

## **Charter: Student Committee**

### **I. Purpose**

A. The American Society of Acupuncturists' Student Committee (ASA-SC) is the representative committee for future practitioners of Acupuncture and its complete ancient and modern system. The ASA-SC serves under the guidance and governance of the American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA). The ASA-SC seeks to grow our student involvement by reaching out and working directly with all schools and forming connections with their state associations. The ASA-SC shall promote the mission of the ASA, and advocate for students by providing leadership development, platforms that promote equity, justice, and competency, networking opportunities, and educational resources.

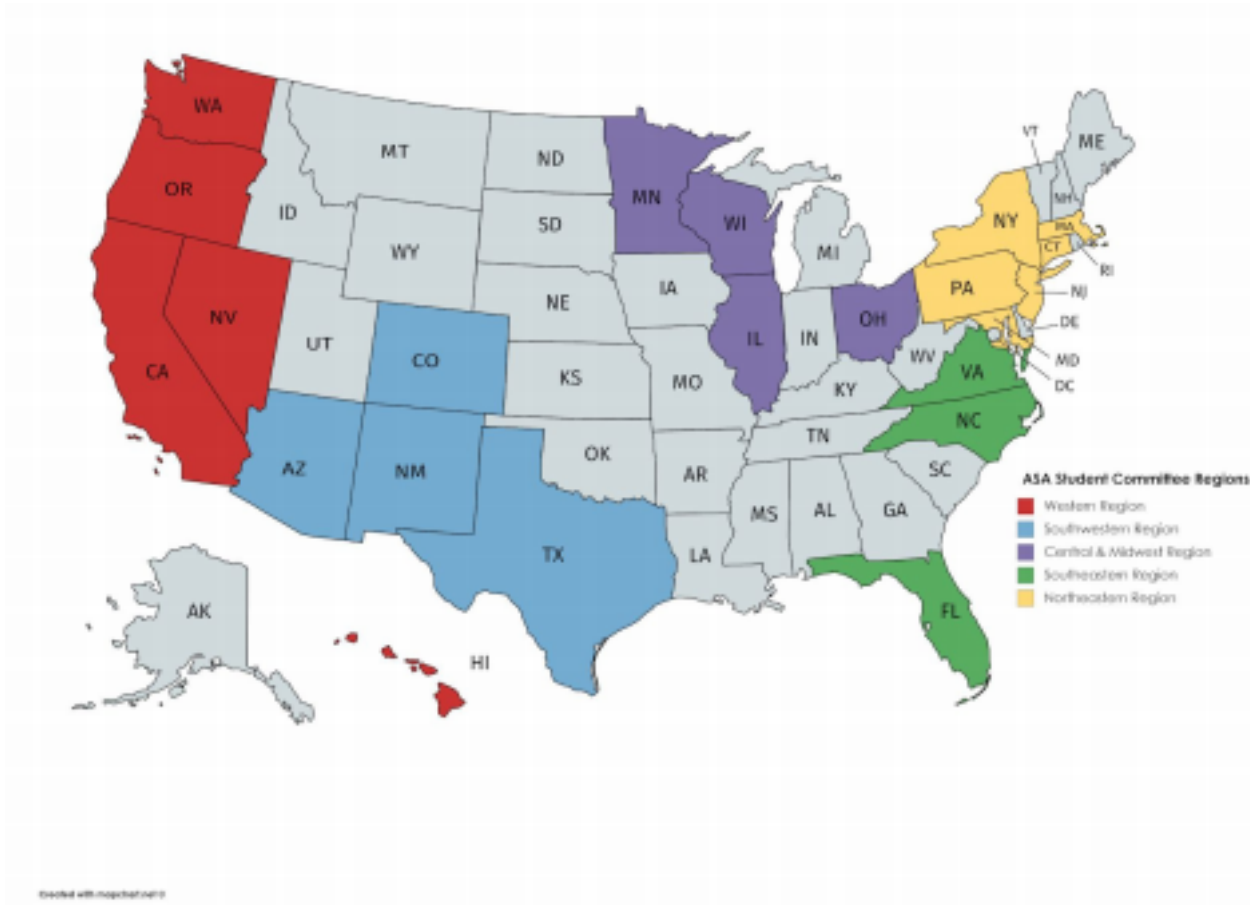
### **II. Composition**

#### A. Chair

- a. Application to serve as Chair shall be made directly to the ASA Nominating Committee, and ratified at the discretion of the ASA Chair and Board, as per ASA policies and procedures.

