



Bylaws of the Computational Audiology Network (CAN)

SECTION I – NAME

Article 1 - Name The name of this organization is the "Computational Audiology Network," hereafter referred to as "CAN."

SECTION II –STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Article 2 - Mission Statement CAN is established as a global network dedicated to advancing hearing healthcare through the application of data science, computational methods, and artificial intelligence (AI) in hearing loss research and technology. The mission of CAN is to bring together academics, clinicians, industry partners, policymakers, and patients to foster innovation, promote accessible hearing healthcare solutions, and improve the quality of life for individuals with hearing loss.

Article 3 - Objectives CAN's objectives encompass:

1. **Digital Space:** CAN shall provide a digital platform serving as a knowledge and software hub. This platform shall enable dissemination of resources such as datasets, machine learning models, and software applications, fostering collaborations across institutions.
2. **Events:** CAN shall facilitate events, such as conferences (e.g., VCCA) or courses, to provide a platform for scientists, clinicians, developers, and industry professionals to share advancements, foster discussions, learn, and promote collaboration within the field of computational audiology.
3. **Alliances:** CAN shall actively seek collaboration that transcends traditional boundaries, bridging academia, industry, and clinical practice
4. **Harmonization:** CAN shall actively work towards harmonizing laws, practices, and standards related to hearing healthcare across countries.
5. **Fundraising:** CAN shall pursue grants from various sources, including industrial, private donations, and philanthropic gifts without attached conditions, to support initiatives within the computational audiology community.
6. **Community Engagement:** CAN shall present research outcomes and insights in easily understandable formats, such as blog posts, to engage and inform the general population. The aim is to raise awareness, identify patient needs, and involve the broader community in computational audiology efforts.



SECTION III – MEMBERSHIP

Article 4 - Membership types CAN has active members and followers.

Active members: Professionals or students in a field related to computational audiology. Membership is inclusive, open for scientists, clinicians, engineers & developers. Prospective members can request the CAN secretary to become member or can be invited by other active members. Membership is confirmed by the CAN Secretary. A Member of CAN may resign from membership at any time by written notification to the CAN Secretary.

Followers: Individuals enlisted for the newsletter with the option to unsubscribe at any time.

SECTION IV – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 5 - Responsibilities The Executive Board shall bear responsibility for the governance and management of CAN. The Executive Board shall oversee the establishment and management of any committees of CAN in accordance with CAN by-laws. The Executive Board provides an annual progress report, including plans for the forthcoming year.

Article 6 - Composition The Executive Board shall comprise at least three (3) persons and no more than ten (10) persons, including the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Active Members at Large can act as CAN Officers. Executive Board members serve for 2 to 4 years. New members are appointed by the executive board

Article 7 - Meetings The Executive Board shall meet at least each calendar year either in person or virtually, as deemed necessary. The meetings of the Executive Board shall be chaired by the President or his/her delegate. Additional meetings may be called by the President or the Secretary.

Article 8 - Decisions The decisions of the Executive Board shall be determined by a simple majority of the executive board members. Should a tie vote occur, the tie-breaking vote should be cast by the President.

SECTION V: ADVISORY BOARD

Article 9 - Responsibilities The Advisory Board shall be responsible for assessing the annual progress report and providing solicited or unsolicited advice to the Executive Board.

Article 10 - Composition The Advisory Board are appointed by the executive board. It shall comprise at least 3 persons striving for a diverse representation.



SECTION VI – AMENDMENTS

Article 11 - Amendments

Amendments to these by-laws may be proposed by any active member and shall be reviewed by the Executive Board. Approval of amendments requires a simple majority vote of the Executive Board.

SECTION VII – DISSOLUTION

Article 12 - Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of CAN, the remaining assets shall be used to pay any outstanding debts and liabilities, with any remaining assets being distributed to a non-profit organization with a similar purpose as decided by the Executive Board.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws of the Computational Audiology Network (CAN) were adopted on September 30, 2023.

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Jan-Willem Wasmann, MSc

President

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