

# ASES Active Membership Guidelines

## Eligibility

- I. Must be a current Associate member of ASES
- II. Must be Board certified with ABOS/AOBOS/FRCSC
- III. Must have a current practice that is a minimum of 50% shoulder and/or elbow surgery.
- IV. Must have attended 50% (or more) ASES Annual Meetings or ASES-organized courses over the past 3 years or 50% of Annual Meetings over the past 4 years.
- V. Must have completed at least 8 JSES reviews over the past 4 years or serve as JSES Associate Editor.
- VI. Must have served on an ASES committee, taskforce or other organizations as ASES representative within the past 4 years.
- VII. Must have a minimum of 70 points on their Shoulder & Elbow CV

## Nomination

- I. Applicants must be sponsored by two current Active Members of ASES

## Application Requirements

- I. ASES Application
- II. Personal Statement
- III. CV
- IV. Shoulder & Elbow CV with scoring
- V. Photo
- VI. Two current Active Member ASES Sponsors

## Application Process

Applicants may apply for Active Membership at any time once they achieve Associate status

## Term Limits

None

## Membership Expectations

Active members are expected to continue attending meetings, reviewing for JSES and keeping up their overall participation with ASES as outlined in the above eligibility requirements

### **Unique Membership Benefits**

- I. “Active member” is the only member category that has voting rights
- II. You must be an Active member to serve on the ASES Executive Committee

# ASES Associate Membership Guidelines

*(Applicants applying directly as an Associate member or advancing from Candidate to Associate)*

## Eligibility

- I. Must have completed a fellowship in Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, Hand Surgery, Trauma and/or Sports Medicine.
- II. Must be Board certified with ABOS/AOBOS/FRCSC
- III. Must have a current practice with a minimum of 1/3 of cases related to shoulder/elbow and must demonstrate a commitment to the advancement of shoulder and elbow surgery as described in the personal statement of the applicant
- IV. Must be 3-years since fellowship (i.e., finish fellowship July 2012; apply for ASES membership in 2015)
  - Those applying directly to Associate must have be at least 5 years out of fellowship
- V. Minimum 30 points on shoulder/elbow CV
- VI. Must have completed at least 4 JSES reviews over the past 4 years or serve as JSES Associate Editor

## Nomination

Applicants must be sponsored by two current Active Members of ASES

## Application Requirements

- I. ASES Application
- II. Personal Statement
- III. CV
- IV. Shoulder & Elbow CV with scoring
- V. Photo
- VI. Two current Active Member ASES Sponsors

## Application Process

Applicants may apply to advance to Associate Membership any time as a Candidate member (must also be 3 years out of fellowship). Non-members can also apply directly to Associate Member status.

## Term Limits

None

## Membership Expectations

- I. Associate members should attend 50% (or more) of eligible ASES Annual Meetings and ASES-organized courses over the past 3 years or 50% of Annual Meetings

- over the past 4 years
- II. Associate members must review for the *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*.  
If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Kuhn at  
[j.kuhn@vumc.org](mailto:j.kuhn@vumc.org)

# ASES Candidate Membership Guidelines

*(Applicants applying directly as a Candidate member or advancing from Fellow to Candidate)*

## **Eligibility**

- I. Must have completed a fellowship in Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, Hand Surgery, Trauma and/or Sports Medicine
- I. Must have a current practice with 1/3 of cases related to shoulder/elbow and must demonstrate a commitment to the advancement of shoulder and elbow surgery as described in your personal statement
- II. Applicant must be Board certified with ABOS/AOBOS/FRCSC or Board Eligible.

## **Nomination**

Applicants must be sponsored by one current Active Members of ASES

## **Application Requirements\***

- I. ASES Application
- II. Personal Statement
- III. CV
- IV. Photo
- V. One current Active Member ASES Sponsor

\* Shoulder and Elbow CV not required

## **Application Process**

Applicants may apply for Candidate Membership any time after the completion of their fellowship

- ASES Fellow Members who are part of an ASES-recognized fellowship are automatically advanced to Candidate Members at the completion of their program with approval from their Fellowship Director. Those not approved for auto-advancement can still apply to advance through the standard application process.

