

Eligibility for Active 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) at the time of presentation to the Board at the Members Meeting.
 - 3) Shall be a person of good ethical standing in his or her own community in Europe. The person needs to have European citizenship, where Europe is defined by the Society as the European continent including Turkey. He or she should have a clinical or scientific activity at a European center as his primary work location. If during his career a member would move from geographic area, the member keeps his original status of membership until he/she forfeits or drops the initial membership.
 - 4) If the prospective member is an Orthopaedic Surgeon, he or she is encouraged to be a member of his national orthopedic Society, or a national specialty Society related to the degenerative knee. If presently or later, the active or international member would end his/her clinical activity to work for a commercial entity, this would end his/her membership.
 - 5) A candidate for membership shall have performed an average of at least fifty (50) 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 Executive Board may elect to waive or modify these requirements.
 - 6) A candidate for membership shall have demonstrated an interest in disorders of the knee by presentations on the arthritic knee at national and international meetings, and by publications on the arthritic 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 Executive Board. (Ex.: for someone applying in October 2022, the period in question is October 2017 to October 2022, both months included.)
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Rights and Responsibilities of Active Members

- 1) May vote.
 - 2) May serve on committees of the Society.
 - 3) May serve as members of the Executive Board or as ex-officio members of the 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 at the first upcoming Society meeting, upon agreement of the Executive Board.
 - 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 second (2nd) Closed Members Meeting of the Society. If a member does not attend the required number of meetings, membership will be forfeited, unless there is a reason, considered by the Executive Board to be satisfactory. An Active Member who has been President of the Society is excused from this attendance obligation upon joining the Past Presidents Association.
 - 7) Shall submit at least one (1) abstract for presentation at a Society meeting every second (2nd) year, for the first ten (10) years of his/her active membership, or membership will be forfeited, unless there is a reason, considered by the Board to be satisfactory. After ten (10) years of active 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 Executive Board).
 - 9) The candidate will be asked to give a new Active Member lecture during a Closed Members Meeting.
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