairs and the Chief Executive.
- b to appoint the Chapter Co-Chairs.
- c to appoint Chapter Committee Members.
- d to consider any notices, motions or remits that have been received by the Chapter not less than 15 Business Days in advance of the Chapter Annual Meeting or as otherwise specified by the Chapter Committee in the notice calling the Chapter Annual Meeting.
- e to identify key strategic issues, pertinent to the Chapter, to take to the HTRHN Council for consideration and prioritisation for including in the Annual Workplan of HTRHN; and
- f to transact any other business that may properly be conducted at a Chapter Annual Meeting.

Chapter Special Meetings

5.4 All Meetings other than the Chapter Annual Meeting shall be known as Chapter Special Meetings.

5.5 The Chief Executive and the Chapter Co-Chairs shall each have the power to convene a Chapter Special Meeting in the following situations:

- a where the Chapter Committee thinks it necessary to discuss any matter of interest to the Chapter; or
- b at the written request of not less than 20% of the Chapter Members.

5.6 At least 10 Business Days' written notice of every Chapter Special Meeting shall be given to all Chapter Members, specifying the time, place and business of the meeting.

Notices

5.7 Every notice required to be given to the Chapter Members shall be deemed to be duly delivered:

- a three (3) Business Days after posting if it is posted in a prepaid letter to such Chapter Members at their postal address on the Register; or
- b the day that it is sent, if sent in Business Hours (or if sent outside Business Hours the next Business Day) by email (and the sender does not receive an undeliverable email message generated by the sender or recipient's system) to such Chapter Members at their email address on the Register.

Quorum

5.8 Either 20 percent of Chapter Members or 15 Chapter Members participating, or represented by proxy, at any General Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

5.9 If within half an hour from the time appointed for a Chapter General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting will stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as notified to Chapter Members. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the Chapter Members present will constitute a quorum.

Voting

- 5.10 Each Chapter Individual Member shall be entitled to vote at all General Meetings.
- 5.11 Each Chapter Organisation Member shall be entitled to vote at all General Meetings, with the three (3) named representatives of each organisation casting their vote as individuals.
- 5.12 At all General meetings voting shall be:
- a by a show of hands; or
 - b by ballot/electronic voting system as outlined in clause 5.16, where either of these systems are deemed to be more appropriate to the format of the meeting (i.e. on a virtual platform) by the Chapter committee, or is demanded by the majority of the Chapter Members present on a show of hands or by the chairperson of the meeting.
- 5.13 At all Chapter General Meetings each resolution shall be determined by a majority of votes cast, except where otherwise required by this Charter.

Voting by Proxy

- 5.14 Voting by proxy is permitted and the related rules in the Rules are adopted by this Charter with any changes necessary to give them full effect under this Charter.

Resolution in place of Chapter General Meeting

- 5.15 A resolution in place of a Chapter General Meeting vote is permitted where authorised by the Chapter Committee and the related rules in the Rules are adopted by this Charter with any changes necessary to give them full effect under this Charter.

Electronic Voting

- 5.16 Electronic voting is permitted where authorised by the Chapter Committee and the related rules in the Rules are adopted by this Charter with any changes necessary to give them full effect under this Charter.

Irregularity

- 5.17 An irregularity in a notice of any Chapter General Meeting is waived if a majority of the Chapter Members attend the meeting without protest as to the irregularity, or if they agree to the waiver. The accidental omission to give a notice of a Chapter General Meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice of a Chapter General Meeting by, a Chapter Member will not invalidate the proceedings at the Chapter General Meeting, provided that the Co-Chairs are first satisfied that no Chapter Member has been unfairly prejudiced.

6. CHAPTER COMMITTEE

Membership of the Chapter Committee

- 6.1 There shall be up to nine (9) general Chapter Committee members, and as many discipline specific roles as appropriate/necessary to conduct the general business of the Chapter.
- 6.2 Chapter Committee membership may be shared between two individuals, with the view to fulfil obligations to Te Tiriti o Waitangi by creating genuine partnership between tangata whenua and the general Chapter Committee within a Chapter Committee role.

