

## ANS MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Society shall be composed of eight (8) classes, as follows:

1. FELLOW
2. SENIOR FELLOW
3. HONORARY MEMBER
4. ASSOCIATE MEMBER
5. SENIOR ASSOCIATE MEMBER
6. AFFILIATE MEMBER
7. EMERITUS MEMBER
8. TRAINEE MEMBER

Membership requirements for each level are specified in detail below. The requirements for each membership category are the same regardless of citizenship.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

1. **FELLOW** - Board sub certification in Neurotology by the American Board of Otolaryngology automatically qualifies a member for fellow status.

➤ Alternatively, fellow status can be attained by meeting the following requirements:

#### A. Requirements

##### 1) Academic

- a) A medical degree (M.D. or the equivalent)
- b) A fellowship or equivalent training
- c) A letter of recommendation, when applicable, may be from the Director of the Candidate's Fellowship program.

##### 2) Professional

- a) Five years of practice
- b) Special clinical experience or proficiency in:
  - Practice: at least fifty (50) percent in otology and neurotology
  - Teaching
  - Professional accomplishments:
    - A minimum of 5 publications related to otology & neurotology in any of the journals related to otolaryngology, or other scientific contributions to the field.
    - Research in the field of neurotology
- c) Submit three (3) detailed surgical or medical case reports of different medical conditions, during the previous two (2) years, AND a list of types of cases treated and operations performed in the same period of time.
- d) Highest ethical and moral standards.

#### B. Electoral Process

- 1) Proposed by two (2) voting members, i.e., a Fellow, a Senior Fellow.

- 2) Upgrade from Associate Member to Fellow requires one (1) proposal from a voting member and items listed above or evidence of Neurotology board certification

#### C. Privileges

- 1) May attend business meetings
- 2) May vote
- 3) May hold office
- 4) May endorse candidates

#### D. Dues

- 1) Pays full dues and pays mandatory subscription to *Otology & Neurotology*, unless member subscribes through their association with the American Otological Society. Subscription rate shall be incorporated into dues assessment annually based on the subscription rate charged to owner societies by *Otology & Neurotology, Inc.*

## 2. SENIOR FELLOW

#### A. Requirements

- 1) Academic: same as Fellow
- 2) Professional
  - a) ANS Fellow member in good standing

#### B. Electoral Process

- 1) Becomes eligible on his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. May elect to remain a Fellow, or choose Senior status.
- 2) For reasons of ill health or other valid reasons, a Fellow may request Senior status before his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Each request (in writing) will be considered by the Executive Council on its merits.

#### C. Privileges

- 1) May attend business meetings
- 2) May vote
- 3) May not be elected to office.
- 4) May endorse candidates

#### D. Dues

- 1) None. Subscription to *Otology & Neurotology* is optional.

## 3. HONORARY MEMBER

#### A. Requirements

- 1) Distinction in the field of neurotology

#### B. Electoral Process

- 1) Proposed by two (2) voting members, i.e., a Fellow, a Senior Fellow.
- 2) A majority vote of the Executive Council

C. Privileges

- 1) May attend business meetings
- 2) May not vote
- 3) May not hold office
- 4) May not endorse candidates

D. Dues

- 1) None. Subscription to *Otology & Neurotology* optional

**4. ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

A. Requirements

- 1) Academic
  - a) A medical degree (M.D. or the equivalent)
- 2) Professional
  - a) Special clinical experience or proficiency in the field of neurotology in
    - Practice, or
    - Teaching
  - b) Highest ethical & moral standards

B. Electoral Process

- 1) Proposed by two (2) voting members, i.e., a Fellow, a Senior Fellow or one voting member and one Associate member

C. Privileges

- 1) May attend business meetings
- 2) May not vote
- 3) May not hold office
- 4) May endorse candidates for Associate membership

D. Dues

- 1) Pays full dues. Mandatory subscription to *Otology & Neurotology*, unless member subscribes through the American Otological Society. Subscription rate shall be incorporated into dues assessment annually based on the subscription rate charged to owner societies by *Otology & Neurotology*.

**5. SENIOR ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

A. Requirements

- 1) Professional
  - a) ANS Associate member in good standing

B. Electoral Process

- 1) Becomes eligible on his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. May elect to remain an Associate, or choose Senior status.

- 2) For reasons of ill health or other valid reasons, an Associate may request Senior status before his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Each request (in writing) will be considered by the Executive Council on its merits.

