

* A proposal of the complement by-laws (Aug 21, Saturday, 2022)

The Asian Society of Abdominal Radiology is still a developing society. Therefore, the EC members think that we need to establish complement by-laws during these ten years from September, 2022 to implement the reformation smoothly and develop the society into a mature state. During these 10 years, we will straighten the individual membership each member of which has a right to vote, and urge the members to transfer the group membership at present to the individual membership.

The articles below are the tentative and complement by-laws that precede the present bylaws.

0. Effective terms of the complement by-laws

0.1 These complement by-laws are tentative and effective for 10 years from August 2022 to July 2032.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Group Membership

(f) The term of the Group Membership

The effective term of the Group Membership is the maximum of 10 years counted from September, 2022. Each member of the Group Membership will need to move his/her membership to the Individual Membership after this term.

4.2 Individual Membership is open to radiologists belonging to the society who has continued the Group Membership of ASAR for more than 5 years as well as radiologists who do NOT belong to any of the Society Group Membership.

4.3 The Individual Membership shall be classified into Ordinary, Extraordinary, and Honorary members. No classification is applied to the Group Membership.

7. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

7.1 Members are entitled to attend all meetings of the Society. Only members in good standing are entitled to make use of its facilities. For 10 years from August 2022, only the EC members and facilitators defined by 11.6 have the right to vote in the General Assembly and can take part in elections. Only facilitators can be elected to hold office in the Executive

Council.

7.3 Specific Rights and Duties

For 10 years from August 2022, active members, corresponding members, fellows, and junior members of the Individual Membership, who have the right to vote at present, shall commit their rights to the EC members and their facilitators defined by 11.6.

9. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9.1 The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Society; it consists of all members holding voting rights present at an established time and place during the Annual Meeting of the Society.

9.2 The General Assembly is to be held **every two years** at a time and place nominated by the Executive Committee.

9.7 All members in good standing are entitled to take part in the General Assembly. **Only EC members and facilitators defined by 11.6 have the right to vote. Each of the EC members and facilitators** has one vote. The transfer of the voting right is not permitted. The General Assembly forms a quorum if half of the members with voting rights are present **including the web attendance**. If the General Assembly cannot form a quorum at the time fixed, the General Assembly takes place with the same agenda fifteen minutes later and constitutes a quorum irrespective of the number of people present.

9.8 Elections held and resolutions passed in the General Assembly, require, as a rule, a simple majority of votes. But for resolutions to amend the By-Laws of the Society or to liquidate it, a qualified majority of **two-thirds of the votes cast including electronic cast** is required. In case of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

9.9 Voting at the General Assembly shall be by open ballot, unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws. A secret ballot can be demanded by any member with voting rights or by the Executive Committee. No reasons for the demand need to be given.

9.10 A decision to hold **a mail or electronic ballot** can only be made by the Executive Council and **only under exceptional circumstances**. Such votes have the same validity as those taken at any meeting.

11. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

11.1 The Executive Council consists of a maximum of **22 persons**:

EC board members (6)

- the President
- the immediate Past President
- the President-elect
- the Vice President
- the Secretary
- the Treasurer

10 councilors (4 chairpersons, 1 congress president, and 5 councilors at large)

- the chairperson of the Education Committee
- the chairperson of the Membership Committee
- the chairperson of the By-Laws Committee
- the chairperson of the Communication Committee
- the congress president
- the Councilors at large (5)

Other members of the executive council shall be

- the Auditors (maximum 2)
- the Advisors (maximum 3)
- the Next Congress President

In the case that a council member serves concurrently as the Next Congress president, the number of councilors at large can be **decreased to four**, as one seat of the councilors at large will become vacant.

Each member of the Executive Council should preferably be from a different country in Asia. The meetings of the Executive Council will be attended by the managing director of the ASAR office. The managing director of the ASAR office has no voting rights.

11.2 The Officers of the Executive Council shall be elected by the General Assembly. **Facilitators** will be contacted at least 12 weeks before the general assembly and asked to forward nominations of eligible members for the Executive Council. All nominees should provide a brief CV of no more than 200 words outlining their relevant experience and reasons for wanting to undertake the post they are applying for. Nominations of eligible candidates for the Executive Council shall be made 8 weeks before the General Assembly. The CVs and

list of nominees will be circulated with the agenda for consideration of voting **at the EC meeting**. The Executive Council may then propose candidates but must also present the entire list of candidates **to the EC meeting** for a decision, conducted on the principle of a simple majority.

11.3 The position of the President of the Society is automatically filled by the retiring President-elect. The term of office of the President is **one year from September of the year to August of the next year**. No re-election to the same position is possible.

11.4 The position of the President-elect of the Society will automatically be filled by the retiring Vice President. The term of office is **one year**. No immediate re-election to the same position is possible.

The Vice President of the Society will be elected for **one year**. The Executive Council may propose the Vice President for election as President-Elect by the General Assembly at any time during **the one year of office**. Facilitators of the Society may propose other candidates, who must be or have been a member of the Executive Committee, to compete for election as Vice President. Candidates must be proposed and seconded in writing by two facilitators who must confirm that the candidate is willing to stand. No re-election is possible. The Vice President of the Society automatically proceeds to the position of President-elect and to the position of President.

The term of office of the Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be one year.

11.5 The term of office of the Chairpersons of the Education, Membership, By-Laws, and Communication Committees and Advisors shall be two years with immediate re-election for one term possible.

The term of office of the Councilors at large shall be two years with immediate re-election for one term possible.

~~The term of office of the Chairman of the Program Committee will be for two years only with no re-election possible.~~

The Meeting Presidents will be elected **on an annual basis**.

11.6 Facilitators shall be recommended from each society of the Group membership and be acknowledged at the Executive Council. Facilitators will be contacted at least 4 weeks before the Executive Council and asked to forward nominations of eligible members for the Executive Council. All nominees should provide a brief CV of no more than 200 words outlining their relevant experience and reasons for wanting to undertake the post they are applying for. The CVs and list of nominees will be circulated with the agenda for consideration of voting at the EC meeting. The Executive Council may then propose candidates but must also present the entire list of candidates to the EC meeting for a decision, conducted on the principle of a simple majority. The maximum number of the facilitators is the number obtained by dividing the group membership number by 100 and rounding up to the nearest whole number.

The term of office of the facilitator representatives is two years with immediate re-election for two terms possible.

~~The term of office of the Society's representative on the editorial board of its official journal will be variable and will be determined, from time to time by the Executive Council.~~

These complement by-laws can be modified or disabled at any time of the 10 years by the Executive Committee with their voting on the principle of a simple majority.