

# **The Constitution of the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium**

## **Preamble**

We the members of the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium, in principle and practice, exalt and uphold public service as a measure of the best of humanity's energies and skills to transform government, facilitate civil development and discourse, build communities of learning, and engage the citizenry in shaping a better future for society. Hence, it shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation among members, to promote knowledge, foster mutual competency, and to so conduct Consortium activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of CPM at all levels. It is for these purposes we do establish this Constitution for the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium.

## **Article I**

### **Name and Structure of the Organization**

The name of the organization is the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium.

The National Certified Public Manager® Consortium shall be a not-for-profit organization.

## **Article II**

### **Purpose and Values of the Organization**

The National Certified Public Manager® Consortium is a confederation of organizations offering Certified Public Manager® programs bonded together by the desire to improve the productivity of government at all levels and organizations with a public purpose.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium is to approve and accredit Certified Public Manager® (CPM) programs, promote high standards, facilitate program development, encourage innovation and develop linkages with programs and organizations with similar interests.

#### **Vision**

Accredited Certified Public Manager® training will be available to all public managers and to managers of organizations with a public purpose, provided through our network of accredited consortium programs.

## **Core Principles and Guiding Values**

As an organization that honors public service and seeks to improve and promote it through transformative education and training, the Consortium shall adhere to and model the following principles and values:

### **Accountability, Transparency and Trust**

Through the assurance of access, collaboration, inclusion, responsibility and support in all actions, decisions and relationships.

### **Integrity, Equity and Respect**

Through the creation of a discourse and environment that is honest, just, open and mindful of the rights and views of all.

### **Service, Standards and Viability**

Through the provision of quality, responsive, resourceful, results-oriented, competency-based and impactful service in the deployment of educational opportunities to a diverse and representational body of public servants.

## **Article III** **Membership**

Programs for individual states of the United States of America and its Territories, quasi-governmental organizations, organizations with a public purpose, and other designated programs may be considered for admission.

### **Section 1. Requirements**

Each program obligates itself to abide by the standards set by the National Certified Public Manager<sup>®</sup> Consortium for awarding of the Certified Public Manager<sup>®</sup> designation and to contribute actively to the collective effort to improve the available resources and techniques for public manager training.

### **Section 2. Program Jurisdiction**

- A. There shall be one recognized CPM program within an approved jurisdiction committed to providing CPM training to all levels of government and organizations with a public purpose within that approved jurisdiction.
- B. Non-compete and Cooperative Agreements  
Programs shall agree not to admit candidates from other approved jurisdictions that have recognized CPM programs unless there is a written consent between the jurisdictions in advance. This shall apply to all learning modalities.
- C. Programs may negotiate cooperative agreements.

### **Section 3. Other Organizations**

The Consortium recognizes the potential for admission requests from other entities and will consider such on a case-by-case basis.

## **Article IV**

### **Board of Directors, Executive Council and Officers**

The National Certified Public Manager® Consortium will be governed by its Board of Directors and Executive Council.

#### **Section 1. Board of Directors**

A Board of Directors, consisting of two representatives from each *Accredited* and *Active* program and two representatives of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers® will direct the activities of the Consortium.

#### **Section 2. Executive Council**

- A. The Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chair, six Members-at-Large, and the Consortium Administrator (non-voting), will constitute an Executive Council to conduct the business of the Consortium, as delegated by the Board of Directors and as designated in the governing documents, at times other than meetings of the Board of Directors.
- B. If significant actions are taken, report of actions will be distributed to the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 3. Officers**

Officers of the Consortium are:

Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chair

#### **Section 4. Term of Office**

- A. The Chair and Immediate Past Chair each serve a one-year term assumed immediately after their previously held positions of Chair-elect and Chair.
- B. The Chair-elect and Secretary will be elected for one-year terms by electronic vote prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- C. The Chair-elect will assume the role of Chair at the end of the one-year term.
- D. The Treasurer shall be elected for two-year terms by electronic vote prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

- E. Members-at-Large (MAL) of the Executive Council shall be elected for two-year terms by electronic vote prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 5. Elections**

- A. Nominating Committee

The Immediate Past Chair shall chair the nominating committee.

The Nominating Committee Chair shall form a committee to nominate a Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Member-at-Large positions to replace those on the Executive Council whose terms expire.

- B. Newly elected officers will assume their offices immediately following the Annual Meeting and serve until adjournment of the following Annual Meeting.
- C. The outgoing officers shall not appoint committees or initiate new business during the thirty-day transition.

## **Article V** **Meetings**

The Board of Directors, Executive Council, and Officers shall conduct the business of the organization during regularly scheduled meetings or by call of the Chair.

### **Section 1. Meetings**

- A. Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at least once in each operational year.

- B. Midyear Meeting

The Executive Council will meet at least once in each operational year outside the Annual Meeting.

- C. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair or by call of a simple majority of the Executive Council.

## **Article VI** **Quorum**

A quorum is required to conduct the business of the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium.

### **Section 1. Board of Directors**

Representation of a majority of *Accredited* and *Active* programs will constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting by the Board of Directors.

### **Section 2. Executive Council**

A majority of Executive Council members will constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting by the Executive Council.

## **Article VII** **Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be distributed to the Board of Directors at least thirty days before such amendments are to be considered. Voting on such amendments may be done at any meeting of the Board of Directors, electronically or by mail. Votes shall be ratified.

## **Article VIII** **Dissolution**

Upon a 2/3 majority vote by the Board of Directors to dissolve the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium, all financial assets shall be equally distributed to the *Accredited* and *Active* programs at that time. Other assets of the Consortium shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Board of Directors.