

**Proposed Changes
Bylaws
New York Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**

CURRENT	PROPOSED
ARTICLE 1 Name	ARTICLE 1 Name
The name of this organization shall be the New York Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.	The name of this organization shall be the New York Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy.
ARTICLE 2 Purpose	ARTICLE 2 Mission and Objectives
<p>The purposes of the organization are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To further the knowledge of gastrointestinal disease through the use of endoscopic instruments and to establish the proper use of these methods. 2. To further the teaching of the gastrointestinal endoscopic methods of examination. 3. To further cooperation among endoscopists throughout the greater New York area. 	<p>The Mission of the New York Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy is to advance excellence in gastroenterology and gastrointestinal endoscopy, to disseminate related knowledge, and to teach endoscopic skills in an inclusive environment that enhances professional development and optimizes patient care.</p> <p>The Objectives of the New York Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate the highest levels of professionalism and ethics. 2. Encourage and facilitate the interchange of ideas and individual interactions by creating a member community of collaboration, collegiality, fellowship, inclusion, and diversity. 3. Recognize changes in evidence-based medical practice, novel technologies and member needs, and disseminate relevant information and materials to members. 4. Develop standards of clinical practice in endoscopy to ensure optimal outcomes of care.

	<p>5. Inspire innovation and foster research to improve endoscopic technology and techniques of diagnosis and therapy.</p> <p>6. Promote career development for physicians-in-training and practicing gastroenterologists.</p> <p>7. Implement educational and training opportunities.</p> <p>8. Provide a voice for our members, profession, and related specialties.</p> <p>9. Become recognized as a regional, national and international leader in gastroenterology and endoscopy.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 3 Members</p> <p><u>Section 1. Members Authorized</u> There shall be four classes of membership: Active, Senior, Honorary and Trainee. Members and classes of membership shall be established by the Governing Council (the "Council").</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 3 Members</p> <p><u>Section 1. Members Authorized</u> No Changes</p>
<p><u>1.1 Active Membership</u> (a) Qualifications</p> <p>(i) Authentic medical licensure.</p> <p>(ii) Special training and demonstrated skill in gastrointestinal endoscopy including at least one of the following: esophagoscopy, gastroscopy, duodenoscopy, laparoscopy, colonoscopy to the satisfaction of the Council.</p> <p>(iii) Completion of an application form supplied by the Membership Chairman of the Society. The applicant must be sponsored by an Active member of the Society who has knowledge of the Candidate's character and endoscopic skill and Candidate's instructor in endoscopy or Candidate's Chief of Service where he or she is currently performing endoscopy. The Membership Chairman shall provide a reference form for this purpose.</p>	<p><u>1.1 Active Membership</u> (a) Qualifications</p> <p>(i) Authentic medical licensure.</p> <p>(ii) Special training and demonstrated skill in gastroenterology, gastrointestinal endoscopy, hepatology, or gastrointestinal surgery.</p> <p>(iii) Completion of a Council-approved application form.</p>

