

## SGO Bylaws Revisions 2013-2014

Recommended by the SGO Bylaws Committee and Approved by the SGO Board of Directors

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Bylaws Section	Current Bylaws	Proposed Revisions	Rationale
Bylaws Article III Membership Section a. <b>Full Membership</b>	<p><b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b> To be eligible for Full Membership, an individual must be fully licensed to practice medicine in his or her country of residence, be of high moral, ethical and professional standing and be certified by one of the following boards:</p> <p>i.) Certified in Gynecologic Oncology by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG);</p> <p>ii.) Certified in Medical Oncology by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM);</p> <p>iii.) Certified in Pathology by the American Board of Pathology (ABP);</p> <p>iv.) Certified in Radiation Oncology by the American Board of Radiology (ABR);</p> <p>v.) International and Associate Members may be nominated to Full Membership when certain criteria established by the Board of Directors are met.</p>	<p><b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b> To be eligible for Full Membership, an individual must be fully licensed to practice medicine in his or her country of residence, be of high moral, ethical and professional standing and <u>satisfy one of the following qualifications: be certified by one of the following boards:</u></p> <p>i.) Certified in Gynecologic Oncology by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG);</p> <p>ii.) Certified in Medical Oncology by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM);</p> <p>iii.) Certified in Pathology by the American Board of Pathology (ABP);</p> <p>iv.) Certified in Radiation Oncology by the American Board of Radiology (ABR);</p> <p><u>v.) Certified in Gynecologic Oncology by the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOBOG) and have held prior Associate Member status within the Society.</u></p> <p>vi.) International and Associate Members may be nominated to Full Membership when certain criteria established by the Board of Directors are met.</p>	<p><b>To recognize the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOBOG) as a certifying board; a board by which Associate Members holding its certification may request Full Member status.</b></p>

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Bylaws Article III Membership Section b. <b>Associate Membership</b>	<p><b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>  Associate Membership shall be reserved for individuals who through professional training and/or experience in women's health care are able to further the mission of the Society and who satisfy one of the following qualifications:</p> <p>i.) A board certified clinician or other scientist who holds a terminal degree and devotes a substantial portion of his/her professional time investigating the biology, diagnosis, prevention or treatment and other areas of gynecologic cancers.</p> <p>ii.) Practicing American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOBOG) osteopathic board certified gynecologic oncologists.</p> <p>iii.) Candidate members who have reached the 8 year limit for Candidate Membership and who are not yet eligible for Full Membership.</p> <p><b>Nomination and Election:</b> Nomination and election shall be according to procedures established by the Board of Directors.</p> <p><b>Privileges:</b>  i.) Are eligible to serve on committees;  ii.) May sponsor candidates for Associate, International and Allied Membership;  iii.) May not vote or hold elective office;  iv.) All persons holding Associate Membership on December 31, 2009 shall retain the right to vote.</p>	<p><b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>  Associate Membership shall be reserved for individuals who through professional training and/or experience in women's health care are able to further the mission of the Society and who satisfy one of the following qualifications:</p> <p>i.) A board certified clinician or other scientist who holds a terminal degree and devotes a substantial portion of his/her professional time investigating the biology, diagnosis, prevention or treatment and other areas of gynecologic cancers.</p> <p>ii.) Practicing American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOBOG) osteopathic board certified gynecologic oncologists.</p> <p>iii.) Candidate members who have reached the 8 year limit for Candidate Membership and who are not yet eligible for Full Membership.</p> <p><b>Nomination and Election:</b> Nomination and election shall be according to procedures established by the Board of Directors.</p> <p><b>Privileges:</b>  i.) Are eligible to serve on committees;  ii.) May sponsor candidates for Associate, International and Allied Membership;  <u>iii.) May request Full Member status having met criteria in Policy 4.1.</u>  iii.) May not vote or hold elective office;  iv.) All persons holding Associate Membership on December 31, 2009 shall retain the right to vote.</p>	<p><b>To include mention of Associate Members' rights to request Full Member status after meeting criteria outlined in Policy 4.1 (see policy 4.1 below).</b></p>

**Policy Reference supporting the above proposed bylaws revisions.  
This policy has been approved by the SGO Board of Directors.**

<p>Policy 4.1 Membership Requirements Section 2.7 <b>Associate Member to Full</b></p>	<p><b>Associate Member to Full</b> <b>MINIMUM ENTRY CRITERIA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant must be a SGO Associate Member who has demonstrated unquestionable dedication to the field of gynecologic oncology. This individual should be easily recognized for their impact on the field by national/international experts in gynecologic oncology.</li> <li>• Must submit two (2) Letters of Recommendation: one from a Full Member and second from another Full Member OR endorser within practice area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Clinicians:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Board certified</li> <li>○ Six (6) years practicing from residency or equivalent terminal degree for their field of study OR practicing three (3) years from fellowship</li> <li>○ More than 50% cases in women's cancers</li> <li>○ Evidence of scholarship (national and/or international)</li> <li>○ Leadership OR</li> <li>○ Academic rank OR</li> <li>○ Publications (first or senior author) OR</li> <li>○ Presentations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Scientists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evidence of scholarship (national and/or international)</li> <li>○ Publications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of publications in high-impact journals</li> <li>▪ Number of first-authored or co-authored</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Leadership</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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