



2020 NAN By-Laws Changes Vote

JUSTIFICATION OF PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES:

The key issues presented with the following recommendations are:

- 1) Article I, Sections 1-9. Update NAN's membership structure to streamline and clarify the application and upgrade process.

These bylaw changes were discussed and unanimously recommended by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

ARTICLE I. MEMBERS

SECTION 1. Classes of Members.

There shall be six (6) classes of members: Fellow, Professional, Associate, Trainee, Special Category, and Emeritus. All members of the Academy shall be subject to the By-laws of the Academy and to any subsequent revisions or amendments.

SECTION 2. Fellow.

Fellow status shall be reserved for individuals who: 1. have been NAN professional members for at least 5 years, 2. have 10 years post-doctoral experience in clinical neuropsychology, AND 3. have contributed significantly to the science and/or profession of clinical neuropsychology through distinguished practice, teaching, research, and/or public service. Fellows shall have full voting privileges, may hold elected office, and may be members of committees, so long as they remain members of the academy.

SECTION 3. Professional.

A Professional member shall have completed appropriate training in the assessment and/or remediation of neuropsychological conditions and hold a doctoral degree in psychology or a related discipline from an accredited university. International members are also eligible for Professional membership if a significant proportion of their training and professional activities are devoted to neuropsychology or related fields, and they possess the qualifications (degrees or certifications) consonant with their country's professional standards enabling them to independently practice neuropsychology. Professional members shall have worked in a setting where such knowledge is applied for a minimum of two years after obtaining their doctoral degree. Professional members shall have full voting privileges, hold elected office, and be members of committees.

SECTION 4. Associate.

Associate membership shall be open to individuals whose training and experience precludes them from other levels of membership. This may include, but is not limited to, master's level clinicians,

psychometrists, social workers, nurses, physicians, and psychologists not practicing neuropsychology. Associate members do not have voting privileges, may not hold office, but may be members of committees.

SECTION 5. Trainee.

Trainee membership is available for up to five years for individuals attending programs leading to an undergraduate or graduate degree from an accredited university, as well as those who are completing internship or post-doctoral supervision/studies. If the training period exceeds the 5-year limit for the Trainee level of membership, written request for extension and verification of status may be made to the Membership Committee. Once a member completes his/her training and becomes an independently practicing professional, his/her membership should be upgraded to either Associate or Professional membership. Trainee members do not have voting privileges, may not hold elected office, but may be members of committees.

SECTION 6. Special Category.

Special Category status is granted based on a majority vote of the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the President and is approved on an annual basis. This membership level is considered "honorary" and members in this category cannot vote or hold office.

SECTION 7. Emeritus.

An Emeritus member shall have been a NAN member in good standing for no less than 20 years or be permanently and totally disabled prior to applying for Emeritus status, be completely retired, and earn no more than 25% of his/her last year's income from consultation fees or other employment. Members who meet the eligibility requirements for Emeritus status may make application to the Membership Committee by written request and attestation that the aforementioned criteria have been met. Emeritus members shall pay one-half (50%) of the Professional member dues rate, retain all membership benefits, including voting rights and serving on committees, but may not hold office. Emeritus members are not eligible to receive CEUs unless there are extraordinary circumstances; in this case, written request may be made to the Membership Committee.

CURRENT BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. MEMBERS

SECTION 1. Classes of Members.

There shall be eight (8) classes of members: Fellow, Professional, Post Doctoral/Resident, Associate, Affiliate, Student, Special Category, and Emeritus (Active and Inactive). All members of the Academy shall be subject to the By-laws of the Academy and to any subsequent revisions or amendments.

SECTION 2. Fellow.

Fellow status shall be reserved to individuals who: 1. have been NAN professional members for at least 5 years, 2. have 10 years post-doctoral experience in clinical neuropsychology, AND 3. have contributed significantly to the science and/or profession of clinical neuropsychology through distinguished practice, teaching, research, and/or public service. Fellows shall have full voting privileges, may hold elected office, and may be members of committees, so long as they remain members of the academy.

SECTION 3. Professional.

A professional member shall have completed academic coursework in the assessment and/or remediation of neuropsychological conditions and hold a doctoral degree in psychology or a related discipline from an accredited university. They shall have worked in a setting where such knowledge is applied for a minimum of three years, two of which must be postdoctoral. Professional members shall have full voting privileges, hold elected office, and be members of committees.

SECTION 4. Post-Doctoral Resident.

Post-Doctoral Resident status is available for two years after completion of a doctoral degree in psychology for those who are completing post-doctoral supervision/studies leading to psychology licensure. Student members who meet the eligibility requirements for Post-Doctoral Resident status may make application to the Membership Committee by written request and verification that the aforementioned criterion has been met. Post-Doctoral Resident members do not have voting privileges, may not hold office; but may be members of committees.

SECTION 5. Associate.

Associate members are required to hold a master's degree in psychology or a related discipline, or hold a doctoral degree in psychology or a related discipline with less than two years of experience in neuropsychology. Associate members do not have voting privileges, may not hold office; but may be members of committees.

SECTION 6. Affiliate.

Affiliate membership shall be open to interested individuals whose training and experience preclude them from other levels of membership. Affiliates do not have voting privileges, may not hold office and can be members of committees.

SECTION 7. Student (Pre-Doctoral).

Student members shall be limited to individuals attending full-time programs leading to an undergraduate or graduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Individuals who have completed related doctoral programs and/or are currently completing postdoctoral training are not eligible for membership at this level. Student membership is not available to individuals who have previously completed doctoral programs associated with psychology and are obtaining additional coursework or certification in neuropsychology. Students do not have voting privileges, may not hold office; but may be members of committees.

SECTION 8. Special Category.

Special Category status is granted based on a majority vote of the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the President and is approved on an annual basis. This membership level is considered "honorary" and members in this category cannot vote or hold office.

SECTION 9. Emeritus (Active and Inactive).

An Emeritus member shall have been a member in good standing prior to applying for emeritus status, shall have reached the age of 60 or be permanently and totally disabled, be completely retired, and earn no more than 25% of his/her last year's income from consultation fees or other employment. Members who meet the eligibility requirements for emeritus status may make application for either Active Emeritus or Inactive Emeritus status to the Membership Committee by written request and verification that the aforementioned criteria have been met.

1. Active Emeritus members shall pay one-half (50%) of the professional member dues rate, retain all member and voting rights, continue to receive the Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology and may serve on committees. Active Emeritus members may not hold office.

2. Inactive Emeritus members pay no dues, and may not vote, serve on committees, or hold office, and will not continue to receive the Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology. Inactive Emeritus will continue to receive all other organizational benefits and will be included in the official membership directory.