<p>(b) Election to Membership The Membership Chairman shall transmit the completed application form and letters of recommendation to the Council. The Council shall be charged with the evaluation of the qualifications listed above. The final disposition is vested with the Council.</p> <p>(c) Maintenance of Membership Individual Active membership shall be terminated for non-payment of annual dues. Active membership may be reinstated within three years delinquency in payment of dues after which a new membership application shall be required for reinstatement of membership. Expulsion from membership may be for cause duly presented to and considered by the Council.</p>	<p>(iv) Sponsorship by one (1) Active member of the Society who has knowledge of the Candidate's character and endoscopic skill and completion of a Council-approved reference form.</p> <p>Applicants who are unable to obtain a reference from an Active member shall be contacted by the Membership Director, who shall assess the applicant's qualifications for membership and determine whether to serve as the applicant's reference.</p> <p>(b) Election to Membership Complete applications and reference forms shall be submitted to the Council at its regularly scheduled meetings. The Council shall be charged with the evaluation of the candidate's qualifications and vote to determine the final disposition of each application.</p> <p>(c) Maintenance of Membership Expulsion from membership may be for cause duly presented to and considered by the Council.</p> <p>Individual Active membership shall be terminated for non-payment of annual dues. Any Active member so terminated shall not be permitted to claim affiliation with the Society or to use the NYSGE logo in any way.</p> <p>Active membership may be reinstated within three years delinquency in payment of dues after which a new membership application shall be required for reinstatement of membership.</p>
<p><u>1.2 Senior Membership</u> Senior Members shall have all the privileges of Active members but they shall not be required to pay dues. Upon or after attaining the age of sixty-five years, a member may on application to the Council be named a senior member provided they are not in arrears in their dues.</p>	<p><u>1.2 Senior Membership</u> Senior Members shall have all the privileges of Active membership but shall not be required to pay dues. After attaining the age of sixty-five years, an Active member may petition the Council to grant Senior Member status, providing their annual dues are not in arrears.</p>
<p><u>1.4 Trainee Membership</u> (a) Qualifications (i) Authentic medical licensure.</p>	<p><u>1.4 Trainee Membership</u> (a) Qualifications (i) Authentic medical licensure.</p>

<p>(ii) Completion of at least two (2) years of post-doctoral training and is continuing in a full time training program which includes gastrointestinal endoscopy under the supervision of a member of the Society or an instructor whose endoscopic credentials are acceptable to the Council.</p> <p>(iii) Completion of an application form supplied by the Membership Chairman of the Society and a reference form signed by the trainee’s supervisor or instructor, attesting to the candidate’s full time training status, which includes gastrointestinal endoscopy. The Membership Chairman shall provide a reference form for this purpose.</p> <p>(b) Privileges Trainee members shall have all of the privileges of Active members except the right to vote, hold elective office, or to propose members. Trainee membership shall terminate on December 31 of the year in which the trainee becomes eligible for Active membership or terminates his or her training status.</p>	<p>(ii) Enrollment in a fulltime training program which includes gastroenterology, gastrointestinal endoscopy, hepatology, or gastrointestinal surgery under the supervision of a member of the Society or an instructor whose endoscopic credentials are acceptable to the Council.</p> <p>(iii) Completion of a Council-approved application form.</p> <p>(iv) Receipt of a Council-approved reference form submitted by the trainee’s supervisor or instructor, attesting to the candidate’s fulltime training status.</p> <p>(b) Privileges Trainee members shall have all of the privileges of Active members except the right to vote, hold elective office, or to propose members. Trainee membership shall terminate on December 31 of the year in which the trainee becomes eligible for Active membership or terminates training status.</p>
<p>NEW SECTION [Note: Existing Article 3, Section 4. Annual Meetings through existing Article 3, Section 15 List of Members at Meeting will be renumbered in sequence should proposed Article 3, Section 4. Fellowship in the New York Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy be adopted].</p>	<p>NEW SECTION Article 3, Section 4. Fellowship in the New York Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy The Council is authorized to create a Fellowship honor for bestowal upon qualified members to acknowledge significant contributions to the Society. The Council shall determine the criteria constituting such significant contributions, and all the processes necessary and relating to the conferring of Fellowship honors.</p>
<p>All instances of the word “Chairman” appearing in the Bylaws shall be replaced with the word “Chair,” if not already changed or eliminated through the amendments presented herein including: Article 3, Section 1.1, (a) (iii) – two instances Article 3, Section 1.1 (b) Article 3, Section 1.4, (a) (iii) – two instances</p>	<p>The instances of the word “Chairman,” not already changed or eliminated through the amendments presented herein including: Article 3, Section 11. Organization At every meeting of the members the President, or in the absence of the President, a Vice President, or in the absence of such officers, a person selected by the meeting, shall act as Chair of the meeting.</p>