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Dear OTA Membership:

The OTA is pleased to offer several new and enhanced member benefits, including [OTA Online](#) (with plans for additional content in 2020), and the recent addition of the [OTA Online Discussion Forum](#), a [patient education webpage](#), and an enhanced weekly newsletter. I extend sincere thanks to the many dedicated OTA members who played a vital role in launching these benefits, as well as in continuation of the many valuable educational and research resources.

As we move into 2020, there are two important announcements regarding OTA membership:

1. Dues increase of \$50 per year for Active & Clinical Members
2. Important membership category revisions and changes to the application process.

The OTA Membership approved the following membership revisions at the OTA Business Meeting on September 27, 2019 in Denver, Colorado. The purpose of the revisions and bylaws amendments is to clarify and streamline OTA membership categories, and the membership application and review process. These changes were first proposed by the Membership Committee, chaired by Milan Sen, and developed in conjunction with the Bylaws Committee, chaired by Thomas DeCoster. OTA Members will see these changes within their membership defined category in the next year.

Summary of proposed changes:

I. **Categories** (Reduced from 15 to 8 categories)

**CHANGE: Remaining 8 categories:**

Active, Research, Clinical, Trauma Practice Professional, International, Candidate, Honorary, Emeritus

**Categories removed:** Associate, Allied Health, International Active, International Clinical, International Associate, International Candidate & International Research.

- > Those who qualified for Associate will now qualify for Clinical
- > All International Members rolled into one International Member category
- > Allied Health and Advanced Practice Professional rolled into one category: "Trauma Practice Professional"

Categories	Classes	Vote	Hold Elected Office and Appointed Office	Hold Appointed Office
<b>Statutory Members</b>				
	Active	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Research	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Non-Statutory</b>				
	Clinical	No	No	Yes
	International	No	No	Yes
	Candidate	No	No	Yes
	Trauma Practice Professional	No	No	Yes
	Emeritus	No	No	Yes
	Honorary	No	No	Yes

#### A. Statutory Members (may vote and hold elected office): Active & Research

(Dues: Active \$800; Research \$600)

- a. Retain voting rights and the eligibility to serve on the OTA BOD and elected committees (Membership and Nominations)
- b. Only Statutory Membership will require a sponsor to apply, and only Statutory Members may sponsor an applicant.

#### Membership Requirement Changes:

- Decrease sponsorship requirement from 2 sponsors to 1
  - Eliminate sponsorship requirement from all other membership categories (non-statutory member categories will no longer require sponsorship for application)
- c. Statutory Membership will continue to require publication for application
    - Active Members - Lead author of 1 or co-author of 3 trauma publications
    - Research Members - Author of 5 publications relating to trauma

Change: Timeline restriction of qualifying publications to be eliminated.

Current requirement for Active states:

“Act as the lead author of at least one, or co-author of at least three, scientific publication(s) in the field of or related to orthopaedic trauma, published in a peer reviewed journal ~~within the sixty months immediately preceding the application deadline~~” (research is 48 mos).

- d. Must be Board Certified and AAOS Fellows or COA members (no change)

## B. Non-Statutory Members: Clinical, Candidate, International, Trauma Practice Professional

### Changes:

- No sponsorship needed for application
- No publication requirement for any non-statutory member class (previously Associate Membership included the publication requirement)
- Professional trauma practice of 50% + removed (there is no avenue to validate this, and it opens the category up to the “generalist”)
- Must be Board eligible, but not Board certified (for Clinical and Associate this replaces the requirement of passing the boards, and being an AAOS Fellow/COA Fellow)

Non-statutory members may continue to serve on appointed committees (as a member or chair), and as is current bylaws policy, they may not vote or hold elected office.

**Clinical:** (Dues \$700) (combination of current Clinical, Associate, Post Candidate) Post Fellows/Residents move to this category automatically after 2<sup>nd</sup> year out of Fellowship and/or Residency.

**Candidate** (Dues \$100): includes US/Canada PGY 1-5, fellows

**Trauma Practice Professional** (Dues \$150)  
includes NP’s, PA’s, Allied Health & Research Coordinators  
(Advanced Practice Professional and Allied Health combined)

**International** (Tiered dues: \$50 to \$325, plus \$50 dues for those in an international residency)

II. **Application process:** details moved out of Bylaws into Policies and Procedures.

If you have any questions about your OTA membership or any of these changes; please contact the OTA office at [ota@ota.org](mailto:ota@ota.org) or 847-698-1631.

Sincerely,

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