

(2) Promoting training of pediatric otolaryngology in established residency and fellowship programs and by establishing guidelines and goals and assessing achievements thereof;

(3) Promoting training of various other related health professions; and

(4) Sponsoring regular postgraduate meetings and seminars for the dissemination of knowledge in pediatric otolaryngology;

(c) By establishing standards of professional practice in pediatric otolaryngology;

(d) By providing information to all individuals, agencies, public or private, concerning the otolaryngological care of children including scientific, clinical, social and economic issues;

(e) By providing a referral source for all individuals, agencies, public or private seeking information concerning the otolaryngological care of children; and

(f) By doing such other things as are incidental or appropriate in accomplishing the foregoing purposes.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Categories of Members. There shall be the following categories of membership in this Society. Members of each category shall be referred to as "Member":

- (a) Charter Member
- (b) Member
- (c) Associate Member
- (d) Member Emeritus
- (e) International Member
- (f) Honorary Member
- (g) Fellow Member

Section 2. License Requirement. A Charter Member, Member, Fellow Member, and an Associate Member must be licensed to practice medicine and surgery in one or more states of the United States or in Canada.

Section 3. Charter Member. The list of Charter Members shall be established and closed at the organizational meeting.

Section 4. Member. A Member shall mean a Diplomat of the American Board of Otolaryngology or a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada) whose “major professional activities” are devoted to teaching, research, or patient care in the field of pediatric otolaryngology as defined by the purpose of the Society as set forth in Article II hereof and, with the exception of Fellow Members, who satisfies the eligibility requirements as set forth in Section 5 hereafter. The Board of Directors shall determine who is eligible for membership in the society but “membership” shall be determined by a vote of the Members entitled to vote as set forth in these Bylaws. For purposes of this section, 'major professional activities' shall mean a medical and and/or surgical practice predominantly involving management of a wide range of otolaryngologic disorders in neonates, infants, and children less than eighteen years of age. The Membership Committee shall provide and disseminate to applicants the following criteria that are used to evaluate suitability of applicants for Society membership:

Section 5. Eligibility for Membership (all categories other than Fellow Member). To be eligible to be a member of the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology, a candidate must:

- (a) Have attended at least one ASPO meeting in the 2 years prior to application;
- (b) Be board certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Applicants are encouraged but not required to be a member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head Neck Surgery or the Canadian Otolaryngology Society;
- (c) Be recognized and identified by peers as a pediatric otolaryngologist. A substantial majority (80%) of the applicant’s medical and surgical practice must involve pediatric patients. The individual’s practice setting must be appropriate for specialized pediatric care;
- (d) Shall have successfully completed a fellowship program in pediatric otolaryngology;
- (d) Demonstrated professional activities in the field of pediatric otolaryngology for a minimum of two years following completion of a full year of pediatric otolaryngology fellowship training and prior to submitting the application;
- (e) Authored a minimum of two (2) peer reviewed publications in the field of pediatric otolaryngology published in major journals or editor-reviewed textbooks; and
- (f) Furnished letters of recommendation from two (2) active ASPO members.

Section 6. Dues. A Member shall be required to pay dues as specified by the Board of Directors. Members who have not paid their annual dues by the opening date of the annual meeting will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) late fee. Members who fail to timely pay their dues for two consecutive years shall be dropped from the membership roll. To be re-instated, a Member must pay his/her “past due” account plus late fees.

A Member in good standing who has satisfied the requirements for same as set forth herein shall be eligible to vote, to serve on committees, and to hold office.

Section 7. Associate Member. An Associate Member shall mean an otolaryngologist who practices in the United States or Canada who otherwise fulfills the requirements for admission to the Society as a Member, as defined in Section 5, but who is not a Diplomat of the American Board of Otolaryngology or a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada). An Associate Member shall be required to pay dues, shall be eligible to vote, shall be eligible to serve on committees but shall not be eligible to hold office.

Section 8. Member Emeritus. A Member shall have the option of becoming a Member Emeritus upon reaching the age of sixty-five (65) years, or upon retiring from the active practice of pediatric otolaryngology. A Member Emeritus shall not be required to pay dues, shall not be eligible to vote, and shall not be eligible to hold office.

Section 9. International Member. An International Member shall mean an otolaryngologist who practices outside of the United States or Canada who otherwise fulfills the requirements for admission to the Society as a Member, as defined in Section 5 but who is not a Diplomat of the American Board of Otolaryngology or a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada). An International Member shall not be required to pay dues, shall not be eligible to vote, shall not be eligible to hold office but is eligible to serve on committees.

Section 10. Honorary Member. An individual of outstanding caliber who has made a major contribution to pediatric otolaryngology who is not eligible for another category of membership, may be awarded the status of Honorary Member by the Board of Directors as provided in these Bylaws. An Honorary Member shall not be required to pay dues, shall not be eligible to vote, and shall not be eligible to hold office.

Section 11. Fellow Member. An enrollee of a pediatric otolaryngology fellowship who is board-eligible or board-certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. A Fellow Member shall not be required to pay dues, shall not be able to vote, and shall not be eligible to serve on committees or to hold office. The maximum duration of Fellow Membership shall be three years. Nomination for Membership. Nomination for membership in the Society shall require the sponsorship of two voting Members in good standing and the consent of the nominee. A candidate for membership in all categories shall be voted upon by all voting Members present at the Annual Business Meeting following the favorable vote of five (5) Directors to recommend an individual for membership. Membership approval shall require a 75% majority vote of the voting Members present at the Annual Business Meeting, including written proxies timely delivered as set forth in these Bylaws.