Rationale for 2016 Bylaws Amendments

The proposed Bylaws amendments detailed below:

1. Bring SPR practice in line with common practice by reducing the number and variety of membership categories;
2. Eliminate excess verbiage and simplify text; and
3. Reflect SPR's 21st century emphasis on transparency, equality, and inclusion.

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**ARTICLE II**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Membership:** Membership in this corporation, except for Honorary, Associate, and Allied and Affiliate membership, shall be limited to persons who are Doctors of Medicine or Doctors of Osteopathy, and who have been licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy, whose principal interest is in or related to the practice of pediatric radiology and who satisfy such other qualifications as are set forth by the Bylaws.

**Section 2. Classes of Membership:** The classes of membership shall be Active, Associate, Allied, Corresponding, Emeritus, Honorary and Member-in-Training, Affiliate Member-in-Training and Inactive.

(1) **Active Membership:** This class of membership shall be limited to those physicians residing in North America with a significant interest in the clinical, educational and research practice of pediatric radiology or pediatric radiation oncology, and who are credentialed physicians with a significant interest in pediatric radiology. Credentialed is defined as: Diplomates of the American Board of Radiology, the American Board of Nuclear Medicine, or other appropriate specialty Boards acceptable to the Board of Directors, or who are certified in Radiology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec, or who have equivalent qualification, as determined by the Board of Directors. In addition, the physician must have completed a minimum of one year of training in pediatric radiology above and beyond that required by ordinary Board Examination in Radiology or other acceptable boards or demonstrated his or her competence and practice time in pediatric radiology considered by the Board of Directors to be equivalent to such additional training.

An Active member shall have all the rights and privileges of membership in this Corporation, including the right to vote, to serve on committees, and to hold any office in this Corporation, and shall be required to pay annual dues.

(2) **Associate Membership:** Other radiologists, other physicians, or scientists residing in North America who are interested in the science and practice of pediatric radiology but who do not fully qualify for Active membership may apply for Associate membership in this Corporation. An Associate member shall have all the privileges of Active membership except that he or she shall not have a vote, shall not serve on committees except as a consultant, and shall not hold any office in this Corporation. He or she shall pay annual dues in the amount determined by the Board of Directors and ratified by the membership.
(2) **Allied Membership**: Allied are health professionals who work in professions aligned with radiology, i.e., physicists, nurses, radiology assistants, physician assistants, non-radiologist physicians who work in professions aligned with pediatric radiology, and those interested in the subspecialty of pediatric radiology, especially the mission of the SPR. An Allied member shall have all the privileges of Active membership except that he or she shall not have a vote, shall not serve on committees except as a consultant, and shall not hold any office in this Corporation. S/He or she shall pay annual dues in the amount determined by the Board of Directors.

(3) **Corresponding Membership** are Pediatric radiologists residing outside of English-speaking North America otherwise eligible for Active membership but who choose a corresponding status because they are unable to regularly attend the meetings of this Corporation are already full members of a comparable national or international pediatric radiology society, may be elected Corresponding members. Application for Corresponding membership follows the procedure as application for Active membership. Corresponding members shall have all the privileges of Active membership except that (s)he shall not have a vote and shall not hold any office of this Corporation. Corresponding members may serve on committees and shall pay annual dues in the amount determined by the Board of Directors.

(4) **Emeritus Membership**: At the written request of any Active member or Associate to the Secretary and with the approval of the Board of Directors, such member are no longer in the active practice of medicine. may be denoted as Emeritus. An Emeritus member shall have the privileges of Active membership except that he or she shall not have a vote, shall not serve on committees, and shall not hold any office in this Corporation. No dues shall be required of an Emeritus member.

(5) **Honorary Membership** are those members, not usually eligible for Active membership, who have been honored by the Board and Membership for outstanding contributions to pediatric radiology or the Society. An Honorary Member shall have the privileges of Active membership but shall not be required to pay dues. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Honors Committee upon any individual who has made outstanding contributions to pediatric radiology or to The Society and who would be otherwise ineligible for membership. No dues shall be required of an Honorary Member.

