

Society for Pediatric Research (SPR) Discontinuation of Senior Membership Classification Policy

On October 22, 2018, the SPR Council voted to discontinue its policy of requiring Active Members who have reached the age of 55 to transition to Senior Member status, and to simplify membership types to include Junior, Active and Emeritus Members. The purpose of this policy is to define the membership privileges and dues of SPR members who were Senior Members in good standing as of October 1, 2018, and whose membership status will therefore be directly affected by the change in membership types.

Senior Members: Until October 22, 2018, the following stipulations defined the SPR Senior Member classification:

Eligibility

- Mandatory status for all Active Members in good standing at 55 years of age.
- Required status for new members, if accepted while between 55 and 65 years of age.

Dues

- \$145 annually.

Privileges & Restrictions While in Good Standing

- May nominate a new member or awardee.
- Receipt of SPR communications relevant to Senior Members.
- Participation in all duly announced SPR member events.
- May serve on SPR committees or similar groups.
- Optional subscription to the society journal, *Pediatric Research*.
- Restrictions: Ineligible to vote or serve on Council.

Discontinuation of Senior Member Classification: Effective October 22, 2018, there are only three types of SPR Memberships: Junior, Active, and Emeritus. This change therefore necessitates a transition plan for all SPR members who were Senior Members in good standing as of October 1, 2018. Furthermore, Active Members will no longer be automatically transitioned to Senior Membership status at age 55, as had been the policy prior to October 22, 2018.

Transition Plan: Effective May 1, 2019:

Eligibility

- All Senior Members in good standing will automatically become Active Members while they remain in good standing, until such time as they transition to Emeritus Member status or terminate membership.

Dues

- Dues will continue unchanged and remain at the level in effect as of May 1, 2019, (\$145 annually) for SPR members affected by this policy (those who were Senior Members in good standing as of October 1, 2018) unless and until: a) the member transitions to

Emeritus Member status; b) membership is discontinued, for example by resignation or death; or c) Council votes to modify the dues assessed of the SPR members affected by this policy, in which case additional timely notification will be provided to the SPR membership.

Privileges Extended to Members affected by this policy: While in good standing as Active Members, they will receive all the benefits available to SPR Active Members:

- May nominate or second a nomination of any new member or awardee.
- May vote in any duly called SPR election.
- Consistent with SPR policies regarding Officer and Council positions, may serve as a duly elected Officer or Council member.
- Receipt of all SPR communications to Active Members.
- Participation in all duly announced SPR Member events.
- Participation on SPR committees or similar groups, as approved by Council.
- Optional subscription to the society journal, *Pediatric Research*, for an additional fee.

Communication

- The SPR Director of Membership will alert all members affected by this policy to these changes no later than June 1, 2019, via direct communication and notices posted publicly to the SPR website.