

2011 Membership Nomination Guide

Dear ASCI Member,

Following is the 2011 nomination guide for Active, Foreign Associate, and Honorary membership to the American Society for Clinical Investigation. We encourage you to identify and nominate all qualified physician-scientists at your institution. The Council encourages nominations from all specialties and of women and under-represented minorities. Diversity is especially important as the Council focuses on mentoring the next generation of physician-scientists.

Election to the ASCI membership is an honor. New members are recognized at the ASCI Reception and Dinner on Friday, April 15, 2011, at the 2011 ASCI/AAP Joint Meeting (April 15-17 in Chicago, Illinois). We expect new members to attend the meeting as we celebrate and recognize all new members. It is also important for Proposers to attend the meeting and to help initiate new members into the ASCI.

Candidates may be nominated **a maximum of three times**. Please indicate on the application the number of times your candidate has been nominated. (This information will also be checked against the ASCI's records. If you are unsure of the number of times your candidate has been previously nominated, contact the ASCI as noted below.) Give careful consideration to eligibility criteria to help avoid jeopardizing a candidate's election.

Nominations may be submitted through September 24, 2010, the absolute deadline for receipt. The Proposer is responsible for ensuring that the nomination is completed by the deadline. Nominations that are incomplete after the deadline will not be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact the ASCI office directly by phone, 734-222-6050, fax, 734-222-6058, or e-mail, staff@the-asci.org.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rehermann, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer, 2009-2011

This document and related documents can be found online at:
<http://www.the-asci.org/nomination.shtml>

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Active and Foreign Associate nominees ...

- must be physicians who have “accomplished meritorious original, creative, and independent investigations in the clinical or allied sciences of medicine” and who enjoy “unimpeachable moral standing in the medical profession.”
- must be age 45 or younger on January 1, 2011.
- may be nominated no more than three times for membership. Proposers are discouraged from nominating candidates whose qualifications are still questionable, or from nominating a candidate rejected last year if the candidate’s bibliography has improved little in the interim, unless the candidate will exceed the age limit on January 1, 2011.

Honorary nominees ...

- must “have distinguished scientific contributions with widespread biological significance in the area of clinical investigation.”
- must not be currently or have been previously eligible for nomination as an Active or Foreign Associate member.
- are not limited by age at nomination; however, the criteria for significance of scientific contribution are more stringent than those for Active or Foreign Associate nominees.

General guidance in preparing nominations

- Proposers and Seconders must be Active, Foreign Associate, Senior, or Honorary ASCI members in good standing and current in Society dues. The Proposer or Secunder should ideally be from a different institution and both should have a good understanding of the nominee’s work.
- For second and third nominations, it is particularly important to highlight a nominee's progress and development since the previous nomination.
- All sections of the nomination must be completed and follow the stated word limits. Do not send full CVs in place of, or in addition to, the information requested.
- Extensive description of the candidate’s training, research conducted in the laboratory of a more senior investigator, and institutional citizenship is not helpful. Information regarding major awards, invitations to give plenary lectures (especially at national or international meetings), and invitations to write chapters in major textbooks should be included as applicable — the quality and quantity of work are important factors.
- In the general statement on the nominee (section 4), Proposers should indicate the candidate’s seminal contribution(s), keyed to the bibliography (section 5), and the originality, novelty, and impact of this research on the field. Note special circumstances (e.g. childbearing, personal or family illness) that influenced the candidate’s research activities.
- Information about independent grant support should be noted, so that the Council has standardized information regarding all nominees. Independent research support represents only one of several criteria used in assessing independence.
- The bibliographical information is the primary criterion used to judge nominees. Quality is weighed more heavily than quantity — especially when bibliographies are large and include many collaborators. The Council finds particularly important those publications for which the authorship is independent of the candidates’ mentor or other senior scientists such as ASCI members. Bibliographic information must be in the format as described in Section 2. In Section 2 of the nomination form, list the nominee's 10 most important publications and annotate the top 3, for which PDFs must be supplied.
- For nomination support, Seconders (Active and Foreign Associate nominations only) must limit comments to 500 words; General Supporters must limit comments to 250 words. Although there is no limit to the number of supporters of a nomination, the Council recommends no more than two per nomination. Secunder and General Supporter comments should supplement, but not duplicate, information provided by Proposers, and they should deal specifically with the nominee’s original scientific contributions.

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A complete nomination for an Active or Foreign Associate candidate includes:

- The nomination form completed by the Proposer
- NIH-style biographical sketch (4-page limit)
- PDF of each publication annotated in Section 2 of the nomination form (3 PDFs total)
- Secunder support (general support is optional)

A complete nomination for an Honorary candidate includes:

- The nomination form completed by the Proposer
- NIH-style biographical sketch (4-page limit)
- PDF of each publication annotated in Section 2 of the nomination form (3 PDFs total)

The nomination form is available at <http://www.the-asci.org/nomination.shtml>

Submitting nominations

To ensure proper tracking of nominations, all information and documents must be supplied online.

- First, access your member account at <http://www.the-asci.org/data/login.php>
- After you have logged in to your account, select the "Nominations" tab, then search the nominee database. Links will appear in search results to guide you in the next steps.
- Your nominee may already be in the ASCI database because the nominee was previously nominated or because a nomination or support form has been started for the nominee for this nomination cycle.

Proposers: Once you have supplied the requested information about your nominee (name, contact information, etc.), you will be able to upload required documents. You will also be able to add Secunder and General Supporter information to the nomination, although supporters will need to supply their comments via their own member accounts.

Secunder and General Supporters: Forms may be drafted and submitted online after selecting the applicable nominee from search results or after adding requested information about the nominee you are supporting. (NOTE: General Supporters who are not ASCI members may complete the nomination support template and e-mail it to staff@the-asci.org for handling. Please indicate clearly your contact information and the name and institution of the nominee you are supporting.)

Important dates

- All nomination materials are due on or before September 24, 2010.
- Proposers will be contacted about decisions in late November 2010.
- The ASCI/AAP Joint Meeting is April 15-17, 2011.

Questions?

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