Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)
SPR President
Roles & Responsibilities, Selection & Terms Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define the roles and responsibilities of the SPR President positions.

President: The President serves as the chief elected Member leader of the Society

Responsibilities
- Act as chief ambassador for Society vision, mission and strategy; generate enthusiasm and active support among Council, Members and Collaborative Partners
- With the Executive Director and Sr. Association Director oversee strategic plan development and implementation
- Chair Executive Council and Council meetings; Appoint task forces, as needed
- Host / attend Society events at the PAS Meeting and Regional SPR events, as needed
- Represent SPR in several groups/venues including but not limited to:
  - APS-SPR Board of Directors
  - European Society for Pediatric Research Meeting
  - Japan Pediatric Society Meeting
  - PAS Program Committee
  - SPR Physician Scientist Award Committee
- Ensure a smooth leadership transition to President-elect

Term
- One three-year term from June 1 to May 31 as follows: President-elect (year 1); President (year 2) Past President (year 3).
- In the event of resignation, death, disability or unwillingness to discharge responsibilities while President, the current President-elect shall automatically succeed

Eligibility
- Member in Good Standing upon nomination, at election, and throughout term

Support
- Travel: Unless provided by a host or other organization, SPR funds transportation, room, and meals related to events where the SPR President’s attendance is required
- Operations: Direction and implementation is provided by SPR staff

**President-elect:** The President-elect supports the President and prepares to assume the role of President

**Responsibilities**
- Develop a complete understanding of Society vision, mission and strategy
- Support the President in his/her efforts to generate enthusiasm and support among Council, Members and Collaborative Partners
- Attend Executive Council and Council meetings
- Attend Society events at the PAS Meeting and Regional SPR events, as requested
- Represent SPR on the:
  - PAS Program Committee
  - SPR Physician Scientist Award Committee (chair)
  - SPR/JPS Fostering Leadership Program Committee (chair)
  - APS SPR Board of Directors
- As requested, serve on and/or lead committees or workgroups or serve as SPR representative
- Ensure a smooth leadership transition to President.

**Term**
- One three-year term from June 1 to May 31 as follows: President-elect (year 1); President (year 2) Past President (year 3).
- In the event of resignation, death, disability, or unwillingness to discharge responsibilities by the President, the current President-elect shall automatically succeed

**Eligibility**
- Member in Good Standing upon nomination, at election and throughout term

**Support**
- Travel: SPR funds transportation, room, and meals related to Fall Council.
  - If representing SPR in the absence of the SPR President, support extended to the President will be directed to the President-elect
- Operations: Direction and implementation is provided by SPR staff

**Past President:** The Past President supports the President and President-elect.

**Responsibilities**
- Support the President in his/her efforts to generate enthusiasm and support among Council, Members and Collaborative Partners for the Society’s vision, mission and strategy
- Attend Executive Council and Council meetings and Society events at the PAS Meeting and Regional SPR events, as requested
- Serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee; as requested, serve on and/or lead committees or workgroups or serve as SPR representative

**Term**
• One three-year term from June 1 to May 31 as follows: President-elect (year 1); President (year 2) Past President (year 3).

_Eligibility_
• Member in Good Standing upon nomination, at election and throughout term

_Support_
• Travel: SPR funds transportation, room, and meals related to Fall Council.

**Election:** The President is selected by vote of SPR Members through a duly called and conducted SPR election.

**Resignation:** Any individual in a presidential position:

• May voluntarily resign at any time by submitting a notice in writing to the Strategy and Operations Officer.
• Who is no longer a Member in Good Standing will be understood to have resigned.
• Who is absent for three or more consecutive Executive Council or Council meetings may be understood to have resigned, unless a notice of extenuating circumstances has been provided to the Society’s Executive Director or Senior Association Director. A determination of resignation will be made at the sole discretion of Executive Council and communicated to the office holder.