

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SSCI CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(Copy of Proposed Revision of SSCI Constitution and Bylaws available at the SRM Registration Desk)

ARTICLE III

Section 1. Change to at least three classes of members: Member, Fellow, and Emeritus, change Active to Member and remove Associate and Honorary levels of membership.

All references to Associate and Honorary were removed from the document.

Section 2. A. Change Members to any person holding a doctorate (or equivalent degree from an international institution), Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Pharmacy, or Doctor of Science will be eligible for membership. Membership will be conferred upon completion of an application and payment of initial dues and renewed based on the annual payment of Society dues. Any qualified Member is eligible for advancement to SSCI Fellow.

Section 2. B. Add SSCI Fellows category and define criteria. Any Member who has accomplished meritorious scholarship in a branch of the medical sciences related to clinical medicine and enjoys an unimpeachable reputation in his profession shall be eligible for advancement to SSCI Fellow. Highly qualified individuals who are not members may apply for direct election as SSCI Fellows. There will be two SSCI Fellow tracks: 1) Research Investigator track, or 2) Clinician Educator track. All SSCI Members elected to membership on or before February 22, 2019 and are current on their dues payments, and all living past-Presidents of SSCI or Founders' Medal recipients, will be automatically advanced to SSCI Fellow.

Previous Section 2. C. Remove Associate membership requirements.

Section 2. C and D. Requires Emeritus status members to Fellows.

Section 3. A. Change *Members*. Members shall receive all regular communications and mailings of the Society. Members are expected to manifest sustained interest in the Society by attending the annual meeting on a regular basis and paying dues. Qualified Members are eligible for advancement to SSCI Fellow. Members are not eligible to vote in SSCI elections or in general meetings, although they are eligible to vote in SSCI committees on which they serve. Members may not chair committees or hold office.

Section 3. B. Add *SSCI Fellows*. SSCI Fellows assume an obligation to actively continue in medical scholarship. They shall pay membership dues. They shall have voting privileges and may hold office. They shall receive all regular communications and mailings of the Society. Fellows are expected to manifest sustained interest in the Society by attending the annual meeting on a regular basis and paying dues

Previous Section 3. C. Delete Associate members obligations and privileges.

Section 4. A. Add Appointment as a Member is by application on the appropriate form indicating qualifying degree and payment of dues.

Section 4. B. Change Nomination to Fellow membership may be made in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at any time. Nominations must be sponsored by any two Fellows, or Emeritus members. Nominations must be accompanied by a statement regarding the qualifications of the nominee, his/her curriculum vitae, and his/her bibliography. The Council shall review and approve all new SSCI Fellows. The number of Fellows of the Society voting at the annual business meeting shall be deemed a quorum for purposes of ratification. Ratification requires a simple majority of votes cast. Only Fellows and Emeritus members may vote. The criteria for selection of candidates shall consist of an overall consideration of the individual based upon academic responsibility and 1) capacity for independent research, productivity and significance of the research or 2) contributions as a clinician educator. Additional criteria for both tracks include clinical reputation, educational contributions, and letters in support of the nominee.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Change requirements for officers and Councilors to be Fellows instead of Active Members.

Section 2. Change requirements for appointment of Councilor to fill unexpired term if Councilor is elected to an Officer position from Active Member to Fellow. Add requirement that only Fellows and Emeritus members are eligible to vote in election.

ARTICLE X

Change the requirement of quorum to any number of SSCI Fellows and Emeritus members present at the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI

Change dues criteria to the Council may choose to set different dues for different membership categories at its discretion. The non-payment of dues for three consecutive years by Fellows or Emeritus members automatically carries with it forfeiture of membership. Individuals in the Member category requires annual dues payment.

ARTICLE XII

Changes the voting requirements from Active members to Fellows and Emeritus members.