

## **BYLAWS ARTICLE III**

### **Membership**

#### **Section 2. Eligibility, Rights and Obligations**

The eligibility requirements for, and the rights and obligations of, the members of each class of membership shall be as follows:

- (a) **Fellows.** Any dermatologist in good standing who has been certified by the American Board of Dermatology, the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology or in dermatology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada shall be eligible to be a Fellow. Fellows shall have full membership rights as recognized under customary parliamentary practice, including, but not by way of limitation, the rights to attend membership meetings, to participate in discussion, to vote, to be a candidate for elective office, and to accept appointment to committees. Fellows shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed on Fellows under Article XI of these bylaws and shall be obligated to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.
- (b) **International Fellows.** Any dermatologist in good standing who was trained in any country other than the United States of America or Canada and is certified by a foreign dermatology board with educational and professional requirements that are approximately equivalent to the requirements for certification by the American Board of Dermatology shall be eligible to be an International Fellow. International Fellows shall have all of the rights of Fellows except that they shall not have the right to vote, to serve in any elective office, or otherwise to participate in the governance of the Academy, except that, when appointed by the Board of Directors to committees they may vote on matters before those committees.<sup>1</sup> International Fellows shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed on International Fellows under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.
- (c) **Associates.** Any dermatologist in good standing who has had training which qualified him or her for the examination of the American Board of Dermatology, the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology or the examination in dermatology of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada shall be eligible to be an Associate. Associates shall have all of the rights of Fellows except that they shall not be eligible to serve in any elective office. Associates shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed upon Associates under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.
- (d) **International Associates.** Any dermatologist in good standing who has had training in any country other than the United States of America or Canada with educational and professional requirements approximately equivalent to those qualified for the examination by the American Board of Dermatology shall be eligible to be an International Associate. International Associates shall have all of the rights of Fellows except that they shall not have the right to vote, to serve in any elective office, or otherwise to participate in the governance of the Academy, except that, when appointed by the Board of Directors to committees they may vote on matters before those committees. International Associates shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed on International Associates under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.

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<sup>1</sup> International Fellows who were members of this class of membership in good standing on October 31, 1988, retain the full privileges of that class of membership as they existed on that date, including the right to vote and participate in all activities of this class of membership. Should they cease to pay dues, or for any other reason be removed from good standing, they thereafter will be governed by any bylaws enacted after October 31, 1988 that pertain to this class of membership.

- (e) Affiliates<sup>2 3</sup>. An individual in good standing in the following category shall be eligible to be an Affiliate of the Academy, provided that he or she also satisfies any additional requirements for Affiliate status which may be specified from time to time in the administrative regulations of the Academy:

Practicing dermatopathologists who are not eligible to be Fellows or Associates of the Academy

Affiliates shall have all of the rights of Fellows (including the right to vote), except that they may not serve in any elective office. Affiliates shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed on Affiliates under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.

- (f) Graduate Members. Any physician in good standing who is enrolled in: (i) a dermatology residency training program in the United States or Canada which is approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association or (ii) a postgraduate research or fellowship program in the United States or Canada which involves intensive work in the field of dermatology and which can lead to eligibility for Academy membership as a Fellow or Associate, shall be eligible for Graduate Membership. Graduate Membership is automatically granted to all of the above contingent upon verification of current residency/fellowship status. Graduate Members shall have all of the rights of Fellows except that they shall not have the right to vote or the right to serve in any elective office; provided, however, that when appointed to any committee of the Academy, a Graduate Member may vote on matters before that committee. Graduate Members shall not pay dues. Graduate Members are required to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy but shall not be subject to any special assessment under Article XI of these bylaws. Any other provision of these bylaws notwithstanding, Graduate Membership shall cease automatically in the event that the individual no longer satisfies the eligibility criteria set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph.
- (g) Life Members. Any Fellow, International Fellow, Associate, International Associate, Affiliate or Adjunct in good standing who (i) has been a member for at least thirty (30) years and is retired from practice, (no longer practices for remuneration), or (ii) is permanently disabled, shall be eligible to be a Life Member. A Life Member shall continue to have all of the membership rights of his or her previous membership category. Life Members shall not be obligated to pay any membership dues or assessments, but they shall be obligated to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy. Any Life Member may be reinstated to his or her prior class of membership by the Board of Directors pursuant to the recommendation of the Membership Committee.

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<sup>2</sup> Affiliate members in the category of Affiliate/Research who were members of this class of membership in good standing on January 1, 2002 were given the one-time option to remain Affiliates and retain the full privileges of that class of membership as they existed on that date, including the right to vote or to move to the Adjunct category of membership. Should they cease to pay dues, or for any other reason be removed from good-standing, they thereafter will be governed by any bylaws enacted after January 1, 2002.

<sup>3</sup> Affiliate members in the former category of Affiliate/Foreign Board or Foreign Board Eligible (*i.e.*, former Art. III, Sec. 2.d(ii) removed via March 2019 bylaws amendment) who were members in good-standing on January 1, 2019 were given the option to remain Affiliates and retain the full privileges of that class of membership as they existed on that date, including the right to vote, or to move to the International Fellow or International Associate category of membership without the option to return to the Affiliates category. Should any grandfathered Affiliate member from this former category lose his/her membership based on failure to pay dues or any other reason, s/he thereafter would lose his/her grandfathered status and his/her reinstatement application would be governed by the membership categories in existence at the time s/he submits his/her application.

(h) Adjuncts<sup>4</sup>.

(i) Researchers, including Ph.D. holders and other scientists devoting a major portion of their time to dermatologic research.

(ii) Veterinarians specializing in veterinary dermatology<sup>5</sup>.

(iii) Corporate individuals on a director level or higher whose careers are devoted to dermatology and who are currently employed by a company with products and/or services that are specific to the practice of dermatology; and have dedicated essentially all of their time to dermatology.

Adjuncts shall have all of the rights of Fellows excluding the right to vote and to serve in any elected office. Adjuncts shall be obligated to pay all dues and assessments imposed on Adjuncts under Article XI of these bylaws and to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.

- (i) Honorary Members. Any distinguished person shall be eligible to be an Honorary Member. Any Honorary Member who was a member of the Academy in another category immediately prior to election to Honorary Membership shall continue to have all of the membership rights of the prior membership category. Any Honorary Member who was not a member of the Academy immediately prior to election to Honorary Membership shall have the right to attend membership meetings of the Academy and to participate in discussion at such meetings and to serve on committees but shall not have the right to vote, shall not be eligible to serve in any elective office and, in general, shall not have any other membership rights. Honorary Members shall not be obligated to pay any membership dues or assessments, but they shall be obligated to observe all bylaws and administrative regulations of the Academy.

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<sup>4</sup> Dentists who were in the category of Affiliate and were members in good standing on January 1, 2006 were moved to the category of Adjunct in April of 2006 and receive the full privileges of that class of membership. No dentists will be accepted as members after January 1, 2006. Should current dentist members cease to pay dues, or for any other reason be removed from good-standing, they thereafter will not be reinstated as Academy members in any category.

<sup>5</sup> Veterinarians who were in the category of Affiliate and were members in good standing on January 1, 2006 were moved to the category of Adjunct in April of 2006 and receive the full privileges of that class of membership.