



IAES CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be: THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE SURGEONS (IAES).

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The object of the association shall be to provide a forum for exchanging information and developing new knowledge in the field of endocrine surgery, whether by clinical experience or laboratory investigation.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Active membership in the association shall be awarded to surgeons in good professional standing and with a major interest and an active practice in endocrine surgery after appropriate application and evaluation by the Membership Committee Associate. Membership may also be awarded to a surgeon-in-training with a special interest in endocrine surgery. Contribution to the scientific literature pertinent to endocrine surgery and/or demonstration of clinical expertise in this area will be an important factor in determining membership.

2. There shall be four types of members: Active, Senior, Honorary and Associate.

A) Active members shall consist of original charter members and all members subsequently elected. The number of active members shall not be limited.

B) Active members who have reached the age of 65 years will become **Senior** members. Senior members shall have all the responsibilities and privileges of active members. By request, senior members shall not be required to pay annual dues.

C) Honorary members shall consist of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to endocrine surgery. They shall have no voting privileges, nor be eligible for election to office, nor be subject to dues assessment.

D) Associate members shall be limited to surgical residents and fellows in endocrine surgical training programs or surgeons who have recently graduated from training and are currently within the first three years of practice. Associate membership shall also be considered for surgeons in remote areas throughout the world doing endocrine surgery. These surgeons do not have the publications or the surgical volumes to meet Active membership due to their geographic circumstances. Associate membership would require either sponsorship by an active member of the IAES who has visited them or has an intimate knowledge of their practice. This category is

limited to three years. Associate members will have access to WJS and all other privileges of an active IAES member but will have no voting rights or privileges.

ARTICLE IV - MEETING

A biennial assembly of the association shall be held in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS/COUNCIL

1. Officers of the association shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a Council-Coordinator, and a Secretary-Treasurer all to be elected as provided in the bylaws.
2. There shall be a Council of the association consisting of the officers, immediate Past-President and eight council members.
3. An Ex-Officio INTEREST Director will also sit on council.

ARTICLE VI - ALTERATIONS/REPEAL

The association may alter or repeal any article of this constitution by a three-fourths affirmative vote of members present at the biennial assembly, provided a copy of the proposed change has been delivered to each member 60 days in advance of the assembly meeting.

ARTICLE VII

The association shall function under the auspices of the International Society of Surgery/Société Internationale de Chirurgie (ISS/SIC), which shall be responsible for collection of annual dues, selection of the biennial meeting site, and the principal arrangements. The ISS/SIC shall have no authority regarding the contents of the scientific program of the IAES. All members of the IAES are required to be members of the ISS/SIC. The IAES shall have representation on the Executive Council of the ISS/SIC, as well as on the Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY (WJS).