

Notification of Proposed SNM Bylaws Changes

The current version of each affected section of the Bylaws is included below in its entirety; unaffected sections are not included. Proposed deletions are struck through. Proposed additions are underlined. Some minor housekeeping revisions to the Sections, such as relettering, are also included. The SNM is proposing changes to two different sections of the Bylaws; the membership categories and the committee structure.

Background – Membership Categories

In 2006, the SNM expanded its scope to include molecular imaging which includes scientific professionals. In addition, there currently is no professional organization with which molecular imaging scientific professionals identify. Under the current language of the SNM membership categories it is hard to determine where exactly a scientific professional would fit. Therefore, SNM is creating a specific category for laboratory technicians. SNM also plans to develop educational offerings and other new benefits to recruit and retain this group. In addition, other housekeeping language changes were needed to the remaining membership categories. The current descriptive language used within the membership categories only includes “nuclear medicine.” This language has been revised to include “nuclear medicine and molecular imaging and therapy.”

At the 2010 Mid-Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors, a motion was submitted to the Board of Directors to change the language of the Bylaws to allow for Scientific Laboratory Professionals to be incorporated into the membership categories as outlined in the SNM Bylaws. Specifically, expand language in Full Member, Associate Members, Technologist, Affiliate and In-Training categories to be inclusive of all types of molecular imaging and therapy. As a result, the following changes to the bylaws are recommended:

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: CLASSIFICATIONS

A. Full Membership

~~Full Membership~~ Physicians or scientists possessing an advanced degree who have presented credentials indicating their professional activity, either medical, paramedical, investigational or educational in the scientific or clinical disciplines of molecular imaging or nuclear medicine concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic or investigational use of radionuclides, may join ~~the Society~~ as Full Members. This includes the diagnostic, therapeutic or investigational use of radionuclides or other molecular imaging technologies. These individuals have with the right to vote and to be elected an Officer of the Society. The ~~House of Delegates~~ SNM Board of Directors by majority vote may extend Full Membership to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to molecular imaging or nuclear medicine, but who do not otherwise qualify for Full Membership.

B. Associate Membership

1. ~~Associate Membership~~ Scientists, ~~nuclear medicine technologists~~, or other health professionals with a master or baccalaureate degree (or the equivalent qualification as determined by the Committee on Membership) who have presented credentials indicating their professional activity, either paramedical, investigational, or educational, in the scientific or clinical disciplines of molecular imaging or nuclear medicine concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic or investigational use of radionuclides or other related field may join ~~the Society~~ as Associate Members. This includes the diagnostic, therapeutic or investigational use of radionuclides or other molecular imaging technologies. These individuals have with the right to vote but may not be elected an Officer of the Society.
2. Nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologists, with a master or baccalaureate degree (or the equivalent qualification as determined by the Committee on Membership) who have presented credentials indicating their professional activity, either paramedical, investigational, or educational, in the scientific or clinical disciplines of molecular imaging or nuclear medicine may join as Associate Members. This includes the diagnostic, therapeutic or investigational use of radionuclides or other molecular imaging technologies. These individuals have the right to vote but may not be elected an Officer of the Society.
3. Scientific Laboratory Professionals are individuals involved in molecular imaging research at the pre-clinical or translational level. These fields include utilization of optical imaging, radiopharmaceuticals, MRI, MR spectroscopy, ultrasound, stem cell research and cell trafficking. Members must have a master or baccalaureate degree (or the equivalent qualification as determined by the Committee on Membership) and provide valid credentials indicating their training and involvement in one of these areas of research. These individuals will have the right to vote but may not be elected an Officer of the Society.

- C. Technologist Membership
~~Technologist Membership~~, Technologists who have presented credentials indicating professional activity in molecular imaging or nuclear medicine technology or other related fields may join the Society as Technologist ~~m~~Members without the rights to vote or to be elected an Officer of the Society. This membership does include membership in the SNMTS with the right to vote and to be elected an Officer in the SNMTS.
- D. Scientific Laboratory Professionals
Individuals who are involved in molecular imaging research at the pre-clinical or translational level. These fields include utilization of optical imaging, radiopharmaceuticals, MRI, MR spectroscopy, ultrasound, stem cell research and cell trafficking. Members must provide valid credentials indicating their training and involvement in one of these areas of research. These individuals may join the Society without the rights to vote or to be elected an Officer of the Society. This membership does include membership in the SNMTS with the right to vote and to be elected an Officer in the SNMTS.
- E. Members-in-Training (Student, Resident, Fellow)
~~Members in Training~~, Physicians, scientists, and technologists who are enrolled in accredited training programs or postdoctoral fellowships may join the Society as Members-in-Training with all rights and privileges of membership, except the rights to vote and to be elected an Officer of the Society.
- F. Affiliate Membership
~~Affiliate Membership~~, Individuals committed to the advancement of molecular imaging or nuclear medicine, but not qualifying for membership in other categories, may join the Society as Affiliate Members with all rights and privileges of membership, except the rights to vote and to be elected an Officer of the Society.
- G. Honorary Membership
~~Honorary Membership~~, Individuals who have rendered outstanding service in an area of nuclear medicine may be granted Honorary Membership in the Society with all rights and privileges of membership, except the rights to vote and to be elected an Officer of the Society.
- H. Emeritus Membership
~~Emeritus Membership~~, Individuals upon their retirement after at least ten (10) years of consecutive membership in the Society may be granted Emeritus Membership. Emeritus members have the full privileges of the membership category from which they entered the emeritus status except the right to be elected an Officer of the Society.

Background – Committee Structure

The Young Professionals Committee is comprised of: physicians/residents, scientists/students and pharmacists/students and young practitioners (less than 10 years practicing in the field). It is important to the future of the Society to maintain this Committee in order to develop SNM's future leadership, as well as to obtain fresh ideas and perspectives to resolving the issues that are arising in the field now and in the future. For this reason, the Young Professionals Committee has requested a change to the Bylaws to include the Young Professionals Committee as a standing committee of the Society.

At the 2009 Mid-Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors, a motion was submitted to the Board of Directors to change the language of the Bylaws to allow for the Young Professionals Committee to be recognized as a standing committee, reporting to the Board of Directors. The motion was approved and the following changes to the Bylaws were recommended:

ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 1: DESCRIPTION

- B. The Board of Directors shall have the following standing committees, as well as such additional committees or subcommittees as may be required by the Board:
1. Committee on Awards
 2. Committee on Audit
 3. Committee on Finance
 4. Committee on Government Relations
 5. Committee on Membership
 6. Committee on Publications
 7. Committee on Education
 8. Committee on Health Care Practice
 9. Committee on Radiopharmaceuticals
 10. Young Professionals Committee