

The chairperson of the CPD Council shall be the member of the PRB so chosen by the PRB concerned to set in the CPD Council.

The first member shall be the president or officer of the AIPO/APO duly authorized by its Board of Governors/Trustees. In the absence of the AIPO/APO, the PRB concerned shall submit within ten (10) working days from notification of such absence, a list of three (3) recommendees from the national professional organizations. The PRC shall designate the first member within thirty (30) days from receipt of the list.

The second member shall be the president or officer of the national organization of deans or department chairpersons of schools, colleges or universities offering the course requiring the licensure examination. In the absence of such organization, the PRB concerned shall submit within ten (10) days working days from notification of such absence, a list of three (3) recommendees from the academe. The PRC shall designate the second member within twenty (20) working days from receipt of the list.

The term of office of the chairperson of the CPD Council shall be coterminous with his/her incumbency in the PRB unless sooner replaced by the PRB concerned through a resolution, subject to the approval of the PRC. The first and second members shall have a term of office of two (2) years unless sooner replaced through a resolution by the AIPO/APO concerned or the organization of deans or heads of departments, respectively. However, members of the CPD Council who are appointed by the PRC may be replaced before the end of the two (2)-year period, upon the recommendation of the PRB through a resolution.

SEC. 8. Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of the CPD Council.—The CPD Council for each profession shall:

(a) Ensure the adequate and appropriate provision of CPD Programs for their respective profession;

(b) Evaluate and act on applications for accreditation of CPD Providers and their CPD Programs;

(c) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the CPD Programs;

(d) Assess and/or upgrade the criteria for accreditation of CPD Providers and their CPD Programs on a regular basis;

(e) Develop mechanisms for the validation, accreditation and recognition of self-directed learning, prior/informal learning, online learning, and other learning processes through professional work and experience;

(f) Conduct researchers, studies and benchmarking for international alignment of the CPD Programs;

(g) Issue operational guidelines, with the approval of the PRC and the PRB concerned; and

(h) Perform such other functions related or incidental to the implementation of the CPD.

SEC. 9. Secretariat.—A CPD Council Secretariat is hereby created at the PRC Central and Regional Offices to provide technical, administrative and operational support to the CPD Councils and the PRBs in the implementation of the CPD Programs. The CPD Council Secretariat shall be headed by an Executive Director to be appointed by the PRC.

ARTICLE III

CPD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

SEC. 10. CPD as Mandatory Requirement in the Renewal of Professional License and Accreditation System for the Practice of Professions.—The CPD is hereby made as a mandatory requirement in the renewal of the PICs of all registered and licensed professionals under the regulation of the PRC.

SEC. 11. Recognition of Credit Units.—All duly validated and recognized CPD credit units earned by a professional shall be