

Frequently Asked Questions about Committee Service

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QUESTION

How do I access the committee application?

ANSWER

The [committee service application](#) generally opens on February 1 for the term that begins in September or October. Typically, the submission deadline is 11:59 pm CDT on April 30, preceding the term start date. **Committee application will be open from February 1, 2023, to May 31, 2023.**

- 2024 Term = October 29, 2023, to September 29, 2024
- 2025 Term = September 29, 2024, to October 12, 2025
- 2026 Term = October 12, 2025, to November 2, 2026

Members may access the link from the *Membership* tab dropdown on the *My Accounts* page after logging into www.plasticsurgery.org.

QUESTION

Who is eligible to serve on ASPS/PSF committees?

ANSWER

Committee service at ASPS is a membership benefit. Members who are in good standing with their dues fully paid* and have the following member types are eligible to serve:

- Active Members
- Life Active Members
- Candidates for Active Membership
- International Members
- Resident Affiliates**

* To renew your membership, you may log in to your [account](#) or contact the Member Service Center at memserv@plasticsurgery.org / (800) 766-4955 (US/Canada) / 1(847)-228-9900 (International).

**Residents and Fellows can find further information on the [Residents and Fellows Forum page](#).

QUESTION

I am a Medical Student. Can I serve on a committee? How can I get involved with the Society?

ANSWER

Medical students are ineligible to serve on ASPS/PSF committees. The best way for medical students to get involved is to join the [ASPS Medical Students Forum](#) and attend events such as Medical Students Day and the Medical Students reception at Plastic Surgery The Meeting. Please get in touch with the Membership team at memserv@plasticsurgery.org for more information about valuable resources for our Medical Students. It's never too early to start networking!

QUESTION

How are members selected for committee service? When are members notified?

ANSWER

Once the deadline for completing the committee service application passes (May 31), the committee appointment process for the 30 committees that accept applications will begin.

Committee Staff Liaisons will work with the incoming Committee Chairs to identify those members to be reappointed to the committee and the most promising candidates for new appointments. These recommendations are then ratified by the Board Vice President responsible for the Business Line and then the ASPS and/or PSF president, depending on the committee.

Committee appointments are generally communicated 6-8 weeks before the term begins. We expect the 2024 term committee appointments to be communicated in September 2023.

We strive to appoint each applicant to at least one of their selected committees whenever possible. When it is not feasible, we offer applicants another committee that can accommodate their service.

QUESTION

I've been accepted to serve on a committee for the upcoming term. How do I view my committee information on the [Committee Site](#)?

ANSWER

You will be able to access your committee information once your term begins, which for the 2024 term starts on October 29, 2023

Once the term has begun, you can view your committee information by logging into your account at <https://www1.plasticsurgery.org/ebusiness4/sso/login.aspx>. From the *Dashboard*, click on the *Membership* tab, *Committees*. Click on your committee from the list on the left-hand side of the screen on the "My Committees" page to view committee-specific information, such as the calendar, files, and roster.

QUESTION

What committees may Active and Life Active members serve on?

ANSWER

Active and Life Active members may apply to serve on most of the committees listed on the committee service application. You may click on the hyperlinks to learn about each committee.

- [Annual Meeting Educational Program Committee](#)
- [ASPS EdNet Editorial Subcommittee](#)
- [ASPS Emerging Trends Subcommittee](#)
- [ASPS/PSF Bylaws Committee](#)
- [Clinical Research Subcommittee](#)
- [Coding and Payment Policy Committee](#)
- [Continuing Education Committee](#)
- [Development Committee](#)

- [Diversity & Inclusion Committee](#)
- [Healthcare Delivery Committee](#)
- [In-Service Examination Subcommittee](#)
- [International Scholar Subcommittee](#)
- [International Subcommittee](#)
- [Leadership Development Committee](#)
- [Legislative Advocacy Committee](#)
- [Membership Committee](#)
- [Patient Safety Committee](#)
- [Practice Management Committee](#)
- [PRIDE Steering Committee](#)
- [PSF Volunteers in Plastic Surgery Steering Committee](#)
- [Public Education Committee](#)
- [Regenerative Medicine Subcommittee](#)
- [Researcher Education Subcommittee](#)
- [Resident Curriculum Development Committee](#)
- [Technology, Innovation, Disruption, and Entrepreneurship Committee](#)
- [Visiting Professors Subcommittee](#)
- [Wellness Subcommittee](#)
- [Women Plastic Surgeons Steering Committee](#)
- [Young Plastic Surgeons Steering Committee](#)

QUESTION

What committees may Residents serve on?

