



Society for Pediatric Research (SPR) SPR Council Policy

SPR Council: The SPR Council is responsible for the management of the affairs of the Society (*Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 1*). Specifically the SPR Council:

- Develops the SPR vision, mission, and strategic programs; assesses impact
- Makes nominations for awardees and new members
- Encourages Member engagement and attendance at SPR events

Meetings: Council meets at least once per year to:

- Define possible strategic or programmatic directions
- Discuss evolving needs and opportunities in the pediatric research community
- Resolve new member issues requiring Council discussion

Council Composition: Council is intended to be a diverse and inclusive body representative of the specialties and subspecialties where pediatric researchers are active as well as program areas directly supportive of SPR's mission. Service on Council helps to equip SPR Members with deep knowledge of the SPR's vision, mission and strategic priorities and allows leaders to gain experience useful for service in SPR Executive Council positions. Council is comprised of at least eight positions (*Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 2*).

Eligibility: All Members in Good Standing who remain actively engaged in independent research are eligible for Council.

Selection: Council members are elected by majority vote via an election open to all SPR Active Members. Councilors are chosen from a ballot prepared by the SPR Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Council. To ensure representation of new or emerging areas of pediatric research, SPR Executive Council may augment elected Council positions with the appointment of *ad hoc* Councilor(s) to a single term of service, if needed.

Term of Service: Councilors serve one three-year term commencing June 1 and ending May 31.

SPR Executive Council: The SPR Executive Council is responsible for direct oversight of the management and administration of the Society. Specifically the Executive Council:

- Formulates strategic issues strategy for Council consideration
- Ensures effective implementation of strategy and programs, including incorporation of Council feedback

- Establishes, oversees or disbands Society Committees, Task Forces, or Work Groups as needed to ensure strategy implementation or efficient operations.
- Works directly with SPR staff leadership to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Society and effective operations

Meetings: Executive Council meets monthly, schedules permitting, or as required by Society business to:

- Assess strategic and programmatic progress and address barriers to progress
- Respond to emerging opportunities or issues or to frame same for Council consideration
- Respond to operational needs or issues identified by SPR staff

Executive Council Composition: Executive Council is comprised of individuals duly elected by the SPR membership or appointed by the Executive Council. Executive Council may, as needed, include *ad hoc* participants with relevant specialized expertise in Executive Council discussions (for example, SPR Junior Section or SPR Regionals officers).

Elected by SPR Members	Appointed by Executive Council	
Immediate Past-President	Ambassador, North American Regionals	Lead, Diversity & Inclusion
President	Lead, Education & Scientific Programs	Lead, Partner Relations (ex: FOPO)
President-Elect	Lead, Pediatric Scientist Development (ex: mentoring)	Lead, SPR Perspectives
Strategy & Operations Officer	Lead, Advocacy (ex: PPC, CoPR)	<i>Ad hoc</i> participants, appointed as needed
Director of Membership		

Eligibility: All Members in Good Standing who remain actively engaged in independent research are eligible for Executive Council service in either elected or appointed positions. Prior service on SPR Council, while desirable, is not required for election or appointment to Executive Council positions.

Selection & Term of Service: Elected Executive Council members will serve on Executive Council for the duration of the term of the position to which they have been elected. Appointed Executive Council members serve a three-year term commencing June 1 and ending May 31 and may be re-appointed for a second term for a total of not more than six years consecutive service.

Resignations

- Council or Executive Council Members may voluntarily resign at any time by submitting a notice in writing to the Society Executive Director. Loss of Member in Good Standing status is understood as resignation.
- An absence from three or more consecutive meetings may be understood as a resignation, unless notice of schedule conflict or extenuating circumstances has been provided to the Senior Association Director or Executive Director of the Society.