

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

- Neurological Surgeons (MD or DO) or physicians from other neuroscience disciplines
  - Reside within the geographic boundaries of the WNS (WA, OR, CA, AZ, NV, ID, UT, MT, WY, CO, NM, AK, HI, Alberta, British Columbia)
  - Board certified by appropriate Board and published in the scientific literature
  - Present at least one paper of scientific merit at an annual meeting
  - Proposed for membership by an active member; candidate completes application
  - Application supported by two additional members, one preferably from the location of practice
  - Application is presented to Executive Committee at spring Interim Meeting
  - If approved name shall be circulated to membership
  - Candidate's membership is voted upon at following Annual Meeting if candidate is in attendance
- May vote at business meetings
- May chair and serve on committees
- May hold elected office
- Expected to attend annual meetings regularly
- Must pay annual dues
- Forfeit active membership if miss four consecutive meetings
- Forfeit membership if do not pay annual dues for two consecutive years

## NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

- Previously active
- Unable to meet meeting attendance requirements
- Remain interested in WNS
- Expect returning to active status upon attending a meeting
- Must pay annual dues
- May not vote, hold elective office or serve on committees

## PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

- Board eligible neurosurgeons interested in WNS
- Fulfill all other requirements for membership as active members
- May not serve on committees
- May not vote at business meetings
- Must attend Annual Meetings regularly
- Must pay dues
- May remain in this category five years
- Provisional member is voted upon at Annual Meeting following certification if candidate is in attendance
- If Provisional member does not become board certified in five years, Provisional membership ends

## CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

- Previously active members in good standing who move away from WNS geographic boundaries and wish to maintain membership--No limit on numbers
- Individuals not previously members and who practice outside the WNS geographic boundaries and who have shown significant contributions to neurological surgery or allied specialties as well as interest in the WNS--limit of ten members; must give a presentation at an Annual meeting
- Must pay annual dues
- No meeting attendance requirement
- May serve on committees but may not chair committees or hold elected office
- May not vote

## SENIOR MEMBERS

- Active members for 20 years if they so request
- Active members for at least three years who reach sixty years of age if they so request
- No meeting attendance requirements
- Must pay annual dues
- Retain all active members' privileges except for holding elected office or chairing committees
- May return to active membership if approved by EC

## HONORARY MEMBERS

- Chosen from recognized leaders in the field of neurological surgery or its allied specialties and who are neither active nor corresponding members
- Not required to pay annual dues
- No meeting attendance requirement
- Have all active membership privileges except for being committee chairmen, voting or holding office
- No geographic limitations
- No limit on numbers

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Associate members shall consist of those engaged in the neurosciences who are not physicians
- Shall include neuroanatomists, neurophysiologists, psychologists and others who obtain a PhD in their respective fields and predominantly work in research and/or teaching
- They shall be considered for membership in the same way as Active Members excepting the requirement for Board certification
- They shall be required to pay dues at the active member level and shall enjoy all other privileges of membership except for being committee chairmen, voting or holding office.
- They shall be exempt from the rules of attendance
- There shall be no geographic limits for associate members
- Their numbers shall be limited to 15 Associate members.

The first change would add a 7th membership category: Associate--as follows: