1) Introduction

Mission
The mission of ACNAP is to support and advocate for excellence in cardiovascular care through practice, education and research for nurses and allied professionals.

Within the framework of the European Society of Cardiology, the ACNAP objectives are:
- To support the ESC mission.
- To unite and represent the interests of European cardiovascular nurses and allied professionals.
- To continuously work towards harmonization and up scaling of education and professional development in nurses and allied professionals globally.
- To promote research, innovation and practice of cardiovascular nurses and allied professionals through ACNAP and ESC activities.
- To contribute to the ESC annual congress and participate in the Board committees of the ESC.
- To cooperate with all organs and communities of the ESC, and with the National Working Groups, associations or societies, on matters affecting cardiovascular nurses and allied professionals.
- Collaborate with other international organisations for cardiovascular nurses and allied professionals.

2) Roles and responsibilities of the ACNAP Board

ESC Board
- The ESC President is the only person recognised by French law to have the ultimate power to act on behalf of the ACNAP.
- The ACNAP Board informs the ESC Board about its procedures on a regular basis.

ACNAP Board
The ACNAP Board is given the power to execute, or authorise others to execute, all acts and operations of the ACNAP which are not reserved for the General Assembly.

The role of the ACNAP Board includes but is not necessarily limited to:
- Liaise in an open and transparent way with the ESC Board
- Define the general policy and strategic direction of the ACNAP, about which it reports to the ACNAP General Assembly and ESC Board
- Ensure that the ACNAP governed by its constitution remains in line with the ESC Statutes and By-Laws
• Approve the projects presented by an ACNAP Board member or by ACNAP committees in compliance with allocated budget and resources
• Approve the annual objectives and assumptions, business plan and related budget
• Decide on the provisional exclusion of individual members and of other Fellows
• Approve the internal rules and regulations and by-laws of the ACNAP

3) Role and responsibilities of Councillors

The role of the Councillors of the ACNAP includes but is not necessarily limited to the following:
• Acts as representative or spokesperson of the ACNAP.
• Attends ACNAP Board meetings
• Responds to email notifications and solicitations in a timely manner.
• Maintains the confidentiality of deliberations and materials.
• Approves final work products and formal communications when needed.
• Ensures compliance with ESC Board policies and procedures and all relevant legal and ethical standards, including policies and standards governing corporate relationships.
• Manages assignments given by the President or the ACNAP Board
• Makes recommendations on work processes