

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**4.01 Membership Generally:** Membership in the corporation is a privilege and not a right. Membership shall not be transferable and shall automatically terminate upon the death, resignation, withdrawal or expulsion of a member pursuant to these Bylaws. Upon termination of membership, such member's interest in the corporation shall thereupon cease.

**4.02 Classes of Membership:** The corporation shall have the following classes of Members:

**a) Active Members:** A Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy who is engaged in the practice of the medical specialty of Anesthesiology, and who meets each of the following requirements, shall be eligible for membership as an active member: 1) the physician's "location of principal professional activity" (as defined below) is in the State of Georgia; 2) the physician is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia (except for members of the United States Armed Forces or Public Health Service, who only need to be licensed to practice medicine in the District of Columbia or any state, territory or possession of the United States in order to satisfy this requirement); 3) the physician has successfully completed a training program in anesthesiology, accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education ("ACGME") or the American Osteopathic Association ("AOA"); 4) the physician concurrently maintains membership in ASA, as an active member thereof; and 5) the physician is not an active member of any other component society of ASA.

The provisions of this Section 4.02(a) shall not affect the status of any individual who is already an active member of ASA.

For the purposes of these Bylaws, the phrase "location of principal professional activity" shall mean the place where a member performs the greater part of his/her professional duties (as distinguished from his/her place of residence or location of temporary or other professional pursuits). In the event of uncertainty or dispute as to the location of principal professional activity, the matter shall be referred to the Committee on Membership for a ruling, and its decision shall be to the Committee on Membership for a ruling, and its decision shall be final.

**b) Resident Members:** A physician who meets each of the following requirements shall be eligible for membership as a resident member: 1) the physician continues to maintain full time participation as a resident in an anesthesiology department in the State of Georgia whose core residency program is accredited by ACGME or AOA; and 2) the physician has not at any time been a resident member for a period exceeding four (4) years, unless an extension of the physician's training program has been approved in writing by the director of the program and an extension of the physician's status as a resident member has been correspondingly extended by the Secretary of the corporation.

**c) Affiliate Members:** Any of the following persons shall be eligible for membership

as affiliate members: 1) a physician not engaged in the clinical practice of anesthesiology; 2) a scientist, who, while not engaged in administering clinical anesthesia to humans, is nevertheless interested in anesthesiology; 3) a physician who is in the service of the United States Government; or 4) a physician who resides outside the United States and is not a member of any other component society of ASA.

**d) Student Members:** Any undergraduate medical student attending an accredited medical school located in the State of Georgia shall be eligible for membership as a student member.

**e) General Practice Members:** A physician who meets each of the following requirements shall be eligible for membership as a general practice member: 1) the physician is engaged in the general practice of medicine; 2) the physician performs some anesthesia, but such anesthesia constitutes a minority of his/her total practice; 3) the physician's location of principal professional activity, as defined in Section 4.02(a) of these Bylaws, is in the State of Georgia; and 4) the physician is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia.

**f) Retired Members:**

1) An individual who has been an Active and/or Affiliate Member for ten (10) or more years and has retired from practice shall be eligible for membership as a Retired member. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, modify or waive the ten (10) year time requirement. If a retired member resumes active practice, they must so notify the Executive Office and shall thereupon be reinstated as an Active member.

2) An individual who has been an Active and/or Affiliate Member for ten (10) or more years and has reached the age of 70 years shall be eligible for membership as a Retired member. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, modify or waive the ten (10) year time requirement.

3) Active members of this corporation who are disabled and therefore unable to engage in the practice of their profession for one year or more shall, at their request, be placed in retired membership status. When they resume active practice they must so notify the Executive Secretary and shall thereupon be reinstated as Active members.

**g) Life Members:** Members elected as life members to the corporation's unincorporated predecessor prior to January 1, 1968, shall continue as such in the corporation and shall have the same status as active members. Wherever the term active member is used in these Bylaws, it shall be construed to include life members.

**h) Honorary Members:** Any licensed physician or scientist who has rendered years of faithful service to the corporation or its unincorporated predecessor, has made a significant contribution to anesthesiology, or has attained exceptional eminence in anesthesiology and related subjects, shall be eligible for membership as an honorary member. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, a person shall be elected to honorary membership in the following manner: 1) an active member must request the Committee on Membership to consider such person for honorary membership, in accordance with such procedures as the

Committee on Membership or the Board of Directors may from time to time designate; 2) the Committee on Membership shall then make such recommendations as it deems appropriate to the Board of Directors; 3) the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, approve such person for honorary membership or may request the approval of the membership by majority vote, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of these Bylaws; 4) upon approval by the Board of Directors or the membership, whichever is applicable, such person shall be deemed an honorary member of the corporation

**i) Educational Member:** An individual who meets the following requirements shall be eligible for membership as an educational member: 1) He or she is licensed as a Physician Assistant in the category of Anesthesiologist Assistant by the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners; 2) is a graduate of a CAAHEP accredited program for the Education of Anesthesiologist Assistants; 3) and his or her location of principle professional activity is in the State of Georgia.

**j) Educational Student Member:** An individual who meets the following requirements shall be eligible for membership as an educational student member: 1) He or she is a student in a CAAHEP accredited program for the Education of Anesthesiologist Assistants in the state of Georgia.