

# **Professional Associations and Homeopathy**

**Creating our own epidemic for the healing of our planet**

**As If One Person but Allowing for Individual Expression**

“A boat does not go forward if each one is rowing their own way.”

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” - Helen Keller



# Current Global Management of Health

CDC

WHO

AMA

Health Ministries

Health Departments

Unicef

Doctors Without Borders



# Professional Associations: What they are and why we need them.

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# Certification vs. Association

They are not synonymous but complimentary.

# Definition and History

A body of persons engaged in the same profession, formed to control entry into the profession, maintain standards, and represent the profession in discussions with other bodies.

A **professional association** or **professional society** seeks to further a particular profession, the interests of individuals engaged in that profession and the public interest.

## **Value gained: A sense of community coordination is at the heart of the association profession.**

People voluntarily join associations because they want to work together on a common cause or interest. America's associations have deep roots in our history.

- The first American settlers formed “guilds,” patterned after British traditions, to address common challenges and support each other's work and lifestyle.
- This trend toward community coordination has shaped and advanced America since its birth and has historically set America apart from many other nations.
- Today's associations still share the purpose of coming together to produce positive results.

# Professional Associations as the central hub:

- Collate ideas for improving, organizing and growing the profession.
- Provide structure for members to share experience, hopes and contributions.
- Host and sponsor conferences, vet speakers, build a foundation for new idea dissemination.
- Provide leaders in the field who can speak at international conferences contributing in conjunction with other stakeholders such as the Red Cross, WHO and Unicef etc...

# Central Hub

## Professional Associations

- Education
- Standards of Practice
- Ethics
- Advocacy



# Education

- Providing mentorship opportunities
- Participating in the creation of educational standards
- Requiring continuing professional development
- Participating in conferences
- Creating content for educational purposes
- Providing accurate and timely information to the public

# Standards of Practice

- Members have good mental health
- Have completed an agreed upon number of classroom and clinical hours
- Have passed an exam or review of their work
- Continue to add to their knowledge
- Know when and how to refer to another modality or practitioner
- Practice ethically and with the best interest of the client

# Ethics

- Agree to uphold best practices as defined by the Society and refrain from any fraud or exploitation
- Represent the profession in a positive manner both in conduct and communication both written and oral.
- Refrain from self promotion at the expense or detriment of others

# Advocacy

Provide accurate and easily comprehensible information to the public, law makers, the medical community, educators and the press.

**Lobbying** - the act of attempting to influence business and government leaders to create legislation or conduct an activity that will help a particular organization.

- Press releases and public education
- Educational materials for members and the public at large.
- Educational materials for government bodies and legislatures

# NASH

## North American Society Homeopaths

Not long ago, professional homeopaths were not permitted to attend seminars. Seminars were sponsored by medical doctors using homeopathy.

The situation has changed dramatically over the past 25 years and NASH's contribution to these changes has been immense.

- NASH members can now attend any homeopathic seminars and teach seminars
- Are listed as practitioners in the NCH directory
- Submit articles to the journals and
- Are represented at all meetings that concern the homeopathic community.

Professionals are now covered by professional liability insurance and a growing number of insurance companies will pay for clients visiting professional homeopaths.

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- The NASH registration: RSHom(NA) is recognized around the world.

Reciprocal membership from other Societies around the world

- Identifies the Professional Homeopath that is not bound by Standards of Care controlling other modalities.

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### Consumer Confidence

The RsHom(NA) credential generates **consumer confidence** that the homeopathic principles of Classical Homeopathy will direct their care providing opportunity to the full potential of homeopathy.

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**Legal Defense Fund** is funded by \$50 of each registered members dues and contributions.

**“The American Homeopath”** is our annual journal which has great articles, interviews, cases, materia medica and more.

**The NASH Foundation, Inc.**, raises funds to advance homeopathy.

- Provings
- Education/ scholarships
- Research
- Publicity materials and public relations

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**Student Support:** webinars, Facebook groups, subscription to journal

**Mentorship:** case supervision or to grow in knowledge with someone experienced, be that business management or case work

**Camaraderie:** committees to promote homeopathy, further Safe Harbor Legislation, learn and share case experience with peers

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### Licensure vs. Safe Harbor

- Licensure is designed to define competitive boundaries and to protect the consumer when a service has inherent risks.
- Homeopathy does not present the kinds of risks to the consumer associated to other medical modalities such drug overdose, puncturing the skin, etc.
- Homeopathy is utilized as adjunct care by other modalities and we are not intending to remove such.