The purpose of this policy is to define the types of SPR membership, the requirements to obtain and maintain membership, and member privileges.

**SPR Membership Types:** SPR offers three classes of membership as defined below. To remain a member in good standing, Members must pay annual dues. Members who are three years in arrears on dues are subject to action according to SPR Membership Termination policy.

1. **Junior Member:** Individual currently enrolled in or recently graduated from established residency, fellowship or postdoctoral program related to pediatrics in an academic institution.

   **Eligibility**
   - Currently enrolled in or not more than six years graduated from established residency, fellowship or postdoctoral program related to pediatrics in an academic institution.

   **Status Effective Date**
   - Within 60 days of submission of complete application with demonstration of membership criteria fulfillment.

   **Status End Date**
   - Upon the sixth anniversary of graduation from established residency, fellowship or postdoctoral program related to pediatrics in an academic institution OR
   - Upon admittance to another SPR membership category OR
   - Upon Junior Member resignation in writing, loss of good standing status, or death OR
   - At the discretion of Council.

   **Privileges While in Good Standing**
   - Receipt of all SPR communications relevant to member type
   - Participation in all duly announced SPR Member events
   - Participation on SPR Committees or similar groups, as approved by Council

2. **Active Member:** Individual actively engaged in independent, ongoing hypothesis testing basic, clinical, translational, or other investigations in pediatrics.

   **Eligibility**
   - Record of productive, independent, ongoing participation in hypothesis testing research in pediatrics as determined by Council AND
   - Submission of complete nomination or application form approved by Council.
**Status Effective Date**
- January 1 following the Fall Council at which member status is approved by Council vote.

**Status End Date**
- Upon transition to Emeritus status OR
- Upon member resignation in writing, loss of good standing status, or death OR
- At the discretion of Council.

**Privileges While in Good Standing**
- 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 members.
- Participation in all duly announced SPR member events.
- Participation on SPR committees or similar groups, as approved by Council.
- Subscription to society journal, *Pediatric Research*, with additional SPR member privileges as determined by the journal.

3. **Emeritus Member**: Individuals who are former SPR members and are now retired.

**Eligibility**
- SPR Member in good standing who is currently retired.
- Council may grant Emeritus status to a member in response to extenuating circumstances.

**Status Effective Date**
- Immediately upon decision of Council following member written request.

**Status End Date**
- Upon member resignation in writing, loss of good standing status, or death OR
- At the discretion of Council.

**Privileges While in Good Standing**
- May nominate or second a nomination of any new member or awardee.
- Receipt of all SPR communications to members.
- Participation in all duly announced SPR member events.

**Standing**: To remain in membership, an individual must be in good standing which is defined as:
- Not more than three years in arrears in dues assessed to membership category.
- Not subject to any cause finding by Council.
- Members who have been terminated for cause must be re-nominated.
- Members who have been terminated for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon payment in full of outstanding dues.