ASES Active Membership Guidelines

Eligibility

I. Must be a current Associate member of ASES
II. Must be a fellow of the AAOS or Active Membership in Canadian Orthopaedic Society and/or Board (AAOS/RCPS/AOA)
III. Must have a current practice whose major focus is shoulder and/or elbow surgery as described in your personal statement.
IV. Must have attended 50% (or more) ASES Annual Meetings and Specialty Day Meetings while an Associate member
V. Must be a JSES Reviewer
VI. Should have served (or attempted to serve) on an ASES committee within the past 3 years. If you have applied to serve, but have not been selected please note this in your personal statement

Nomination

I. Applicants must be sponsored by two current Active Members of ASES

Application Requirements

I. ASES Application
II. Personal Statement
III. CV
IV. Shoulder & Elbow CV with scoring
V. Photo
VI. Two current Active Member ASES Sponsors

Application Process

Applicants may apply for Active Membership at any time once they achieve Associate status.

Term Limits

None

Membership Expectations

I. Active members should attend 50% (or more) ASES Annual Meetings and Specialty Day Meetings over each three (3) year period to maintain active membership. This requirement is waived after fifteen (15) years of being a member in good-standing.
II. Active members are highly encouraged to submit an abstract for presentation at the Annual Meeting at least once over each three (3) year period.
III. Active members must be a reviewer for the Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery.
   I. If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Mallon at bam1729bam@gmail.com
Unique Membership Benefits

I. Active members are the only member category that with voting rights.
II. You must be an Active member to serve on the ASES Executive Committee
ASES Associate Membership Guidelines

(Applicants applying directly as an Associate member or advancing from Candidate to Associate)

Eligibility

I. Must have completed a fellowship in Shoulder Surgery, Elbow Surgery, Hand Surgery, Trauma and/or Sports Medicine.

II. Must be a fellow of the AAOS or Active Membership in Canadian Orthopaedic Society and/or Board (AAOS/RCPS/AOA)

III. Must have a current practice whose major focus is shoulder and/or elbow surgery as described in your personal statement.

IV. Must be 4-years since fellowship (i.e., finish fellowship July 2012; apply for ASES membership in 2016).
   - Those applying directly to Associate must have be at least 15 years out of fellowship.

Nomination

Applicants must be sponsored by two current Active Members of ASES

Application Requirements

I. ASES Application
II. Personal Statement
III. CV
IV. Shoulder & Elbow CV
V. Photo
VI. Two current Active Member ASES Sponsors

Application Process

Applicants may apply for Associate Membership any time during their 5-year term as a Candidate member (must also be 4 years out of fellowship). Non-members can also apply directly to Associate Status.

Term Limits

None

Membership Expectations

I. Associate members should attend 50% (or more) of eligible ASES Annual Meetings and Specialty Day Meetings over each three (3) year period to maintain Associate membership.
II. Associate members must be a reviewer for the *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*.
   I. If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Mallon at bam1729bam@gmail.com
ASES Candidate Membership Guidelines

(Applicants applying directly as a Candidate member or advancing from Fellow to Candidate)

Eligibility

I. Must have completed an ASES recognized shoulder/elbow fellowship, -OR- a shoulder & elbow, sports, arthroscopy, or hand fellowship **with an ASES member**

II. Must have a current practice whose major focus is shoulder and/or elbow surgery as described in your personal statement.

III. Applicant does not have to be Board certified

Nomination

Applicants must be sponsored by two current Active Members of ASES

Application Requirements

I. ASES Application

II. Personal Statement

III. CV

IV. Shoulder & Elbow CV (**scoring not necessary**) 

V. Photo

VI. Two current Active Member ASES Sponsors

Application Process

Applicants may apply for Candidate Membership any time after the completion of their fellowship.

I. It is recommended candidates apply within 5 years from the completion of their fellowship.

Term Limits

I. A candidate membership is limited to 5 years.

II. After being a candidate member for a period of 5 years, the candidate membership will expire.

   I. Extension of the candidate membership will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

      I. Coming out of the pandemic the Membership Committee is conscious of not being able to accomplish some of the mandatory steps for membership and will take this into account with the 5-year Candidate limit on a case-by-case basis

III. A candidate member may apply to advance to Associate member status at any time.

Membership Expectations

I. Candidate members should attend 50% (or more) ASES Annual Meetings and Specialty Day Meetings over each three (3) year period to maintain Candidate membership.
II. Candidate members should be a reviewer for the *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*.
   I. If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Mallon at bam1729bam@gmail.com
ASES Fellow Membership Guidelines

Eligibility

Applicants must be an accepted osteopathic or allopathic Fellow in an ASES recognized shoulder/elbow fellowship OR a shoulder & elbow, sports, arthroscopy, or hand fellowship in a program in which one of the faculty is an Active ASES member.

