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Authority and Accountability	The Governance Policy Review Committee is a non-statutory committee of the Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario and is established pursuant to section 12.02 of the by-laws and GP06 - Committee Principles of the Council governing policies. The Committee is accountable directly to the Council of the College.
Limitations	The Governance Policy Review Committee shall only exercise the authority and fulfill the duties and responsibilities authorized in the by-laws and by these Terms of Reference.
Responsibilities	<p>The Governance Policy Review Committee shall be responsible for the development, maintenance, and regular review of the Council’s governance policies. As such, it shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and maintain a process for the identification of non-substantive changes to policies and present proposed amendments to Council based on these. • Solicit comments from Council members in advance of each Council meeting on the set of policies that will be the subject of a detailed review. • Review all comments received and, where appropriate, lead the discussion at the Council meeting relating to all policies including but not necessarily limited to those that are the subject of a detailed review. • Propose any amendments to any of the Council’s governance policies and lead the development of any new policies, either as requested by the Council, Council Chair or as recommended by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). • review the following to ensure that they are transparent, objective, impartial, fair and free of discrimination and bias and to make any recommendations to the Council for amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annually, all relevant program policies and related procedures; and ○ Bi-annually, all relevant regulations made under the <i>Naturopathy Act, 2007</i>.
Appointment and composition	<p>The Governance Policy Review Committee shall be appointed by the Council and shall be comprised of no fewer than two but as many individuals as the Council may deem appropriate, such that the Committee members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any number of Registrants. • Any number of Public Representatives as defined in the by-laws. <p>A Committee Chair, and where deemed necessary by the Council a Committee Vice Chair, shall also be appointed by the Council.</p>

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	The CEO shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of this Committee.
Term of Office	The Governance Policy Review Committee members shall be appointed for approximately one year and may be re-appointed annually by the Council, at its sole discretion, such that no committee member may serve more than nine consecutive years.
Meetings	<p>The Governance Policy Review Committee shall meet on a date and at a time set by the Committee Chair at least ten days in advance of the meeting date unless a majority of Committee members agree to a shorter period.</p> <p>In the event that the Committee Chair is unable to preside at a duly called meeting, the Chair may designate an acting Chair from among the Committee members, or where the Chair has not done so, an acting Chair for the meeting shall be selected by and from among the Committee members present.</p>
Quorum	<p>Pursuant to section 12.06 of the by-laws, quorum for meetings of the Governance Policy Review Committee shall be two members of the Committee, at least one of which shall be a Public member or a Public Representative as defined in the by-laws.</p> <p>In cases of urgency as determined by the Chair, the Public member/Public Representative requirement for the purposes of quorum may be waived.</p>
Reports	<p>The Committee Chair, on behalf of the Committee, shall provide to the Council an Annual Report on the performance of its responsibilities and outcomes of its activities for the period of April 1st of the previous year to March 31st of the current year, subject to any requirements of the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i>. The Annual Report shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer no later than June 1st annually for delivery to the Council.</p> <p>The Committee Chair shall also submit a bi-monthly report to the Council addressing matters of importance to the Committee, including but not necessarily limited to volunteer resources, attendance issues, trends in activities before the committee and volume of work.</p>

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