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Association of University Anesthesiologists

MEMBER NOMINATION GUIDELINES

MEMBERSHIP TYPE & QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Candidates for Membership must be nominated by an Active Member in good standing.
- ❖ Candidates for Associate Membership must be nominated by an active member who currently holds the position of Anesthesiology Department Chair.
- ❖ Non-U.S. nominees are welcome for all three membership types. Refer to required qualifications for each membership type below

Active Member

- An individual who occupies and has occupied a faculty position in anesthesiology in a medical school or its affiliated teaching hospital for at least twenty-four months following completion of residency training in anesthesiology or relevant post-doctoral training
- Works as an anesthesiologist, teacher, or investigator has demonstrated success in academic anesthesia, or who has shown a continued productive interest in and contribution to academic anesthesia.

Affiliate Member

- An individual who has made distinguished contributions to academic anesthesiology but does not have a primary faculty appointment.
- Affiliate Members enjoy all the privileges of Active membership except those of voting and holding office.

Associate Member

- An individual who holds a faculty position in anesthesiology in a medical school or its affiliated teaching hospital and who has been approved for funding for a K or R-Type Grant from NIH, FAER, AHA, APSF, IARS or non-U.S. equivalents.
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- ❖ Candidates for Active or Affiliate membership must be nominated by an active member in good standing.
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1. **Nomination Letter:**

- The nomination letter should describe in detail the nominee's qualifications for AUA membership, including examples of the applicant's contributions to academic anesthesiology in research, education, clinical and administrative activities. What qualities does this individual possess that would enhance the AUA membership? What accomplishments has this individual achieved in academic anesthesiology? Why are you recommending the individual for election to AUA membership?
- See the Suggest Nomination Letter Format and Criteria for Election as an Active Member outlined below.

2. **Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Nominee:** Attach the nominee's current CV.

3. **Additional Requirement for Nomination of Associate Member Candidates:** Attach or include in the nomination letter a list of the nominee's current research funding. Funding will be verified by AUA via the funding institution.

4. **Submit the nomination letter and candidate CV to:** vabalama@iars.org

SUGGESTED NOMINATION LETTER FORMAT

Paragraph 1 - General Information

- Please provide the nominee's name, degrees, academic rank, departmental appointments, and university affiliations as well as the membership category being nominated requested (Active, Affiliate, or Associate).

Paragraph 2- Research Activities

- Please specify the number of peer-reviewed manuscripts, the number of case reports, book chapters, review articles, peer-reviewed abstracts and grants. Please comment briefly on the significance of this research to academic anesthesia/medicine.



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Paragraph 3 - Educational Activities

- Please provide as much objective evidence as possible of the nominee's stature as an educator through evaluations by residents, students, peers and others.
- Other evidence of educational stature, such as visiting professorship and invited lectureships, should also be mentioned.

Paragraph 4 - Clinical Activities

- Discuss the individual's clinical activities where appropriate, including subspecialty training and evidence of expertise in one or more subspecialties.

Paragraph 5 - Administrative Activities

- Comment on the individual's administrative accomplishments. What administrative role does the individual play in the department, the institution, on national committees?

Paragraph 6 - National and International Activities

- The nominee's national and international activities, accomplishments and reputation should be discussed in this paragraph. Membership on national committees, service as an officer in national societies, membership in study sections for foundations or other granting organizations would be some examples.

CRITERIA FOR ELECTION AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER

General Principles

- The fundamental criterion for Active membership in the AUA is substantial evidence of creative research scholarship or scholarly educational activities relevant to the field of anesthesiology.
- Scholarly educational activity and research scholarship are weighted equally in election of members; however, scholarly educational activity must be sustained for a considerable time period (no less than seven years) whereas outstanding evidence of research scholarship may be sufficient evidence for a promising young investigator.
- Academic leadership (e.g., national society officers, membership or chairmanship of national academic committees) suggests research or scholarly educational activity but does not constitute sufficient evidence of scholarship.
- Attainment of an administrative title (e.g., department chair, program director) or academic rank (e.g., associate professor) suggests research scholarship or scholarly educational activity but does not constitute sufficient evidence of scholarship.
- Longevity in an academic department of anesthesiology does not constitute sufficient evidence of scholarship.



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Examples to Support Scholarly Educational Activity

- Sustained history of presenting national lectures on topics relevant to anesthesiology.
- Multiple prestigious lectures (e.g., ASA Refresher Courses, IARS Review Courses, subspecialty society plenary lectures).
- Multiple visiting professorships in academic departments.
- Multiple first-authored, peer-reviewed original publications relating to anesthesiology topics.
- Multiple first-authored book chapters in highly regarded texts.
- Editing of a highly regarded textbook related to anesthesiology.
- Selection to the editorial board of a national or international anesthesiology journal.
- Program director of an academic residency.
- “Best Teacher” awards from an academic residency.

Examples to Support Research Activity

- Consistent record as principal investigator on competitive federal grants.
- Service on national peer review committees for grant reviews.
- Primary or senior author on 30 or more high-quality, peer-reviewed publications.
- Multiple invited national presentations on topics related to research.
- Multiple visiting professorships related to research.
- Selection to the editorial board of a high-impact national or international scientific journal.

Examples to Support Academic Leadership:

- Officer of national medical or anesthesiology society (general or subspecialty).
- Major administrative responsibilities in an academic medical center (e.g., dean or associate dean, hospital CEO).
- Chair of academic anesthesiology department.
- Vice-Chair of academic anesthesiology department.
- Program director of academic anesthesiology residency.
- Committee membership on major national academic committee (e.g., ASA Committee on Research, ASA Subcommittees for abstract reviews).

Please contact Vivian Abalama, CAE for questions at vabalama@iars.org.