



# **International Association Of Clinical Research Nurses**

## **Mission, Vision & Bylaws**



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### **Mission**

**The International Association of Clinical Research Nurses (IACRN) is a professional nursing organization. Its purpose is to define, validate and advance clinical research nursing as a specialty practice and to support the professional development of registered nurses who directly or indirectly impact the care of clinical research participants.**

### **Vision**

**Enhancing clinical research quality and safety through specialized nursing practice.**

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## **Association Bylaws**

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### **Article I: Association Name**

The Name of this corporation is the International Association of Clinical Research Nurses, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the “Association” or “IACRN”). IACRN is incorporated in the State of Wisconsin as an IRS code 501(c6) non-profit organization.

### **Article II: Purpose**

The purpose of IACRN is to provide a mechanism for clinical research nurses to promote excellence in the nursing management of research participants through research, education, collaboration, and dissemination of best practices.

### **Article III: Officers**

*Section One:* The officers are the President, President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers must be members in good standing of the Association. These officers shall sit on the Board of Directors and shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

*Section Two:* The officers shall be elected for 2 year terms or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin on January 1. No member shall be eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office. It is acceptable to create one-year terms of office, combine offices, and stagger election years. The President-elect shall assume the role of President at the end of his or her term, therefore no regular election for President will occur.

*Section Three:* The Board of Directors will solicit nominations for officers. Voting may be electronic or by paper ballot. Nominees must run for one position only.

*Section four:* In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the President-elect shall serve as President for the unexpired term. Vacancies of unexpired terms in other offices shall be filled by selection from the membership by the Board of Directors.

*Section five:* The Board of Directors shall control and direct the affairs of the Association; determine its policies; execute its purposes; administer its funds; and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board has no power which is not given to them by the bylaws and shall take no actions that conflict with the mission of the Association.

*Section six:* Composition of the Board of Directors shall be defined by policy.

## **Article IV: Meetings**

*Section One:* General membership meetings will be held at a minimum of one time per year. New business items must be presented to the Board of Directors four weeks prior to the scheduled meeting, to be considered for the agenda.

*Section Two:* Ten percent (10%) of the membership of the Association shall constitute a quorum for bylaw changes, amendments, or voting on Association business.

*Section three:* Voting may be held electronically if the Board of Directors has voted to allow such an action.

*Section four:* The rules contained in the current edition of *The Modern Rules of Order*, shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, and any special rules of order of the Association.

## **Article V: Amendments**

Amendments may be proposed by a group representing at least ten members or by the Board of Directors.

## **Article VI: Review of Bylaws**

The bylaws will be reviewed by the Board of Directors a minimum of every three years.

## **Article VII: Dissolution**

If this Association is dissolved at any time, its assets shall be distributed to similar not-for-profit organizations to be selected by the Board of Directors.

## **Article VIII: Indemnification**

To the extent allowed by law, when an officer or board member is sued in his/her capacity as an officer or board member, the Corporation may indemnify him/her for all fees, costs, and attorney fees associated with his/her defense, to the capacity of the Association.