



**A. Eligibility for junior membership**

- 1) A young Orthopedic Surgeon or research scientist aged less than 45, who has demonstrated interest in the advancement of orthopedic surgical knowledge of the knee joint in health and/or arthritic disorders of the knee
- 2) The applicant should be one year or more post-residency or fellowship, or completion of formal education or training, (i.e., PhD) at the time of presentation by the Membership Chair to the Board at the Members Meeting
- 3) Shall be a person of good ethical standing in his or her own community in Europe
- 4) A candidate for membership shall have performed an average of at least ten (10) knee replacements in the preceding year or devote at least twenty-five (25) 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 Membership Committee may elect to waive or modify these requirements.

**B. Process for election of new members**

- 1) Each candidate for membership must be proposed for membership by one active member and seconded for membership by another active member. One of these active members must attend the General Assembly at the time of voting to present the application.
- 2) The candidate should address the application form and the CV to the EKS membership committee and the EKS general secretariat
- 3) The EKS fellowship committee and the EKS general secretariat should receive the two sponsor letters proposing the candidate
- 4) Request for junior membership must be submitted to the chairman of the membership committee of EKS at least 6 months prior to the upcoming EKS closed or open meeting. Only applications meeting the standards of points 1-3 above will be considered (otherwise the application will be returned to the applicant).
- 5) The candidates should be proposed by the membership committee to the EKS Board meeting, which will be held twice a year.
- 6) The EKS Board shall vote on the eligible candidate as follows:
  - i. Approve
  - ii. Defer (not eligible to re-apply for two years)
  - iii. Reject (not eligible to re-apply for five years)
- 7) To be considered eligible by the EKS Board, recommended candidates for junior membership must be approved by at least three-quarters (3/4) of the EKS Board.

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- 8) The names of the proposed candidates will be proposed for a vote at the general assembly of EKS during the business meeting
- 9) A maximum of 10 candidates per year can become junior member.

### **C. Notification of membership**

All new members shall be notified of their junior membership status by the EKS Board. They shall be sent a copy of the rules and a junior membership certificate.

### **D. Rules of junior membership**

- 1) The candidate can attend all closed and open EKS meetings
- 2) The candidate has no voting rights at General Assemblies
- 3) The candidate can be a junior member for maximum 5 years
- 4) The annual junior membership dues shall be set by the Executive Board annually. The annual dues of the Society shall be payable no later than April 1.

#### **Delinquent Members**

A member whose dues remain unpaid on April 1 shall be notified and levied with a ten (10) percent membership dues increase each month. If membership remains unpaid by the time of the Members Meeting, the Executive Board shall drop the individual from its membership roll, in accordance with the Society's Policies and Procedures Manual.

- 5) The candidate will be asked to give a new member lecture during an EKS closed meeting
- 6) The candidate will have to achieve the conditions for becoming an active member when the five-year period runs out; he will then have to apply as an active member and be approved by the membership committee; he will receive his notification by the EKS Board

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