

Membership Bylaws
of the
Australasian Society for
Ultrasound in Medicine

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Purpose

These Membership Bylaws are made pursuant to the Constitution of the Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (the Company), including clause 57 (Bylaws), and the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). They regulate membership matters and operate subject to the Constitution. In the event of inconsistency, the Constitution prevails.

1. Definitions

In these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

Constitution means the constitution of the Company as amended from time to time.

Board means the board of directors of the Company constituted in accordance with the Constitution and includes any properly constituted committee of the Board acting within its delegated authority.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) means the individual appointed by the Board as the chief executive officer (or equivalent senior executive, regardless of title) of the Company, who is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the Company in accordance with the Constitution and the delegations and directions of the Board.

Member means a person whose name is entered on the register of members of the Company in accordance with the Constitution.

Non-Member means a person who is not entered on the register of members of the Company and does not hold membership rights under the Constitution or these Bylaws.

Voting Member means a Member who:

is in a class of membership that has voting rights under the Constitution; and

is an eligible member as defined in the Constitution; and

is entitled to vote at general meetings of the Company.

Non-Voting Member means a Member who:

is in a class of membership that does not have voting rights under the Constitution; and

is not entitled to vote at general meetings of the Company.

2. Membership Categories

Membership classes are established in accordance with clause 11 of the Constitution.

2.1 Voting Members

Voting Members are individuals admitted in accordance with the Constitution and these Bylaws who:

1. are financial;

2. reside in Australia or New Zealand; and
3. are entitled to one vote at general meetings in accordance with the Constitution.

2.2 Non-Voting Members

Non-Voting Members are members of any non-voting class determined by the Board from time to time under the Constitution and these Bylaws.

No new class of membership with voting rights may be created without approval of members by ordinary resolution by the Board in accordance with the Constitution.

3. Eligibility for Membership

Eligibility for membership is governed by clause 13 of the Constitution.

To be eligible for membership, an applicant must:

- 3.1 support the purposes and values of The Company;
- 3.2 meet any eligibility criteria determined by the Board for the relevant membership category;
- 3.3 agree to comply with the Constitution, these bylaws, and all applicable policies; and
- 3.4 pay any applicable membership fees.

4. Application for Membership

4.1 Applications for membership must be made in the form approved by the Board.

4.2 Applications will be considered by the Board or its delegate in accordance with clause 13 of the Constitution.

4.3 An applicant becomes a member when they are entered on the register of members.

5. Membership Fees and Financial Status

5.1 Membership fees (if any) are determined by the Board in accordance with clause 17 of the Constitution.

5.2 A member must pay applicable fees when due to retain membership rights.

5.3 Failure to pay fees may result in suspension or cessation of membership in accordance with clause 18 of the Constitution.

6. Rights of Members

Member rights are set out in clause 14 of the Constitution and supplemented as follows, subject always to the Constitution.

6.1 Membership Categories

For the purposes of these Bylaws, the Company recognises the following membership categories, aligned with the Company's published membership structure:

Professional Members (Voting Members)

- Medical Members
- Sonographer Members
- Scientific Members
- Allied Health Members
- Honorary Members
- Life Members
- Retired Member

Associate Members (Non-Voting Members)

- Trainee Members
- Student Members

Corresponding Members (Non-Voting Members)

- Members residing outside Australia and New Zealand

Affiliated Organisation Members (Non-Voting Members)

- Individuals entitled to membership under the Affiliated Organisation Membership

Other Members

Any other voting or non-voting membership as determined by the Board from time to time

Membership category definitions, eligibility criteria, and applicable fees are determined by the Board and published by the Company, from time to time.

6.2 Rights of Voting Members

Voting Members (being members in a class with voting rights under the Constitution) are entitled to:

1. receive notice of, attend, speak at and vote at general meetings;
2. propose resolutions and statements in accordance with the Constitution;
3. nominate for election and be elected as directors (if otherwise eligible);
4. access member communications, publications, and professional resources as determined by the membership category;

5. participate in committees, working groups, and other activities as approved by the Board.

6.3 Rights of Non-Voting Members

Non-Voting Members are entitled to:

1. receive member communications and publications as determined by the Board;
2. attend general meetings as observers unless otherwise determined by the Chair;
3. participate in educational activities, events, and professional development opportunities as applicable to their membership category;
4. access member benefits associated with their category, including journals, online resources, and events.

Non-Voting Members are not entitled to vote at general meetings or nominate for election as directors unless expressly permitted by the Constitution.

6.4 Variation of Rights

The Board may vary, suspend, or refine the rights and benefits associated with membership categories from time to time, provided that:

1. voting rights are not altered except in accordance with the Constitution; and
2. any variation does not materially prejudice existing member rights without due process.

7. Obligations of Members

Member responsibilities are set out in clause 15 of the Constitution and are supplemented by these Bylaws.

Without limitation, each Member must:

1. comply with the Constitution, these Bylaws, and all policies approved by the Board;
2. pay all applicable membership fees and charges in full and on time, in accordance with fee schedules determined by the Board;
3. maintain eligibility for their membership category and promptly notify the Company of any change in circumstances relevant to eligibility;
4. notify the Company promptly of any change to their contact details or other information required for the register of members;
5. act in a manner consistent with the purposes, values, and reputation of the Company;
6. treat other members, directors, officers, staff, volunteers, and stakeholders with respect;
7. not represent themselves as speaking or acting on behalf of the Company unless expressly authorised;

8. acknowledge that representation of the Company to external organisations, peak bodies, government agencies, or other entities is reserved to the Board, the Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, or other persons expressly authorised by the Board; and
9. comply with any directions or protocols issued by the Board regarding external representation, advocacy, or use of the Company's name and reputation.

Failure to comply with these obligations may result in suspension, termination, or other disciplinary action in accordance with the Constitution.

8. Code of Conduct

8.1 Members must comply with the Company's Code of Conduct adopted by the Board.

8.2 The Board may take disciplinary action for breaches of the Code of Conduct in accordance with these Bylaws.

9. Dispute Resolution, Discipline and Termination

Dispute resolution and disciplinary procedures are governed by clauses 19 and 20 of the Constitution.

These Bylaws operate in support of those clauses and do not limit procedural fairness obligations.

10. Resignation of Membership

A member may resign by giving written notice to the Company. Resignation does not entitle the member to a refund of fees.

11. Dispute Resolution

11.1 The Company encourages resolution of disputes in a fair, timely, and informal manner.

11.2 If a dispute cannot be resolved informally, the Board may determine an appropriate dispute resolution process, including mediation.

12. Privacy

The Company will handle member information in accordance with applicable privacy laws and the Company's [Privacy Policy](#).

12. Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended, replaced or repealed by the Board in accordance with clause 57 of the Constitution.

These Bylaws may be amended by resolution of the Board, subject to the Constitution.