- 6.3 The Chief Executive shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Chapter Committee but shall not be entitled to vote at those meetings.
- 6.4 Each Chapter Committee Member shall hold office for a term of one (1) year commencing from the end of the Annual Meeting at which they were elected.
- 6.5 Chapter Committee members elected in special meetings of the Chapter shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting.
- 6.6 Each Chapter Committee Member may be re-elected for an indefinite number of consecutive terms, provided they are current tertiary students studying towards a degree or diploma in a health or wellbeing related field of study at a recognised tertiary institution at the time of the AGM.
- 6.7 Each Chapter Committee member must be a member of HTRHN to qualify for election into their respective position.

Chapter Co-Chairs

- 6.8 There shall be two (2) Māori and two (2) General Co-Chairs to lead the Chapter.
- 6.9 The Māori Co-Chair must identify as tangata whenua and be a member of HTRHN to qualify for election into this position.
- 6.10 The General Co-Chair must be a member of HTRHN to qualify for election into this position.
- 6.11 Co-Chairs are eligible for election provided they are current tertiary students studying towards a degree or diploma in a health or wellbeing related field of study at a recognised tertiary institution at the time of the AGM and will remain studying for at least 80% of their elected term.
- 6.12 Co-Chairs are to be as appointed as follows, in accordance with clauses 6.8-6.10:
- a A Māori and General Co-Chair are to be elected annually
 - b A Co-Chair may only be elected to serve a single two (2) year term
- 6.13 The Chapter Co-Chairs shall:
- a preside at all Chapter General Meetings, Chapter Committee meetings, and other Students of Rural Health Chapter meetings when present.
 - b approve minutes of the meetings.
 - c generally, conduct the meetings.
 - d in the case of an equality of votes, have a casting vote.
 - i If there is still an equality of votes after the votes of the present Co-Chairs, the matter shall be decided by a vote of the Council
 - e regularly liaise with, and provide support to, the Chief Executive.
 - f liaise with the Council and Board or Council Chapter representatives as required.
 - g act as Spokesperson on behalf of the Chapter to the public, as appropriate, in liaison with the Chief Executive; and
 - h delegate tasks a-c, e-g between themselves as they see fit, alongside chairing relevant working groups.
- 6.14 Where there are no Chapter Co-Chairs present at a Chapter Committee meeting the Chapter Committee Members present at the meeting shall elect one of their number

present to chair the relevant meeting and exercise all the powers of the Chapter Co-Chair, unless the Chapter Co-Chairs have delegated the position of meeting chair to a member of the Chapter Committee before the commencement of the meeting.

Chapter Representation on the Council

- 6.15 The Chapter Co-Chairs reserve the right to determine between themselves the two persons that will represent the Chapter on the Council, provided:
- a One (1) Chapter representative identifies as tangata whenua Māori. This representative does not need to hold the title of Māori Co-Chair to fulfil this clause.
- 6.16 If the Chapter Co-Chairs are unable to determine two persons best suited to represent the Chapter on the Council between themselves, they will consult the Chapter Committee.
- 6.17 Chapter Representatives on the Council are to be determined annually and shall only be reappointed for three (3) consecutive terms.

Vacancy

- 6.18 Where a Chapter Committee Member resigns or becomes otherwise vacant during that Committee Member's term, a casual vacancy shall be deemed to have arisen.
- 6.19 Any Chapter Committee Member who:
- a ceases to be a member of the Chapter they represent; or
 - b is a Chapter Member who has resigned, or has been suspended or expelled, from HTRHN or the Chapter; or
 - c fails to attend three consecutive Chapter Committee meetings without having leave of absence or reason considered adequate by the Chapter Committee
- shall be deemed to have resigned from the Chapter Committee without further notice.
- 6.20 The Chapter Committee may appoint a Chapter Member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term of that resigning Chapter Committee Member or may choose to appoint a Chapter committee member through a by-election process occurring at a special meeting of the Chapter.

