

Eligibility for International Membership

- 1) An accomplished Orthopaedic Surgeon or research scientist, who has demonstrated interest in the advancement of orthopaedic surgical knowledge of the knee joint in health and/or arthritic disorders of the knee through substantiated accomplishments such as special studies, writings, lectures, etc.
 - 2) The applicant should be five years or more post-residency or fellowship, or completion of formal education or training for a non-MD, i.e., PhD.
 - 3) Shall be a person of good ethical standing in his/her own community in a country other than Europe. He shall not have European citizenship, where Europe is defined by the Society as the European continent including Turkey. Or he has his principal activity outside of Europe as defined by the Society.
 - 4) A candidate for membership shall have performed an average of at least fifty (50) total knee replacements each of the preceding three years or devote at least fifty-one (51) percent of his/her practice to surgery of the arthritic knee, or have at least thirty (30) percent of his/her research relevant to, and immediately related to the arthritic knee. Under unusual circumstances, the Board may elect to waive or modify these requirements.
 - 5) A candidate for membership shall have demonstrated an interest in disorders of the knee by presentations on the knee at national and international meetings, and by publications on the knee in a peer reviewed journal. There should be a **minimum** of at least five (5) **peer reviewed, English language, knee publications concerning the arthritic knee** during the five (5) years prior to the candidate's consideration by the Board. (Ex.: for someone applying in October 2022, the period in question is October 2017 to October 2022, both months included.)
 - 6) Applications for International candidates who meet the eligibility criteria shall be reviewed by the Board provided that the existing international membership does not exceed 15 percent of the number of Active Members and that the application for Membership is submitted within the normal deadline.
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Rights and Responsibilities of International Members

- 1) May vote.
 - 2) May serve on committees of the Society.
 - 3) May not serve as members of the Executive Board or as ex-officio members of the Executive Board.
 - 4) Must pay yearly dues and special assessments as determined by the Executive Board. If annual dues are not paid after two reminders by the Treasurer, then membership is forfeited.
 - 5) Must maintain good professional and ethical standings in their community. If this would come to a potential conflict, the Executive Board can submit the issue to the Past Presidents Association who will submit their advice on the ethical question to the Executive Board.
 - 6) Must attend at least every third Closed Members Meeting of the Society. If a member does not attend the Closed Members Meeting, membership will be forfeited, unless there is a reason, considered by the Executive Board to be satisfactory.
 - 7) Shall submit at least one (1) abstract for presentation at a Society meeting every two (2) years, for the first ten (10) years of his/her membership, or membership will be forfeited, unless there is a reason, considered by the Board to be satisfactory. After ten (10) years of membership, this abstract submission requirement for maintaining membership ceases.
 - 8) The presenter of a paper to the Society is encouraged to submit the manuscript for publication in the proceedings of the official journal of the society (as decided by the Board).
 - 9) The candidate will be asked to give a new International Member lecture during a Closed Members Meeting.
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