ANSWER

With approval from their Training Program Director, Plastic Surgery Residents who are part of the Residents and Fellows Forum may serve on the committees listed below.

- [Annual Meeting Educational Program Committee](#)
- [ASPS EdNet Editorial Subcommittee](#)
- [BIA-ALCL Subcommittee*](#)
- [Clinical Research Subcommittee*](#)
- [Coding and Payment Policy Committee](#)
- [Continuing Education Committee](#)
- [Healthcare Delivery Committee](#)
- [International Scholar Subcommittee*](#)
- [Leadership Development Committee](#)
- [Legislative Advocacy Committee*](#)
- [Military Plastic Surgeons Steering Committee](#)
- [Patient Safety Committee](#)
- [PRIDE Steering Committee](#)
- [PSF Volunteers in Plastic Surgery Steering Committee](#)
- [Regenerative Medicine Subcommittee](#)
- [Researcher Education Subcommittee](#)
- [Resident Curriculum Development Committee](#)

- [Residents Council*](#)
- [Technology, Innovation, Disruption, and Entrepreneurship Committee](#)
- [Visiting Professors Subcommittee](#)
- [Wellness Subcommittee](#)
- [Women Plastic Surgeons Steering Committee](#)

Please refer to the [Residents & Fellows Forum Committees page](#) for more information.

**Domestic Residents only*

QUESTION

Are there special instructions for graduating residents?

ANSWER

To be eligible to either remain on a committee or to apply to serve on a committee, graduating residents must retain an eligible member status by applying as a Fellow (if continuing to a Fellowship) or Candidate for Membership. Senior residents who would like to join as a Candidate for Membership will receive an invitation to join at a special rate as they approach the end of their residency.

Visit <https://www.plasticsurgery.org/for-medical-professionals/join-asps> to apply online as either a Fellow or a Plastic Surgeon.

QUESTION

What committees can International Members serve on?

ANSWER

International Members may serve the committees listed below.

- [Annual Meeting Educational Program Committee](#)
- [ASPS EdNet Editorial Subcommittee](#)
- [Coding and Payment Policy Committee](#)
- [Continuing Education Committee](#)
- [Diversity & Inclusion Committee](#)
- [Healthcare Delivery Committee](#)
- [International Subcommittee](#)
- [Leadership Development Committee](#)
- [Membership Committee](#)
- [Military Plastic Surgeons Steering Committee](#)
- [Patient Safety Committee](#)
- [PRIDE Steering Committee](#)
- [PSF Volunteers in Plastic Surgery Steering Committee](#)
- [Regenerative Medicine Subcommittee](#)
- [Researcher Education Subcommittee](#)
- [Resident Curriculum Development Committee](#)
- [Technology, Innovation, Disruption, and Entrepreneurship Committee](#)
- [Visiting Professors Subcommittee](#)
- [Wellness Subcommittee](#)

- [Women Plastic Surgeons Steering Committee](#)

QUESTION

What committees may non-members serve on?

ANSWER

Non-members may serve on specific committees that allow non-members. Non-members would have to be appointed to an ASPS or PSF committee by one of the affiliated Societies, such as

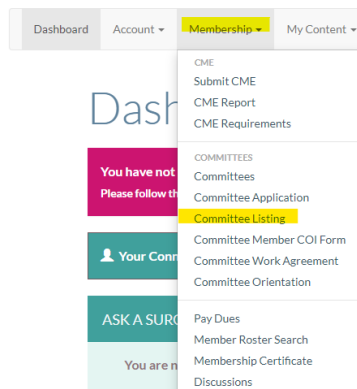
- ACAPS for the Resident Curriculum Development Committee and the Wellness Subcommittee
- ACAPS, ABPS, AAPS, or PSRC for the Academic Affairs Council
- PSRC, ACAPS, AAPS, ASPN, ASRM, or AAHS for the Research Oversight Council

QUESTION

How do I access the committee description to decide which committee to apply to?