(6) **Members-in-Training** are Medical students, residents and pediatric radiology fellows who have applied for membership. Pediatric radiologists during their fellowships may, prior to the annual meeting year, apply to be Members-in-training. Member-in-Training membership is effective immediately upon receipt of a complete application form indicating eligibility for membership in training status. When all required training is complete The Board-certified Member-in-training shall be presented to the membership for election to be an Active member effective at the completion of fellowship training. The non-Board certified Member-in-Training shall be presented to the membership for election to be an Associate member, effective at the completion of fellowship training. A Member-in-training shall have all the privileges of Active membership except those that are a benefit paid for by dues; and that s/he shall not have a vote and shall not...
nor hold any office of this Corporation. He or she shall not pay dues while a Member-in-training. A Member-in-training shall not pay any registration fee for the annual meeting. A Member-in-Training will pay reduced registration fees for the educational activities of the Society.

(8) Affiliate Members-in-Training: Medical students and radiology residents may apply to be Affiliate Members-in-training. Affiliate Member-in-Training membership is effective immediately upon receipt of a complete application form indicating eligibility for this status. No dues shall be required of an Affiliate Member.

Upon completion of residency training, the Affiliate Member-in-training who enters a Pediatric Radiology fellowship shall be promoted to In-Training membership. The Affiliate who either does not enter fellowship training or selects another area of subspecialty study shall withdraw from Society membership. An Affiliate Member-in-training shall have all the privileges of Active membership except those that are a benefit paid for by dues and that he or she shall not have a vote and shall not hold any office of this Corporation. He or she shall not pay dues while an Affiliate Member-in-training. An Affiliate Member-in-training shall not pay any registration fee for the annual meeting.

(7) Inactive: An Active member can request, in times of illness, or other hardship, a change to inactive status. This request should be made in writing to the Secretary and should include, if possible, the length of time (in years) the inactive status may be necessary. The Secretary and the President will evaluate each request and answer within 30 days.

The Inactive members shall pay no dues and shall therefore not receive a subscription to the official journal of the Society, Pediatric Radiology, as a benefit of membership. Active membership may be resumed after requesting such from the Secretary of the Society.

(8) SCORCH: An SPR member who is head of a radiology department in a pediatric hospital (as defined by SCORCH) may also apply to be a member of the society for chairmen of radiology in children’s hospitals (SCORCH) and shall pay additional fees as a condition of participation in SCORCH meetings and activities.

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Section 3.4. Membership Application: Any licensed physician who satisfies the qualifications for Active, Associate, Allied, Affiliate—or Corresponding membership as set forth above may apply for membership.

Section 4.5 Election of Membership: the names of candidates who have submitted applications documenting their eligibility for membership are to be posted for a review period. Members may comment on the candidates’ qualifications to the membership committee within one month from circulation/posting of the list. If any written letters of protest are submitted for a candidate, the Board of Directors shall reconsider the application and may either:

(1) Approve the application, constituting election of membership.
(2) Deny the application for membership and inform the candidate of this denial and the candidate’s right to appeal such denial in writing to the SPR board of directors. If the candidate does not file a timely appeal, the board’s denial shall be final.
(3) The board of directors may conduct additional investigation or consider, on recommendation of the secretary or, an appeal by the candidate. The board will inform the candidate of its decision in writing.
(4) Following successful election, members will be admitted to the Society. When notified of election, a prorated dues invoice will be sent and the benefits of membership will begin.

Section 5-6. Termination of Membership: Membership in the Corporation shall be terminated by the Board of Directors for nonpayment of dues or for unethical conduct deemed detrimental to the Society. In any case where the Board of Directors intends to terminate the membership of a member for unethical behavior deemed detrimental to the Society the Secretary of this Corporation shall notify the member by receipt-documented mail within thirty (30) calendar days indicating therein the reason for proposed termination. The member shall have an opportunity to be heard at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. The member must notify the Secretary of the Society, in writing, of the request to have the matter heard by the Board no fewer than 5 days prior to the Board meeting. If the member does not request a hearing or if the board does not change its decision after hearing from the member, Board action to terminate membership is effective at the adjournment of that next regularly-scheduled Board meeting.

Section 7-6. Reinstatement of Membership: Once terminated, the member so notified may advise the President of this Corporation that he or she requests that a Judiciary Committee hearing be held. Following the hearing, the Judiciary Committee shall vote in secret ballot, and if by a two thirds vote, the Judiciary Committee members elect to reinstate to Active membership, the member is reinstated as a member of the Society. In the event that the member fails to receive the necessary two-thirds vote of the Judiciary Committee, the Secretary shall so notify said member by receipt-documented mail within thirty (30) calendar days of the hearing. The member shall have no further right of appeal but may reapply for membership in two years from the date of the vote of termination by the Board of Directors.