

Admission to Membership

Affiliate membership shall be by invitation only and such invitation shall be issued by the Board of Directors of this Component as follows:

1. An Active member shall submit a request to the Board of Directors through the Secretary of the NCASO requesting that an invitation to present an oral case report be extended to the proposed candidate.
2. Upon the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors of the NCASO, the candidate shall be invited to show a case presentation to the membership at an upcoming membership meeting. In the event that for any reason the proposed candidate is not accepted by the Board of Directors, the candidate is not offered the initial invitation for case presentation and the candidate's potential application to the society ends at that juncture.
3. Upon completion of the oral case report presentation and acceptance by a three-quarter (3/4) majority of the members of the Board of Directors, the candidate shall be proposed to the membership by mail or electronic ballot. Upon an affirmative three-quarter (3/4) vote of the membership entitled to vote, the candidate shall be notified of election to Affiliate membership and shall be assigned two sponsors by the Board of Directors and informed in writing of acceptance by the organization into Affiliate status. The sponsors shall be responsible for overseeing the progress of the candidate during the Affiliate membership period.
4. In the event that the Board of Directors does not approve the case presentation, the Board by a three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) majority shall decide whether to reject the applicant or to offer the candidate an additional opportunity to present another case to fulfill the guest presentation requirement preceding the Affiliate status. Thereafter, the process shall be repeated as stated in item (c) above.