

From AESC bylaws

Article III: MEMBERS

Section 3.1 Categories of members; qualifications for membership.

The members of the AESC shall be of the following categories:

- (a) Active Members. Membership as an Active Member is limited to ophthalmologists certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. A person must be admitted to Active membership within fifteen (15) years after initial Board certification, except that each year up to one person may be admitted more than 15 years but less than 21 years after initial board certification.
- (b) Emeritus Members. After ten years of Active membership, a member automatically becomes an Emeritus member. Emeritus members may attend meetings and propose new members, but they may not vote or hold office. Emeritus members may serve in an advisory capacity on committees and perform other duties at the discretion of the officers of the AESC.
- (c) Honorary Members. Honorary Membership may be bestowed by a majority vote of the membership present at any Business Meeting. Honorary members do not pay dues, vote, hold office or propose new members.

Section 3.2 Number of Members.

The maximum number of members of each category shall be as follows:

Active members, 60; Emeritus members, no limit; Honorary members, no limit.

Section 3.3 Election of Members.

A maximum of eight (8) new members may be elected annually, only one of which may be board certified more than 15 years but less than 21 years before nomination to membership. After attending two Annual Meetings as defined in Section 5.1 of the Bylaws, each Active member or Emeritus member may nominate annually one person for membership. At least one seconding letter also must be submitted. If a candidate is nominated by an Emeritus member, a seconding letter must be submitted by an Active member. A member may second more than one nomination annually. The new member proposal must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, and sent by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Active members or posted on the Club website at least 30 days prior to a Business meeting. Election shall be by written ballot from Active members present and may take place at any Business meeting of the AESC. An Active or Emeritus member proposing or seconding the nomination of the new member must be present at this meeting. Four or more dissenting votes will nullify the election of a proposed member. The Secretary-Treasurer shall advise the new member of his/her election.