

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Members

- (a.) The membership of the Otosclerosis Study Group shall consist of active members, senior members, emeritus members, associate members, and honorary members.
- (b.) **Active membership** shall be maintained through the calendar year in which a member attains the age of 70 provided that he or she is engaged in the practice of otology. Active members shall be eligible to hold office, endorse candidates and vote.
- (c.) **Senior membership** status will be attained the year after an active member reaches the age of 70 unless that member submits to the Secretary-Treasurer a written request to remain on active status. A senior member shall be exempt from payment of dues and attendance at meetings of the society, but shall continue to exercise the right to vote and propose or endorse candidates. Senior members shall be eligible to serve on appointed committees, but shall be ineligible for Executive Committee membership or elected office.
- (d.) **Emeritus members** shall be those who are no longer engaged in the active practice of otology because of illness, retirement or other extenuating circumstances and who are not eligible for senior membership. Emeritus members shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues and shall have the rights of senior members.
- (e.) **Associate members** shall be those who, although ineligible for active membership, are considered worthy of affiliation with the Otosclerosis Study Group by virtue of their contribution to the advancement of Otology. Associate members shall be ineligible to vote, hold office, or endorse candidates for membership. They shall, however, be required to pay dues until the year after they attain the age of 70.
- (f.) **Honorary members** shall be those who, by virtue of their contributions to the advancement of Otology, are considered worthy of the honor by the Society upon recommendation from the Executive Committee. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues but shall be ineligible to vote, hold office or endorse candidates for membership.