THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

2016 Membership Nomination Guide

Dear ASCI Member,

Following is the 2016 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 and elsewhere. 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 Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Friday, April 15, at the 2016 ASCI/AAP Joint Meeting (April 15-17 in Chicago). We expect new members to attend the meeting as we celebrate and recognize their election. 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 3 times**, with the following exception: In 2013 the age limit for eligibility was increased from age 45 to age 50 or younger. In recognition of this revision, Active and Foreign Associate candidates who reached 3 nominations before or during the 2013 nomination cycle may be nominated one more time (for a maximum of 4 nominations) for this or future cycles if they meet the following age criteria: 2016, age 48 to 50; 2017, age 49 to 50; 2018, age 50. 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 avoid jeopardizing a candidate's election.

Nominations may be submitted through September 18, 2015. 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 by phone, 734-222-6050; fax, 734-222-6058; or e-mail, staff@the-asci.org.

Sincerely,

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Secretary-Treasurer, 2015-2017

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 nominations

Eligibility

- 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 50 or younger on January 1, 2016.

- may be nominated no more than three times, with the following exception: In 2013 the age limit for eligibility was increased from age 45 to age 50 or younger. In recognition of this revision, Active and Foreign Associate candidates who reached 3 nominations before or during the 2013 nomination cycle may be nominated one more time (for a maximum of 4 nominations) for this or future cycles if they meet the following age criteria: 2016, age 48 to 50; 2017, age 49 to 50; 2018, age 50. Proposers are discouraged from nominating candidates whose qualifications are still questionable, or from re-nominating a candidate if the candidate's bibliography has improved little in the interim.

Nomination preparation guidance

- Proposers and Seconders must be Active, Foreign Associate, Senior, or Honorary ASCI members in good standing and current in Society dues. The Proposer or Seconder ideally should be from an institution different from the nominee's institution (although this is not required), and both should have a good understanding of the nominee's work.

- For re-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 supply 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 and 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 nominee's mentor or other senior scientists. 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 (excluding those published as a trainee) and annotate the top 3, for which PDFs must be supplied.

- For nomination support, Seconders must limit comments to 500 words; General Supporters must limit comments to 250 words. Although there is no limit to the number of supporters, the Council recommends no more than two per nomination. Seconder 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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Honorary nominations

Eligibility

- 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.

Nomination preparation guidance

- Proposers must be Active, Foreign Associate, Senior, or Honorary ASCI members in good standing and current in Society dues. The Proposer should have a good understanding of the nominee's work.
- For re-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 supply full CVs in place of, or in addition to, the information requested.
- General Supporters must limit comments to 250 words. Although there is no limit to the number of supporters, the Council recommends no more than two per nomination. General Supporter comments should supplement, but not duplicate, information provided by Proposers, and they should deal specifically with the nominee's original scientific contributions.
- Seconders are not required.

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

- The Active/Foreign Associate membership nomination form completed by the Proposer
- NIH-style biographical sketch (5-page limit)
- PDF of each publication annotated in Section 2 of the nomination form (3 PDFs total)
- Seconder support (General support is optional)

A complete nomination for an Honorary candidate includes:

- The Honorary membership nomination form completed by the Proposer
- NIH-style biographical sketch (5-page limit)
- PDF of each publication annotated in Section 2 of the nomination form (3 PDFs total)

Nomination forms are 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.**

- 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.
- Search the nominee database and, if the nominee is already in the database, claim your role for the nomination (Proposer, Seconder, or General Supporter). If you are the Proposer or Seconder and find that your role has been claimed by someone else, please contact the ASCI as indicated below to correct the issue. If you do not find the nominee in the database, claim your role for the new nomination and enter the required information about the nominee to continue.
- Links will appear in search results to guide you in the next steps.

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

  Seconder and General Supporters: Forms may be drafted and submitted online after selection of the applicable nominee from search results or after addition of 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 18, 2015.
- Proposers will be contacted about decisions in December 2015.
- The ASCI/AAP Joint Meeting is April 15-17, 2016.

Questions?

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