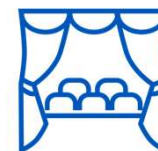




# Arthritis Council Overview

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## The Arthritis Council's **primary objectives** are to:

- **Represent** state health department arthritis programs and related issues and concerns within NACDD.
- **Link** state/territorial/tribal program directors/coordinators, and others in a national forum to act collectively in the promotion of Arthritis health.
- **Exchange** ideas, strategies, materials, and policies and procedures to improve and enhance comprehensive public health programs/policies for Arthritis diseases and their risk factors.
- **Advocate** for legislation, policies and programs to reduce the burden of Arthritis diseases and their risk factors.
- **Provide** comments and recommendations to federal agencies and the membership on issues for which comment has been solicited or for which the Council feels comments are required.
- **Offer** leadership and develop partnerships with affiliates, private and public associations and industry to catalyze promotion of Arthritis health.



# Council Membership

**Any NACDD State Member or Associate Member is eligible to join the general membership of the Arthritis Council**

**State Members** (formerly "General Members") – *one voting member from each State*

- State Health Department employees

**Associate Members** – *non-voting members*

- Local and community health department employees
- Individuals in the health field (i.e. nutritionists)
- Retired State Health Department employees

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# Council Structure

- **Steering Committee** – Chair, Chair-Elect, and four at-large members
- **Workgroups** (established as needed)



# Steering Committee Roles



- **Chair** – Presides over meetings; acts as spokesperson of the Council; represents the Council; makes appointments
- **Chair-Elect** – Serves in the absence of the Chair; succeeds the Chair after serving one year as the Chair-Elect; manages the elections process



# At-Large Member Role



- The Arthritis Council elects four At-Large Members
- At-Large Members serve on the Steering Committee
- Serve a one year term (unless re-elected)



# Steering Committee

- Made up of the Chair, Chair-Elect, At-Large Members (4), and Workgroup Leaders (if any are appointed)
- Plans and oversees activities and projects of the Council
- Plans and manages meetings of the membership
- Facilitates communication and collaboration among members and CDC's Arthritis Program



# Meeting Frequency

- The Arthritis Council meets monthly, the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM ET
- The Steering Committee meets monthly at a time determined by the Committee members





# Council Elections

- Held annually in June of each year
- One eligible voting member from each state, territory, district, commonwealth or tribal public health organization
- Elected positions include the Chair-Elect and four (4) At-Large Members

