

2020 Proposed Bylaws Changes

The following bylaws changes will be presented to the SCS membership during the upcoming Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, October 10, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. The Annual Business Meeting will occur during the Annual Meeting at the Hilton Austin in Austin, Texas.

The pending bylaws changes reflect the new application process for Active and Associate Membership as well as updating the qualification for Active Membership in accordance with the AUA Bylaws.

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Section 5 – Election/Approval of Membership

Active and Associate membership applicants shall be approved by the AUA Section Secretaries/Membership Council periodically throughout the year. All other membership category applicants shall be approved by the SCS Secretary.

~~All members shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting.~~ New members shall receive a certificate of membership from the Secretary, and the American Urological Association will be notified of their SCS membership.

Section 6 – Active Members

Requirements for Active members are as follows:

- a) Possession of an unlimited license to practice medicine and surgery in the State, Province or Country of the applicant's practice.
- b) **Membership in good standing in the American Urological Association, Inc. and P**practice in the geographical boundaries of the AUA.
- c) Possession of an M.D. or D.O. degree, or United States medical licensure equivalent, and completion of an ACGME accredited urology residency or equivalent **accreditation organization** ~~by the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) in Canada or the Quebec Board of Urology or the certifying Board of Urology in the country.~~
- d) Limitation of practice to the specialty of Urology.
- e) Certification by the American Board of Urology (ABU), **American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS)**, ~~the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) in Canada or the Quebec Board of Urology or the certifying Board of Urology in the country where practicing. within the geographic boundaries of the Section.~~
- f) ~~Recommendation for membership by two (2) voting members of the AUA, except if certified within the last 24 months (as per item e in this section).~~
- g) ~~Letter of recommendation from the Chief of Urology, Medical Director, or Chair of the Credentials Committee at the hospital(s) where the applicant has privileges.~~

f) If an Active Member becomes decertified by the ABU, or other certifying board, the member shall be automatically dropped for non-compliance with the Section Bylaws, pursuant to Expulsion and Reinstatement Policies.

Section 13 – Publication of Names

A report of new members by category admitted during the past twelve months shall be available to the membership on the SCS website. ~~The names of applicants for Active membership which have been approved by the SCS Board of Directors shall be available to the membership prior to the Annual Business Meeting.~~

Section 15 – Transfer of Membership

Active members of other Sections of the AUA who move to the geographic area of the South Central Section may apply for transfer of membership. After certification by the Secretary of the former Section and transfer of the applicants' dossier, he will become an active member following approval by the **SCS Secretary**. ~~Board of Directors and membership at the next annual business meeting.~~

ARTICLE II DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 3 – Secretary

l) He shall be responsible for the approval of membership candidates for all membership categories with the exception of candidates for Active and Associate membership which are approved by the AUA Section Secretaries and Membership Council. He shall also be responsible for the approval of membership transfers.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

~~Section 7 – Membership Application~~

~~The Board of Directors through committee action, shall carefully review all applications for membership and shall accept, reject or set aside for further consideration such applications as come before them.~~

~~Section 8 – Nominations for Special Membership~~

~~The Board of Directors shall receive nominations or requests for all classifications of membership, and shall make recommendations to the Section.~~

Section 79 – Reports

The Board of Directors shall receive reports from standing and special committees and make recommendations.

Section 810 – Amendments

The Board of Directors shall make recommendations for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws when necessary to better conduct the Section.

Section 911 – Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called upon request of the majority of its members or the President.

Section 1012 – Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

The time of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be set by the President who will preside and may be on the day preceding the annual meeting of the Section and also on the days during the annual meeting.

~~Section 13 – Applicants to American Urological Association, Inc.~~

~~It shall consider all applicants for membership to the American Urological Association, Inc., and endorse them to the Secretary of that organization if they have the proper qualifications.~~