#### B. Regional Director(s)

- a. Regional Directors will be appointed by the ASA-SC Chair and the ASA Chair, in conjunction with the ASA Nominating Committee according to ASA policies and procedures. A vote may be placed within the ASA-SC to ratify individuals as Regional Directors following this appointment.
- b. Application to serve as Regional Director shall be made directly to the ASA-SC Chair and ASA Nominating Committee.
- c. Regions Represented (see map). These regions may be changed at any time at the discretion of the leadership of the ASA-SC, but only following approval of the ASA BOD (See Map).
  - i. Western Region
  - ii. Southwestern Region
  - iii. Central & Midwestern Region
  - iv. Southeastern Region
  - v. Northeastern Region



\*developed from the [CCA-M map](#)\*

### C. Other Positions

a. ASA-SC Equity, Diversity, and Justice Coordinator

D. Term of service for any representative is at the discretion of the board of directors. Appointed representatives may serve an indefinite amount of years with qualifying restrictions (ie representatives may not serve more than 6 months post graduation):

a. Maintaining enrollment within an ASA financially supporting state association and an accredited program of acupuncture or Traditional Chinese Medicine/East Asian Medicine (TCM/EAM) as recognized by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (ACAHM) or

b. Being within one year of graduation from an ASA financially supporting,

accredited program of acupuncture or TCM/EAM as recognized by the Accreditation Commission of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (ACAHM).



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- c. Dedicate 1-3 hours of volunteer time for projects, goals, meetings and other items under the committee's purview.
- E. General Members: Students may become members of the ASA Student Committee if they meet any of the following criteria:
  - a. Are student members of an ASA state member association or
  - b. Currently attend and are in good standing in an ACAHM accredited school that is a financial supporter of the ASA.

### **III. Committee Members**

#### **A. Chair**

- a. The ASA-SC Chair will report directly to the ASA Chair, Vice-Chair of Public Policy, and also to the Council upon request.
- b. Administration of all actions of the ASA-SC, including but not limited to the maintenance of meeting minutes, provision of reports to ASA leadership, and ensuring adherence to all policies noted within this Charter.
- c. The ASA-SC Chair will be expected to transmit all actionable items, newsletters, and updates from the ASA to the ASA-SC, its Regional Directors, and additional members.
- D. The ASA-SC Chair will oversee the regional directors individual projects, provide guidance, oversee the ethics and professionalism of the project, facilitate professional connections, and assist with their professional development within this leadership role. The ASA-SC will seek guidance from the ASA board of directors if at any time the guidance of ethics or professionalism is outside of their scope.
- E. The ASA-SC Chair will maintain ASA-SC social media account (@asastudents)
- F. The ASA-SC will make themselves reasonably available to committee members and develop programmatic materials that promote equity, diversity, and justice within student life, culture, and the field at large.

#### **B. Regional Directors**

- a. The ASA-SC Regional Directors will report directly to the ASA-SC Chair.
- b. Responsibilities of Regional Directors include provision of updates to the ASA-SC from schools within the region by initiating contact at the institutions qualified by the

above-outlined restrictions. Additionally, Regional Directors will transmit all actionable items, newsletters, and updates from the ASA-SC as communicated by the Chair.

C. regional directors will bring forward and spearhead one project per year that addresses student concerns around equity, diversity, and justice within the acupuncture medicine field and ACAHM accredited institutions.

D. The regional directors are responsible for updating program files with up- to-date information for their region's schools. This includes their social media information and point of contact.

C. Equity, Diversity, and Justice Coordinator

- a. Assists chair and regional directors in overseeing committee projects.
- b. Responsible for research and competency evaluations of projects and social media efforts.
- c.
- d. Collects data that tracks student concerns and outcomes.



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D. Student Members

a. ASA-SC Student Members may augment the efforts of the Chair and Regional Directors.

B. ASA-SC student members will have the right to vote on projects and social media planning.

E. Immediate past chair

- a. Immediate past chair will stay on as a member at large for twelve months. Their duty is to guide and support the current chair in leadership development and provide insights on post-graduation culture and pre-licensure policy, concerns, and developments. The immediate past chair should provide insights, but does not hold voting rights during meetings.

#### **IV. Meetings**

A. Monthly meetings for the ASA-SC.

- a. Attendance is required at greater than 50% of these meetings for representatives unless extenuating circumstances occur.
- b. During certain times of year, meetings may instead occur on a biweekly or bimonthly basis as voted on by the committee.

B. Committee will follow Roberts Rules of Order.

- C. Presence of 80% of committee members constitutes a quorum for voting.
- D. 51% of the vote constitutes voting approval.
- E. Items for a vote will be determined by the ASA-SC Chair and Regional Directors, and the ASA-SC Chair and Regional Directors shall be the only voting delegates.

## **V. Order of Operations**

- A. Committees shall be established by the ASA-SC Chair and Regional Directors, and any student member in good standing may be appointed to a committee at the discretion of the ASA-SC leadership.

## **VI. Current Positions**

- A. Current Chair: Nichelle Cieri, Serving until Sept 2022
- B. Current Regional Directors
  - a. Western Region- Fe Burkley, Graduating 2023
  - b. Southwestern Region- Vacant
  - c. Central & Midwestern Region- Vacant- Pending Nomination
  - d. Southeastern Region- Corin Stedman, graduating 2024
  - e. Northeastern Region- Vacant- Pending Nomination

- C. Other positions



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- a. Equity, Diversity, and Justice Coordinator - Vacant, pending nomination