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EPILEPSY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA RULES AND REGULATIONS: EXTRACT REGARDING MEMBERSHIP

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The Society consists of ordinary members, senior members, honorary members and associate members. The Society is a professional organisation which includes, persons with clinical, scientific or technical competence in fields pertaining to epilepsy.

3.2 Ordinary Members:

Ordinary Members are elected from clinical, scientific or technical personnel working in the field of epilepsy or in kindred fields, who have an active interest in the work and aims of the Society. Membership shall be confined to clinical, scientific or technical personnel working in Australia, and Australian citizens or permanent residents working abroad. Members will pay dues as set by the Committee and ratified by the body of members, a discounted rate being applicable to special groups as determined by the Committee. Each Ordinary Member shall be entitled to vote on each matter at every Meeting of the members.

3.3 Honorary Members:

This status is awarded to a person who has made outstanding scientific contributions to the field of epilepsy and whom the Society wishes to honour for same. Honorary membership will be exempt from Society dues but will receive Society journals and information free.

3.4 Senior Members:

This membership will be awarded to members of the Society who have retired from active work in the medical aspects of epilepsy. Senior membership will be awarded for life and confers exemption from the payment of dues but will still confer eligibility to receive all Society information and literature as circulated to all other classes of members.

3.5 Associate Members:

Associate Members may be elected to the Society from other ILAE or IBE chapters. Associate Members may be entitled to receive all of the Society's information and discounts, but are ineligible to vote at meetings of members. Associate Members pay reduced or no dues.

3.6 In exceptional circumstances, the Committee may choose to award membership to a professional from a country other than Australia and New Zealand, such as a physician working in a developing neighbour country without an ILAE chapter, or a distinguished professional who has made a significant contribution to the Society.

3.7 2007 financial members who became ineligible for Ordinary Membership following the changes in 3.2 may continue as Ordinary Members or elect to become Associate Members.

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4.0 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 A natural person who is eligible to be a member of the Society on payment of the annual subscription payable under these rules.
- 4.2 A person who is not a member of the Society at the time of the incorporation of the Society (or who was such a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) shall not be admitted to membership-
 - (a) unless he/she is nominated as provided in sub-clause (3); and
 - (b) his/her admission as a member is approved by the Executive Committee.
- 4.3 Every application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and shall be in such form as the Executive Committee from time to time prescribes.
- 4.4 As soon as is practicable after receipt of an application, the Secretary shall refer the application to the Executive Committee.
- 4.5 Upon application being referred to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall determine whether to approve or to reject application.
- 4.6 Upon application being approved by the Executive Committee, the Secretary shall with as little delay as possible, notify the applicant in writing that the applicant is approved for membership of the Society and request payment within the period of twenty-eight days after receipt of the notification of the sum of the first year's annual subscription.
- 4.7 The Secretary shall, upon payment of the amount referred to in 4.6 within the period referred to in that sub-clause, enter the applicant's name in the register of members kept by the Secretary and, upon the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the Society.
- 4.8 A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of membership of the Society -
 - (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of their membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.