Nomination

I. No formal nomination is required
II. Applicants must list fellowship director in application (or ASES faculty member, if fellowship director is not an ASES member)

Application Requirements

I. ASES Application
II. Personal Statement
III. Shoulder and Elbow CV not required
IV. Photo

Application Process

I. Applicants are eligible to apply for Fellow Membership once an applicant is matched with their fellowship program.
II. Once accepted, Fellow Membership will begin in July following application approval
   I. E.g., if an applicant matches for fellowship in their 4th year of residency and applies for Fellow Membership in this window, their membership will begin in July of their 5th year of residency
   II. E.g., if an applicant matches for fellowship in their 4th year of residency but does not apply for Fellow Membership until the fall of their 5th year of residency, their membership will begin in July just before starting their fellowship year

Term Limits

I. Following the completion of their fellowship, all Fellow Members will be notified of the ability to apply for Candidate Membership. Notifications are typically sent in the fall following completion of the fellowship.
II. If a Fellow Member applies for Candidate Membership, their Fellow Member status will remain active until the Candidate Membership review process is completed
   I. If approved, the applicant will advance to Candidate Member
   II. If denied, the Fellow Membership would be terminated at that time
III. If a Fellow Member does not apply for Candidate Membership, Fellow Membership will terminate at the end of the calendar year in which their fellowship ends
   I. I.e., Fellow Members who complete their fellowship in July of any given year and do not apply for Candidate Membership, will have their membership terminate at the end of December of that calendar year
Membership Expectations

I. There are no formal requirements of fellow members

II. Potential opportunities as Fellow Members include attendance at the ASES Annual Meeting, reviewing for the *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*, and the opportunity to apply to serve on standing or ad-hoc committees
   I. If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Mallon at bam1729bam@gmail.com
ASES Corresponding Membership Guidelines

Applications who would otherwise be considered for Active or Associate Membership, but who reside outside the United States or Canada, are eligible for Corresponding Membership

I. Corresponding Members should be a member of the major specialty society established in the Corresponding Member's home country (if one exists)
II. ASES-sponsored Traveling Fellows from outside the US or Canada will automatically become Corresponding Members upon completion of their traveling fellowship

Eligibility

I. Applicant should have completed advanced training in shoulder and/or elbow surgery
II. Substantial portion of Clinical Practice involves Shoulder and Elbow.
III. Previous attendance at ASES Open Meeting/Specialty Day.
   I. A candidate for Corresponding Member that has not attended any ASES Open Symposia/Specialty Day Meetings prior to applying for the membership status may obtain a provisional status of Corresponding Member for a period of three (3) years, under the condition that they register and actively participates in at least one (1) society's annual meeting during the 3-year period.

Nomination

I. Applicants must be sponsored by two current ASES members. Sponsors must be current Active or Corresponding ASES Members.

Application Requirements

I. ASES Application
II. Personal Statement
III. CV
IV. Photo
V. Two current ASES sponsors (either Active Members or Corresponding Members)

Application Process

Please contact the ASES office for details regarding the Corresponding Membership application

Term Limits

None

Membership Expectations

I. Corresponding Members should attend at least one (1) ASES-sponsored meeting every three (3) years
II. Corresponding Members should volunteer to review for JSES.
a. If not a reviewer, please contact the editor-in-chief of the journal Dr. Mallon at bam1729bam@gmail.com
ASES Affiliate Membership Guidelines

A person who is a physician or recognized expert, such as a biologist or engineer, who has contributed to the understanding of the shoulder or elbow and who is a resident of the United States or Canada, shall be eligible to become an Affiliate Member. This person with rare exception will hold an advanced educational degree such as Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Medicine. A person without an advanced educational degree must have a Master's Degree in a related field and must show a long-standing commitment to Shoulder and Elbow health in order to be eligible to become an Affiliate Member.

**Eligibility**

I. Must have substantial portion of Non-Orthopaedic Clinical Practice involving Shoulder and Elbow as described in your personal statement.

II. Must have membership in National or Regional Sub-Specialty Medical Society/Association and/or Board.

**Nomination**

Must be sponsored by either two (2) current Active Members – OR – One (1) current Active Member and one (1) current Affiliate Member.

**Application Requirements**

III. ASES Application

IV. Personal Statement

V. CV

VI. Photo

VII. Must be sponsored by either two (2) current Active Members – OR – One (1) current Active Member and one (1) current Affiliate Member.

**Application Process**

Please contact the ASES office for details regarding the Affiliate Membership application.

**Term Limits**

None

**Membership Expectations**

There are no formal requirements of Affiliate members.
Additional Information

Membership Benefits

For a full list of ASES member benefits please visit https://www.ases-assn.org/about-ases/become-an-ases-member/

Sponsor Forms

The ASES Office sends out a link to the sponsorship form at the start of the sponsorship period. You can also find the sponsorship form via the members-only section of the website (please note that only Active, Affiliate, and Corresponding members can see the link). If you cannot locate this email please contact us. Late sponsorship forms or applications will not be accepted.

Steps to Apply

- Complete the Membership Application.
- Reach out to potential sponsors and ask them to complete the sponsorship form on your behalf.
- You will receive a confirmation email from ASES staff once we have received all of your materials, including sponsor forms.
- The Membership Committee begins the review process once the application period closes.
- Applicants will be notified of the results by late June/early July.

If you have any questions, please reach out to ASES staff at info@ases-assn.org