#### C. Privileges

- 1) May attend business meetings
- 2) May not vote
- 3) May not be elected to office
- 4) May endorse candidates for associate membership.

#### D. Dues

- 1) None. Subscription to *Otology & Neurotology* is optional.

### 6. AFFILIATE MEMBER

#### A. Requirements

- 1) Academic
  - a) holds a non-MD professional degree
- 2) Professional
  - a) Special interest, experience or proficiency in the field of neurotology in:
    - Research, or
    - Testing, or
    - Therapy
  - b) Highest ethical and moral standards.

#### B. Electoral Process

- 1) Proposed by two (2) voting members i.e., a Fellow, a Senior Fellow or by one voting Member and one Affiliate Member.

#### C. Privileges

- 1) May attend business meetings
- 2) May not vote
- 3) May not hold office
- 4) May endorse candidates for Affiliate Membership

#### D. Dues

- 1) Pays reduced dues. Subscription to *Otology & Neurotology* is optional.

### E. EMERITUS FELLOW

#### A. Requirements

- 1) Academic: same as fellow
- 2) Professional
  - a) Age 72 or older and no longer engaged in the practice of medicine, OR
  - b) ANS Fellow member in good standing for 25 years

B. Electoral Process

- 1) Eligible on his/her 72nd birthday.
- 2) Shall have been a Fellow or Senior Fellow who no longer is engaged in the practice of medicine because of retirement, illness, or other extenuating circumstance

C. Privileges

- 1) May attend business meetings
- 2) May not vote
- 3) May not be elected to office.
- 4) May not endorse candidates

D. Dues

- 1) None. Subscription to *Otology & Neurotology* is optional at the member rate.
- 2) Complimentary meeting registration; must pay for social events

**8. TRAINEE MEMBER (different application available, no application fee; M&C does not review applications)**

A. Requirements

- 1) Academic
  - a) Medical Degree of M.D., PhD. or equivalent.
  - b) In training in a field of study related to the field of neurotology includes:
    - Otolaryngology-HNS Residents
    - Neurotology Fellows
    - Post Doctorate Researchers
- 2) Professional
  - a) Special interest in the field of neurotology
  - b) Highest ethical and moral standards.

B. Electoral Process

- 1) Letter from Department Chair or Fellowship Director validating Trainee status
- 2) Administrative Review by the Secretary-Treasurer's office and approval by the Secretary-Treasurer
- 3) Certification of Trainee status and the duration of the program – Trainee membership will co-terminate with the residency/fellowship program. Upon completion of training, the Trainee member would be encouraged to apply for Associate membership, if the trainee does not apply for Associate membership before the next cycle of ANS Candidates is selected, his/her name would be removed from the membership list.

C. Privileges

- 1) May not attend business meetings
- 2) May not vote
- 3) May not hold office
- 4) May not endorse candidates

#### D. Dues

1) Trainee members will not be required to pay dues. A complimentary online subscription to Otology & Neurotology is provided to the Trainee member for the duration of their training program.

### **ELECTORAL PROCESS**

*Applicable to Fellowship, Associate Membership and Affiliate Membership.*

1. The Membership and Credentials Committee will review the candidate's qualification and present its recommendation to the Executive Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Council"). The Council shall have the sole right to pass upon the candidate's qualifications and the sole right to nominate for membership. Two (2) or more votes of "no" by the Council would disqualify the applicant for membership at that time.
2. Nomination of a candidate by the Council shall be announced in writing to the organization. Voting shall be by an electronic ballot sent to eligible voting members no later than 3 months prior to the Spring Business Meeting, with ballots returned to the office of the Chairman of the Membership Committee no later than six weeks prior to the meeting for counting. Eight percent (8%) or more "no" votes by the general membership shall disqualify the applicant.
3. New Members shall be presented to the Society at the Spring Business Meeting

### **SEVERANCE OF MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the American Neurotology Society may be revoked (terminated) for one or more of the following causes (All cases shall be considered by the Council prior to revocation of membership)

1. Nonpayment of dues for two years in a row. The third and last statement should be sent by certified mail, with acknowledgement of receipt requested, and should include a statement to the effect that if payment is not received within 30 days, membership in the ANS will be automatically terminated.
2. Unethical, immoral or dishonorable conduct. The member involved shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the Council.