Chapter Committee Meetings

- 6.21 The Chapter Committee shall hold as many meetings as they deem necessary to fulfil the Primary Object of the Chapter and carry out their Chapter Workplan.

Quorum at Chapter Committee Meetings

- 6.22 The quorum for any Chapter Committee Meetings may be fixed by the Chapter Committee, but unless so fixed, will be a majority of Chapter Committee Members.
- 6.23 At all Chapter Committee meetings each resolution shall be determined by a majority of votes cast.
- 6.24 A meeting of the Chapter Committee may be held:
- b by a number of Chapter Committee Members who constitute a quorum, being assembled at the same time and place; or
 - c by means of audio or audio-visual communication by which all Chapter Committee

Members participating and constituting a quorum can hear each other throughout the meeting.

- 6.25 Should any matter require a determination of the Chapter Committee, that matter may be determined by vote of the Chapter Committee Members voting either by show of hands at a Chapter Committee meeting, or by post or by electronic means in such format as has been previously approved by the Chapter Committee.

Powers of the Chapter Committee

- 6.26 The business and affairs of the Chapter will be managed by, or under the direction or supervision of, the Council.
- 6.27 The Chapter Committee may exercise all the functions and powers that are able to be, and that are delegated to the Chapter Committee from the Council and the Board. Subject to the foregoing, the Chapter Committee shall have the following functions and powers:
- a manage the business and affairs of the Chapter.
 - b determines the policies of the Chapter.
 - c prepare and maintain, in consultation with Chapter Members, a strategic plan for the Chapter to support achievement of the Primary Object.
 - d prepare an annual Chapter Workplan and budget and provide oversight for any discretionary funding allocated to the Chapter by the Council and Board.
 - e prepare an annual report for the Council on the Chapter operations and workplan; and
 - f establish and disestablish any temporary working groups and set the goals, rules, term and other parameters of the working groups.
- 6.28 The Council and /or Board may, except as provided in this Charter, delegate to the Chapter, or a working group, a Chapter Committee Member, or to any other person, any one or more of its powers, in whole or part.
- 6.29 Except as set out in this Charter or the Rules, the Chapter Committee may regulate its own procedure.
- 6.30 The Chapter Committee is subsidiary to the Council and does not have any power except as delegated by the Council or Board and shall not have any power to bind, or act as agent for, HTRHN, including that it shall not have power to:
- a enter into contracts or deeds.
 - b invest money in real or personal property, invest or borrow money by way of mortgages, debentures or otherwise on the security of any property of HTRHN; or
 - c appoint any employees.
- 6.31 If it is deemed by the Council that the Chapter Committee is operating outside the objectives of HTRHN then the business and affairs of the Chapter will be managed by, or under the direct supervision of, the Council.

7 DISCIPLINARY POWERS

Extent of Powers

- 7.1 The disciplinary powers in clauses 7.4 to 7.13 relate to Chapter Members in their capacity as Chapter Members and not in their capacity as Members of HTRHN. These powers may not be exercised in relation to a Chapter Member if equivalent powers are being, or have been, exercised by HTRHN in relation to that Chapter Member in connection with the same matters.
- 7.2 In exercising such powers, the Chapter and the Chapter Committee are acting as agents for and through HTRHN and not in their own right.
- 7.3 Any interim suspension order, suspension or expulsion by HTRHN, in relation to a Chapter Member shall automatically also apply as a suspension order of, or suspension or expulsion from, the Chapter in relation to that Chapter Member and shall take effect without further action of, or resolution by the Chapter Committee. The Chapter does not otherwise have the power to expel a Chapter Member but can exercise other powers, as set out in clauses 7.4 to 7.13.