## **Term Limits**

- I. None

## **Membership Expectations**

- I. Candidate members should attend 50% (or more) ASES Annual Meetings and ASES-organized courses over the past 3 years or 50% of Annual Meetings over the past 4 years

- II. Candidate members must review for the *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*.
  - I. If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Kuhn at [j.kuhn@vumc.org](mailto:j.kuhn@vumc.org)

# ASES Fellow Membership Guidelines

## Eligibility

- I. Applicants must be an accepted Fellow in Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, Hand Surgery, Trauma and/or Sports Medicine
  - Fellows accepted to an ASES-recognized fellowship program will automatically become Fellow members of ASES
  - Fellows accepted in other programs will be reviewed by the Membership Committee

## Nomination

- I. No formal nomination is required for ASES-recognized fellows
- II. Applicants that are not in an ASES-recognized fellowship program must be sponsored by one ASES member (Active/Associate)

## Application Requirements\*

- I. ASES Application
- II. Personal Statement
- III. One ASES Member Sponsor (Active/Associate) if the fellow is not in an ASES-recognized fellowship program
- IV. Photo

\* Shoulder and Elbow CV not required

## Application Process

- I. Applicants are eligible to apply for Fellow Membership once an applicant is matched with their fellowship program.
- II. Once accepted, Fellow Membership will begin in July following application approval
  - I. E.g., if an applicant matches for fellowship in their 4<sup>th</sup> year of residency and applies for Fellow Membership in this window, their membership will begin in July of their 5<sup>th</sup> year of residency
  - II. E.g., if an applicant matches for fellowship in their 4<sup>th</sup> year of residency but does not apply for Fellow Membership until the fall of their 5<sup>th</sup> year of residency, their membership will begin in July just before starting their fellowship year

## Term Limits

- I. ASES Fellow Members who are part of an ASES-recognized fellowship are automatically advanced to Candidate Members at the completion of their program with approval from their Fellowship Director. Those not approved for auto-advancement can still apply to advance through the standard application process.
- II. Following the completion of their fellowship, all Fellow Members will be notified of the ability to apply for Candidate Membership. Notifications are typically sent in the fall following completion of the fellowship.
- III. If a Fellow Member applies for Candidate Membership, their Fellow Member status will remain active until the Candidate Membership review process is completed
  - I. If approved, the applicant will advance to Candidate Member
  - II. If denied, the Fellow Membership would be terminated at that time

- III. If a Fellow Member does not apply for Candidate Membership, Fellow Membership will terminate on December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year.

## **Membership Expectations**

- I. There are no formal requirements of fellow members
- II. Potential opportunities as Fellow Members include attendance at the ASES Annual Meeting, reviewing for the *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*, and the opportunity to apply to serve on standing or ad-hoc committees
  - I. If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Kuhn at [j.kuhn@vumc.org](mailto:j.kuhn@vumc.org)

# **ASES Corresponding Membership Guidelines**

Applications who would otherwise be considered for Active or Associate Membership, but who reside outside the United States or Canada, are eligible for Corresponding Membership

- I. Corresponding Members should be a member of the major specialty society established in the Corresponding Member's home country (if one exists)
- II. ASES-sponsored Traveling Fellows from outside the US or Canada will automatically become Corresponding Members upon completion of their traveling fellowship

## **Eligibility**

- I. Applicant should have completed advanced training in shoulder and/or elbow surgery
- II. Substantial portion of Clinical Practice involves Shoulder and Elbow.
- III. Previous attendance at ASES Open Meeting/Specialty Day.
  - I. A candidate for Corresponding Member that has not attended any ASES Open Symposia/Specialty Day Meetings prior to applying for membership status may obtain a provisional status of Corresponding Member for a period of three (3) years, under the condition that they register and actively participate in at least one (1) society's annual meeting during the 3-year period.

## **Nomination**

- I. Applicants must be sponsored by two current ASES members. Sponsors must be current Active or Corresponding ASES Members.