ANSWER

You may view committee descriptions on the [Committee Listing page](#). You can also access this page by navigating to it from your *Dashboard/My Account* in the *Membership* dropdown list.



You may search by name or filter by business line. Click on the committee name to access the committee description. Members can apply to serve on many of our committees, which are identified with *Can Apply Online*. Other committees, such as the Academic Affairs Council, are by appointment without an application, and others, such as the Judicial Council, may be applied to via the [elected leader application](#).

QUESTION

I don't see the Ethics Committee as an option on the Committee Service Application. How do I indicate my desire to serve on that committee?

ANSWER

The Ethics Committee is not a committee to which you can submit a committee service application. Instead, members must complete a different set of nomination forms, as this is an elected position vetted by the Society and Foundation's Nominating Committee. Ethics Committee members serve a 3-year term. The elected leader application typically opens in December/January for the following year's elected positions, with applications due in January/February. Members may access the application from

the *Committee Resources* box accessible from the [Surgeon Community](#) tab. Further information regarding elected leader positions can be found at www.plasticsurgery.org/Nominations.

QUESTION

I am trying to complete the Committee Service Application but cannot access it. Can you help?

ANSWER

Only specific membership categories may serve on Society / Foundation committees. Members and affiliates in the membership categories listed below who are in good standing with their dues fully paid may complete a Committee Service Application to serve on many of the Society/Foundation committees.

- Active
- Life Active
- Candidates for Active
- International
- Residents
- Retired International
- Military Candidate for Active
- Active Military

QUESTION

Where do committee meetings take place?

ANSWER

Most committee meetings occur in the U.S. during our Annual Meeting (Plastic Surgery The Meeting), generally, each October, or during our Spring Board Meeting, typically each March. A few committees meet outside the Annual Meeting or Spring Board Meeting. Committees also have conference calls, usually in the evening, to accommodate our member surgeons' OR schedules.

QUESTION

What is the time commitment required for committee service?

ANSWER

The time commitment varies for each committee. It's tough to be precise about the time commitment, but many staff liaisons have updated their committee descriptions (accessible from the [Committee Listing](#)) to indicate the time commitment involved.

QUESTION

Are expenses associated with committee service reimbursed?

ANSWER

Travel expenses for meetings in conjunction with the Annual Meeting are NOT reimbursed. Please review the [Travel Policy for ASPS/PSF Members](#) for more information.

QUESTION

Do I need to submit an application to continue to serve on my committee next year?

ANSWER

No, you do not need to reapply to your current committee. We recommend contacting your staff liaison to share your interest to continue serving on the committee. Please remember that interest in continuing to serve does not necessarily mean existing members will be reappointed.

The [Committee Appointments Guideline](#) limits the number of “regular” committees a member may serve on to five in an effort to engage more Society members through volunteer leadership opportunities. (“Regular” committees are those to which members may apply via the Committee Service Application.)

QUESTION

How do I edit a statement I made on the Education screen?

ANSWER

Click on the EDIT to the left of the text you wish to modify. Existing text will be copied to a 1-line text box towards the bottom of the page. Make your edit in that text box and then hit the “Update Education Record” button. Hit the Save & Continue Button at the bottom of the page to advance to the next screen.

ASPS/PSF Committee Member Involvement Application

Education

Listed below are education records currently in your application.

Edit University of Chicago - 1992
Delete

Education

University of Chicago - 1992

Update Education Record

Please save and continue to the next step of the application form:

Back

Save & Continue

If you do not submit your application, you may return to continue. Any changes you have made will be retained as long as you clicked the "Save and Continue" button on each page of the application.

QUESTION

I don't see my question on this FAQ document. Where can I get answers to my question?

ANSWER

Please direct your committee-service-related questions to aspscommittees@plasticsurgery.org.