

Appendix C – Competitive Organizations

HRS leadership positions carry significant responsibility. Dual fiduciary authority in competitive organizations is not appropriate.

The **fiduciary authority** of a board is a legal and ethical obligation to act in the best interest of the organization. It requires a commitment to higher ethical standards—doing what is right, not just what is required. Fiduciary duty means prioritizing the organization's interests over personal gain, based on a relationship of trust and integrity. For HRS, this duty binds Officers and Trustees to protect and advance the Society, regardless of their own interests.

The **Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, and Audit Committee** are considered fiduciary bodies of HRS. Individuals in the Presidential Track and all members of the Board of Trustees may not hold equivalent positions in competing organizations. This restriction may be extended to other roles or organizations at the discretion of the Ethics Committee.

Competitive Organizations

American College of Cardiology (ACC)
American Heart Association (AHA)
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI)
Africa Heart Rhythm Association (AFHRA)
Asia Pacific HRS (APHRS)
Canadian HRS (CHRS)
Chinese HRS (CHRS)
Chinese Society of Pacing and EP (CSPE)
Chinese Society of Arrhythmias (CSA)
European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society (ECAS)
European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA)
European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
Indian HRS (IHRS)
International Society for Holter and Noninvasive Electrocadiology (ISHNE)
Japanese HRS (JHRS)
Korean HRS (KRHS)
Latin American HRS (LAHRS)
Middle East & Northern Africa (MENA)
Sociedade Brasileira de Arritmias Cardíacas (SOBRAC)
Taiwan Heart Rhythm Society (THRS)
World Society of Arrhythmias (WSA)