Disciplinary Conduct

- 7.4 The disciplinary powers shall be exercisable where a Chapter Member or Chapter Committee Member:
 - a has contravened this Charter or any rule, regulation, code of conduct or by-law of the Chapter.
 - b has brought discredit or disrepute to the Chapter.
 - c is guilty of conduct unbecoming of any Chapter Member or Chapter Committee Member.
 - d is in arrears of payment of any fees or other charges payable with respect to the Chapter; or
 - e is engaged in an activity which may lead to a conflict of interest with the Primary Object or the objects of HTRHN.

Disciplinary Penalties

- 7.5 The penalties or orders which may be imposed pursuant to this Section 6 are:
 - a reprimand.
 - b interim suspension order pending the hearing of any charges; and
 - c suspension.

Disciplinary Procedure

- 7.6 The Chapter Committee shall give the relevant Chapter Member, Chapter Committee Member not less than twenty (20) Business Days' notice of the hearing of any complaint or complaints made under clause 7.4.
- 7.7 The relevant Chapter Member, or Chapter Committee Member may answer the complaint or complaints either in writing or in appearance before the Chapter Committee. If the person wishes to appear before the Chapter Committee, not less than three (3) Business Days written notice of intention to do so shall be given, together with brief details of what that person proposes to present to the Chapter Committee.
- 7.8 The Chapter Committee shall conduct the hearing informally, but so as to give each party fair opportunity to be heard.
- 7.9 The Chapter Committee shall not be bound by any rules of evidence.
- 7.10 The decision of the Chapter committee shall be carried by a vote of a majority of the Chapter Committee Members present and the vote thereon shall be by ballot and shall be final in all respects.

Interim Suspension

- 7.11 The Chapter Committee may, before or during any hearing of a complaint, make an order for interim suspension when the Chapter Committee is of the opinion that the complaint is sufficiently serious for that order to be made or is otherwise in the interests of Chapter Members.

Suspension

- 7.12 Upon the imposition of a penalty of suspension, a Chapter Member (while remaining on the Register) shall not be entitled to exercise any of the rights and privileges of a Chapter Member during the period of suspension. Upon the expiry of the period of suspension the Chapter Member shall revert to and be entitled to exercise any rights and privileges of a Chapter Member.
- 7.13 Upon the imposition of a penalty of suspension, a Chapter Committee Member (while remaining a Chapter Committee Member) shall not be entitled to attend Chapter Committee meetings or vote on any matter to be determined by the Chapter Committee. Upon the expiry of the period of suspension the Chapter Committee Member shall revert to and be entitled to exercise any rights and privileges of Chapter Committee membership.

8. CHARTER

- 8.1 This Charter may be revised, repealed, or amended by the Council (including on advice from the Chapter Committee).
- 8.2 If any doubt shall arise as to the correct interpretation of this Charter, unless there is a decision of the Council relating to the same matter, the decision of the Chapter Committee shall be final and conclusive provided such decision is recorded in the Minutes of the Chapter.
- 8.3 Nothing in this Charter shall be interpreted as preventing the Chapter from utilising the provisions of the Electronic Transactions Act 2002 and the Chapter Committee shall be authorised to approve the use of electronic transactions as it sees fit.

9. DISSOLUTION

- 9.1 The Chapter may be dissolved by the Council at any time pursuant to Rule 8.2 of the Rules.
- 9.2 The Chapter Committee shall request the Council to dissolve the Chapter upon a resolution being passed that is supported by a three-fourths majority vote of the Chapter Members represented at a Special Meeting called for the purpose of dissolution of the Chapter, with such vote being by ballot (Dissolution Request)
- 9.3 If at any time the Council shall receive a Dissolution Request, the Council shall consider the Dissolution Request in good faith, and if approved by the Council, shall dissolve the Chapter upon such terms as are reasonably requested in the Dissolution Request, or that are otherwise approved by the Council and by a subsequent resolution that is supported by a three-fourths majority vote of the Chapter Members represented at a Special Meeting called for this purpose.