

B3.1 MEMBERSHIP

- B3.1.1 An applicant for admission to the Society in any grade, except to Fellow or Honorary Member, shall make application to the Executive Director on an approved form.
- B3.1.2 A proposal for promotion to Fellow must be initiated by a Fellow or Member of ASME and supported by three additional sponsors, two of whom must be Fellows or Members of ASME. All sponsors must be well acquainted with the nominee's qualifications as they relate to the requirements for promotion to Fellow.
- B3.1.3 Nomination and election of an Honorary Member shall be in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws dealing with the Committee on Honors.
- B3.1.4 Advancement to the grade of Fellow shall be by a positive vote of three-quarters of the total number of ballots received from the Committee of Past Presidents entitled to vote. A past president shall not be entitled to vote on his or her own nomination for Fellow.
- B3.1.5 Applicants shall be assigned in accordance with the policy set by the Board of Governors to the grades of membership to which their qualifications entitle them.
- B3.1.6 All procedures relating to admissions to and promotions in membership, except Honorary Member and Fellow membership grades, shall be administered by the Membership staff in accordance with the policy set by the Board of Governors.
- B3.1.7 An approved curriculum is one which leads to a degree in engineering or engineering technology.
- B3.1.8 A Student Member may participate in all the activities of the Society but shall not be permitted to vote at a Business Meeting of the Society or hold an elective office except in a student-oriented or nontechnical/outreach Group and the student section where the student is a member.
- B3.1.9 A Student Member shall not remain in this grade beyond the end of the calendar year of graduation or termination of enrollment as a student.
- B3.1.10 No more than five Honorary Members may be elected in any Society year.
- B3.1.11 A corporate member elevated to Honorary Member shall retain all of the rights and privileges of corporate membership.
- B3.1.12 The rights and privileges of every member shall be personal to the member and shall not be transferable except that each corporate member shall be entitled to vote on any question before any Business Meeting of the Society either in person or by a proxy given to a corporate member.

B3.1.13 Voting on matters which come before a Business Meeting of the Society will be done in person or by proxy. Only corporate members are entitled to vote. A corporate member may assign his or her vote to another corporate member by proxy. The proxy must be signed and dated by the corporate member giving it and shall be submitted to the Executive Director for verification of the right of the corporate member to vote at the meeting for which the proxy is to be used.

B3.1.14 When a request is received for a member's resignation, the Membership staff will adjust the member's record. Member resignations are reported in the demographic report issued monthly.

After a complaint or charge of unethical conduct based on the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, or Code of Ethics has been filed against a member, the member may resign with the stipulation that the Society will not accept any later application for renewed membership. Nevertheless, the Society will accept an application for renewed membership if:

- a. The designated member of the Committee of Past Presidents, in accordance with established policies and procedures, has certified to the Executive Director that the complaint has been examined and is not a matter for action by the Society; or
- b. The member has been cleared of all charges by a Hearing Board under the established procedures of the Society.