

Application for Full or Affiliate Membership

A neurosurgical society may request **full** membership or **affiliate** membership of the WFNS depending on the number of neurosurgeons it has registered. If a society has 20 or more neurosurgeons, it can apply for full membership and if it has less than 20 but more than five (5) it can apply for affiliate membership. However, as soon as a society holding affiliate membership has enough neurosurgeons to justify requesting full membership, it can make a new request for full membership.

Full membership status entitles a Society to full voting rights in the WFNS Executive Committee meetings (each Society carries 2 votes) and membership fees would need to be paid to the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, which is USD 8.00 per year for each active member society categorized by the World Bank as a 'low income' country and USD12.00 for those societies categorized as 'high income' countries. **Affiliate** membership does not allow a Society voting rights but delegates of the Society would be allowed to attend Executive Committee Meetings during the Interim Meetings and Congresses, in the capacity of Observers. The procedure for application for membership is the same in both cases, that is, the President of the Society seeking membership should send a letter of application to the Secretary of the WFNS, (Dr Hildo Azevedo - email: azevedoh@uol.com.br) with a copy to Jan Joseph - email: janjoseph@wfns.ch, together with the following documents:

- 1) **A copy of the Constitution of the society,**
- 2) **A statement of its qualifications for membership**
- 3) **A list of the officers, that is President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior & Second Delegates and Alternate Delegate, and**
- 4) **A list of names and addresses of all the members of the Society**

The application, when complete, shall be reviewed by the continental organization to which the applicant belongs geographically or politically and, thereafter, shall be considered by the Administrative Council; their respective recommendations shall then be submitted to the Executive Committee for decision at its next meeting.

Continental/Regional organizations upon recommendation of the Administrative Council may be elected as members of the Federation by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Executive Committee, present and voting, provided that the organization is truly international and representative of a broad geographical or political area. The Continental/Regional organizations should be primarily concerned with the general aspects of neurosurgery. A member organization can belong to only one (1) Continental or Regional organization that includes it geographically or politically.

Neurosurgical societies may be elected as members of the Federation by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Executive Committee, present and voting, provided that the society being considered for membership is truly national, regional, or multinational in scope and is composed of twenty (20) or more neurosurgical members.

Additional societies from any given country already represented in the Federation may apply for membership providing that the total roster of neurosurgeons in the given country is above one thousand (1.000) and the applicant society is formed by a minimum of one hundred (100) active members. When accepted for membership in the Federation by the Executive Committee, the new society will pay membership fees for all its members independently of whether or not any of its members already belong to another Federation member society paying membership fees on his/her behalf.