## **Application Requirements**

- I. ASES Application
- II. Personal Statement
- III. CV
- IV. Shoulder and Elbow CV (no points required)
- V. Photo
- VI. Two current ASES sponsors (either Active Members or Corresponding Members)

## **Application Process**

Please contact the ASES office for details regarding the Corresponding Membership application

## **Term Limits**

None

## **Membership Expectations**

- I. Corresponding Members should attend at least one (1) ASES-sponsored meeting every three (3) years
- II. Corresponding Members should volunteer to review for JSES.

- a. If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Kuhn at [j.kuhn@vumc.org](mailto:j.kuhn@vumc.org)

# **ASES Affiliate Membership Guidelines**

A person who is a physician or recognized expert, such as a biologist or engineer, who has contributed to the understanding of the shoulder or elbow and who is a resident of the United States or Canada, shall be eligible to become an Affiliate Member. This person with rare exception will hold an advanced educational degree such as Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Medicine. A person without an advanced educational degree must have a Master's Degree in a related field and must show a long-standing commitment to Shoulder and Elbow health to be eligible to become an Affiliate Member

## **Eligibility**

- I. Must have substantial portion of professional focus involving Shoulder and Elbow as described in your personal statement.

## **Nomination**

Must be sponsored by either two (2) current Active Members – OR – One (1) current Active Member and one (1) current Affiliate Member

## **Application Requirements**

- I. ASES Application
- II. Personal Statement
- III. CV
- IV. Shoulder and Elbow CV (no points required)
- V. Photo
- VI. Must be sponsored by either two (2) current Active Members – OR – One (1) current Active Member and one (1) current Affiliate Member

## **Application Process**

Please contact the ASES office for details regarding the Affiliate Membership application

## **Term Limits**

None

## **Membership Expectations**

- Affiliate members should attend one ASES Annual Meeting every three years.
- Affiliate members should volunteer to review for JSES  
If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Kuhn at [j.kuhn@vumc.org](mailto:j.kuhn@vumc.org)

- Affiliate members are encouraged to submit abstracts for the ASES Annual Meeting

# Additional Information

## Neer Circle Fellows

Entry into the Neer Circle represents a distinct honor within the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons and is based on service to the Society. The requirements for entry into the Neer Circle include Active, Affiliate, Corresponding, Senior and Honorary members and have served the Society in one or more of the following capacities:

ASES Executive Committee; JSES Board; JSES Associate Editors; JSES Basic Science Editors; ASES Board; Chair of the following ASES Committees: (ASES Grant Committee, ASES Patient Centered Initiatives Committee, ASES Member Centered Initiatives Committee, ASES Industry Centered Initiatives Committee); Chair of the following ASES Committees: (Membership Committee, Education Committee, Research Committee, Fellowship Match Committee, Exchange Fellowship Committee, Political Advocacy Committee, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Member Experience Committee, Technology Committee); Chair of the following ASES Education Events (ASES Annual Meeting, AAOS/ASES Specialty Day, ASES Open Meeting, Resident Course, ASES Fellowship Symposium Chair, ASES Spanish Course Chair, ICSSES ASES Chair; and Chair of the IBSES Board.

These service requirements can be modified at the discretion of the ASES Executive Committee.

Neer Circle Fellows are permitted to use ASES-NCF as a Title after their names to acknowledge that they have achieved the highest level of membership within the ASES.

## Membership Benefits

For a full list of ASES member benefits please visit <https://www.ases-assn.org/about-ases/become-an-ases-member/>

## Sponsor Forms

The ASES Office sends out a link to the sponsorship form at the start of the sponsorship period. You can also find the sponsorship form via the members-only section of the website (please note that only Active, Affiliate, and Corresponding members can see the link). If you cannot locate this email please contact us. Late sponsorship forms or applications will not be accepted.

## Steps to Apply

- Review the membership eligibility requirements for your category. If you do not meet the eligibility requirements, you will not be allowed to complete your application or your application will be denied at time of review
- Complete the Membership Application.
- Reach out to potential sponsors and ask them to complete the sponsorship form on your behalf.
- You will receive a confirmation email from ASES staff once we have received all of your materials, including sponsor forms.
- The Membership Committee begins the review process once the application period closes.
- Applicants will be notified of the results by late June/early July.

If you have any questions, please reach out to ASES staff at [info@ases-assn.org](mailto:info@ases-assn.org)