

Midwest Surgical Association Proposed Bylaws Changes

Proposed Change: Change term of Recorder from (5) years to (3) years

Article IV: Officers and Council

Section 8: Recorder

The Recorder shall act as historian, retaining copies of all official actions of the Council and Membership and any available photographs. The Recorder shall also serve as the Chairperson of the Editorial Committee with the responsibility of receiving and retaining all papers and reports of discussion regarding any papers presented to the Association. The Recorder will also serve as the liaison between the Association and any publisher contracted by the Association for the purpose of publishing peer-reviewed material. The term of office shall be ~~five (5) years.~~ *three (3) years.*

Proposed Change: Addition of Associate Member category

Article III. Membership

Section 7. Associate Membership

Trainees in the last two years of surgical residency or in a surgical fellowship as well as new graduates currently in the first two years of surgical practice (prior to American Board of Surgery or equivalent certification) are eligible to join the Midwest Surgical Association as Associate Members. Associate Members are not required to pay annual dues. They are not eligible to serve on Midwest Surgical Association committees and may not attend or vote at the annual business meeting. They are not entitled to receive a complimentary subscription to the official journal of the Midwest Surgical Association. Associate members who have completed surgical residency are allowed to submit abstracts without the need for sponsorship by a Midwest Surgical Association member but are not eligible to act as sponsors for membership or abstract submission. Associate members are eligible to become active members once they have met the requirements outlined in the bylaws.

Proposed Change: Addition of the word Associate, as a result of Article III, Section 7.

Article III: Membership

The membership of this Association shall consist of Active, Retired, **Associate** and Honorary Members.