

## Proposed Bylaws Changes

Original (June 2020)	Proposed (Changes in Red)	Rationale
<p><b>2.1.1 Fellows.</b> As of January 1, 2007, applicants who graduate in 2007 or later must have a doctorate in audiology or equivalent thereof from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning to be eligible for fellow membership. Applicants who graduated in 2006 or earlier must have at least a master's degree in audiology or the equivalent thereof from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning to be eligible for fellow membership. To be eligible for fellow membership, international applicants must live outside the United States and have at least (1) a U.S.-obtained master's degree in audiology or the equivalent thereof (before January 1, 2007), (2) a doctorate in audiology or the equivalent thereof (as of January 1, 2007), or (3) or a certificate of equivalency in audiology regardless of the year of graduation. Application documentation and other criteria will be followed in accordance with current Academy requirements. Fellow is the only membership category with the right to vote and hold office.</p>	<p><b>2.1.1 Fellows.</b> As of January 1, 2007, applicants who graduate in 2007 or later must have a doctorate in audiology or equivalent thereof from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning to be eligible for fellow membership. Applicants who graduated in 2006 or earlier must have at least a master's degree in audiology or the equivalent thereof from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning to be eligible for fellow membership. <del>To be eligible for fellow membership, international applicants must live outside the United States and have at least (1) a U.S.-obtained master's degree in audiology or the equivalent thereof (before January 1, 2007), (2) a doctorate in audiology or the equivalent thereof (as of January 1, 2007), or (3) or a certificate of equivalency in audiology regardless of the year of graduation.</del> Application documentation and other criteria will be followed in accordance with current Academy requirements. Fellow is the only membership category with the right to vote and hold office.</p>	<p>Establishing one membership category for individuals that live outside of the United States and its territories (e.g., Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands) streamlines the membership join, renewal, and rejoin processes for current and prospective members. The eligibility requirements would be the same for all international members as well as the benefits received thus creating a more inclusive situation for individuals who are held to varying levels of educational and professional requirements to practice audiology and hearing health care around the world.</p>
<p><b>2.1.2 Student Members.</b> Student members can be distinctly defined in one of two sub-categories: Graduate Student Members and Undergraduate/Post-</p>	<p><b>2.1.2 Student Members.</b> <del>Student members can be distinctly defined in one of two sub-categories: Graduate Student Members and Undergraduate/Post-</del></p>	<p>Establishing one membership category for students streamlines the join, renewal, and rejoin process for current and prospective members and increases membership</p>

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<p>Baccalaureate Students. A graduate student member is one who is enrolled in an audiology-related doctoral program at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. An undergraduate/post-baccalaureate student member is one who is either enrolled in an undergraduate program or post-baccalaureate program at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. Student members hold all rights and obligations of fellow membership, except they shall not vote or hold office. The defining difference between these two sub-categories of the student membership is that undergraduate/post-baccalaureate student members cannot vote or hold office for the Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) Board of Directors. Undergraduate/Post-Baccalaureate membership will terminate upon matriculation into a doctoral program in audiology, while graduate student membership terminates upon receipt of a doctoral degree in audiology, at which point the student becomes eligible to become a fellow of the Academy. Student members will belong to the interdependent organization of the Student Academy of Audiology. See Section 7.4.</p>	<p><del>Baccalaureate Students. A graduate</del> student member is one who is enrolled in an audiology-related doctoral program at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning or <del>.A</del>an undergraduate/post-baccalaureate student member <del>is one</del> who is either enrolled in an undergraduate program or post-baccalaureate program at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. Student members hold all rights and obligations of fellow membership, except they shall not vote or hold office. <del>The defining difference between these two sub-categories of the student membership is that</del> Undergraduate/post-baccalaureate students <del>members</del> cannot vote or hold office for the Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) Board of Directors. <del>Undergraduate/Post-Baccalaureate membership will terminate upon matriculation into a doctoral program in audiology, while graduate s</del>Student membership terminates upon receipt of a doctoral degree in audiology, at which point the student becomes eligible to become a fellow of the Academy, <del>or if the student is no longer enrolled in an audiology-related doctoral program, undergraduate program, or post-baccalaureate program at a regionally</del></p>	<p>accessibility to students interested in the profession of audiology.</p>
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	<p>accredited institution of higher learning.</p> <p>Student members will belong to the interdependent organization of the Student Academy of Audiology. See Section 7.4.</p>	
<p><b>2.1.5 International Members.</b> International members are those who possess non-U.S. formal academic training and/or clinical or research experience in the area of audiology, although there is no restriction on the type of degree held. These members may not vote or hold office but shall receive all Academy publications and materials and are entitled to all other benefits of membership.</p>	<p><b>2.1.5 International Members.</b> International members are those <b>who reside and practice outside of the United States and its territories and/or</b> those who possess non-U.S. formal academic training and/or clinical or research experience in the area of audiology, although there is no restriction on the type of degree held. These members may not vote or hold office but shall receive all Academy publications and materials and are entitled to all other benefits of membership.</p>	<p>Establishing one membership category for individuals that live outside of the United States and its territories (e.g., Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands) streamlines the membership join, renewal, and rejoin processes for current and prospective members. The eligibility requirements would be the same for all international members as well as the benefits received thus creating a more inclusive situation for individuals who are held to varying levels of educational and professional requirements to practice audiology and hearing health care around the world.</p>