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## **BYLAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION**

A Corporation Chartered Under the Laws of the State of California

### **ARTICLE 4.0 MEMBERSHIP**

#### **4.01 CLASSES OF MEMBERS**

Membership in this Society is a privilege and not a right and is contingent upon compliance with the requirements specified in these Bylaws. No person shall be accepted or continued as a member of this Society unless that person is of good moral character and adheres to the traditionally high ethical standards of the medical profession and is practicing in accordance with the principles of this Society. Membership is open to all eligible individuals regardless of age, race, creed, national origin, sex or disability. The Society is composed of six classes of members with the qualifications, rights and duties hereinafter stated:

1. Active members
2. Associate members
3. Resident members
4. Emeritus members
5. Affiliate members
6. Honorary members
7. Friend of the Society
8. Sustaining Member

#### **4.02 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements for eligibility in the various categories of membership are described in Sections 4.021 through 4.028.

##### **4.021 Active Member**

A doctor of medicine or osteopathy who is actively engaged in the practice of the medical specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation, whose location of principal professional activity is in the State of California, who is currently authorized to practice medicine in the State of California (either through licensure by the State of California or by applicable Federal law), and who is a Diplomat of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

An Associate member, upon successful completion of Part 2 of the examination of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation shall have his/her name automatically submitted to the membership for election to Active member status.

##### **4.022 Associate Member**

A doctor of medicine or osteopathy who is engaged in the practice of the medical specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation, whose location of principal professional activity is in the State of California, who is currently authorized to practice medicine in the State of California (either through licensure by the State of California or by applicable Federal law), and who has passed Part 1 of the examination of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

A Resident member, upon successful completion of Part 1 of the examination of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, shall have his/her name automatically submitted to the membership for election to Associate membership.

In exceptional circumstances, the Board of Directors may authorize the substitution of a minimum of six (6) years of full-time practice of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in lieu of formal training and successful completion of Part 1 of the examination of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

#### **4.023 Resident Member**

To be eligible for nomination to Resident membership, a person must be a full time resident in training in an approved residency program in physical medicine and rehabilitation, an approved residency program in a related medical specialty as part of a combined residency program, or a full time physician in an approved program studying for a graduate degree related to training in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Limitation of Duration of Resident Membership: To qualify for renewal of a Resident membership, a person must continue in, or be within one year beyond completion of, an approved residency program or a graduate program studying for a graduate degree related to training in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

#### **4.024 Emeritus Member**

An Emeritus member is a physician who has been an Active member of this Society for ten consecutive years or more, and who has retired from the practice of medicine. The Board of Directors, may at its discretion, modify these requirements. Emeritus membership terminates upon resumption of professional activity in physical medicine and rehabilitation, in which case the individual's previous status will be reinstated upon payment of appropriate dues.

#### **4.025 Affiliate Member**

An Affiliate member shall be any physician who meets all the requirements of active membership, except for the requirement for location of principle professional activity within the State of California, or any physician or scientist who is making a significant contribution to the advancement and/or practice of the specialty, as determined by the Board of Directors, but who does not qualify for active, associate or honorary membership.

#### **4.026 Honorary Member**

An Honorary member is any person who has performed a service in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation that has been outstanding or unique resulting in national or international recognition and who is not eligible to be an Active member, Associate member, Resident member, or Emeritus member.

#### **4.027 Friend of the Society**

A Friend of the Society member can include a company such as pharmacological, equipment (monitoring and/or durable medical equipment), or educational, a group of attorneys, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, clinical administrators, adjusters and others having an interest in the Society.

#### **4.028 Sustaining Member**

A sustaining member is an Active member who makes an extra annual commitment of support to the Society. Annual dues are determined by the Board of Directors and the member paying this amount would be eligible for a free registration fee to attend the Annual Meeting.