

OTA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Categories	Classes	Vote	Hold Elected Office and Appointed Office	Hold Appointed Office
Statutory Members				
	Active	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Research	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-Statutory				
	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

Active Membership

Active membership shall be limited to those individuals who, at the time of admission, meet the following qualifications:

- a) Certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, or the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada-Orthopaedics and hold a current certificate.
- b) Be a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the Canadian Orthopaedic Association or a Diplomat of the American Osteopathic Association.
- c) Be a citizen of or in practice in the United States or Canada.
- d) 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.
- e) Spend 50% of his/her professional time in clinical practice, teaching and/or research regarding matters directly related to orthopaedic traumatology.
- f) Maintain a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada or give evidence of full-time medical service in the federal government, which does not require licensure.
- g) At the time of application for active membership, the applicant must be actively participating in their hospital call panel and personally provide emergency on-call services.

Research Membership

Research membership shall be limited to those individuals who, at the time of admission, meet the following qualifications:

- a) Be a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada.
- b) Spend at least 50% of his/her research effort in programs involving trauma and related research.
- c) Have been an author on a minimum of five (5) peer reviewed published articles dealing with orthopaedic trauma and related research.
- d) Attain application approval by a 2/3 vote of the Research Committee.

Requirements of Non-Statutory Members

Non-Statutory membership shall be limited to those individuals who, at the time of admission, meet the following qualifications. (Non-Statutory membership class applications shall not include a publications requirement, nor membership sponsor(s) requirement)

Candidate

- a) Be a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada.
- b) Must be participating in an American or Canadian Board approved Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program or Fellowship Training at the time of application.

Note: Candidate members will automatically be transitioned to clinical membership 2 years out of residency or fellowship (this transition does not require an application). Alternatively, candidate members may apply to transition to statutory membership (active or research).

Clinical

- a) Be a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada.
- b) Must be Board eligible.
- c) Maintain a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada or give evidence of full-time medical service in the federal government, which does not require licensure.

International

- a) Be certified by the appropriate licensing body and specialty review board of the country of the applicant's practice and hold a current certificate of qualification.
- b) Maintain a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in his/her country of residence or practice.
- c) Be a citizen or resident alien and practice in the country of residence.
- d) Be a member, if available, of the country's trauma organization including orthopaedic trauma organization

Trauma Practice Professional

- a) Must be a non-physician health care provider involved in the care of patients with musculoskeletal trauma injuries, or involved in current coordinated research efforts directed toward musculoskeletal trauma.
- b) The applicant must hold a valid license to practice as applicable.

Emeritus

- a) Must have been an OTA dues-paying member for a minimum of 3 years prior to submitting a request to transition to emeritus membership.
- b) Attain the age of sixty (68) years, **and/or** retirement status.

Honorary

- a) Demonstrated major involvement in trauma and major contributions to the science and application of trauma care.
- b) Nomination to honorary membership may be made by a member of the Board of Directors or by the Chair of the Membership Committee.
- c) Election to honorary membership will be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Membership Committee and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors at a duly held meeting.