

Angle Midwest at-Large Membership

Purpose: To create a membership classification that will enable select individuals an opportunity for membership in “*Angle Midwest*” who previously have made outstanding contributions to our specialty and who reside and practice outside the United States and Canada. They should possess outstanding credentials, including excellence in clinical orthodontics, and should be able to contribute substantially to the intellectual environment of our *Society*.

Criteria: Guidelines for selection may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The candidate must have completed an accredited full-time graduate program or residency program in the specialty of orthodontics of at least two years in duration. The suitability of the candidate’s education will be determined by the Board of Directors of Angle Midwest.
2. The candidate should be affiliated with a teaching or research institution or have equivalent experience (e.g., lecturing at national or international meetings).
3. The candidate should have shown evidence of a history of scholarly activity that may include publication in a refereed journal (e.g., *Angle Orthodontist*, *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*, *European Journal of Orthodontics*) or equivalent.

Sponsorship: The candidate’s sponsor should have known the candidate for a period of time, be fairly certain of his or her character, and be able to vouch for the candidate’s ability to communicate in English. The candidate should assure the sponsor of his or her ability and willingness to attend all annual meetings of the *Angle Society* during the admissions process as well as during regular membership.

Membership-at-Large Committee: This committee will be composed of the following individuals: Vice-President, President-Elect, Admissions Committee Chairperson, and Study Committee Chairperson.

1. The sponsor is to submit to the Secretary the application for sponsorship by **September 15** of the year preceding the individual’s intended attendance.
2. **With the application**, the sponsor is to also include a **Letter of Sponsorship**.
3. **With the application**, the **Curriculum Vitae of the candidate** is to be included.
4. **With the application**, an **additional letter of recommendation from a well known orthodontist from the individual’s country or region** is to be included.
5. **With the application, verification of the candidate’s education (including a copy of an official certificate of completion of an accredited orthodontic graduate program)** is to be included.

6. The Secretary is to record and forward these credentials to the following individuals:
(Membership-at-Large Committee)
 - a. *Vice-President*
 - b. *President-Elect*
 - c. *Admissions Committee Chairperson*
 - d. *Study Committee Chairperson*
7. *The credentials of the potential Member-at-Large Guest will then be reviewed by the above four individuals. A recommendation will then be given to the Secretary whether to extend or not to extend an invitation to the potential Member-at-Large Guest. This decision will then be forwarded to the sponsor of this individual. If the decision has been favorable, then the invitation will be for the Member-at-Large Guest to attend the upcoming meeting (as a Guest).*
8. *Prior to the meeting, the Chairperson of the Admissions Committee will contact the sponsor of the Member-at-Large individual and will make arrangements for an interview. Participating in the interview will be the Admissions Committee Chairperson, Study Committee Chairperson, Vice-President and President-Elect.*
9. *This Committee will make a recommendation and the Chairperson of the Admissions Committee will report this recommendation to the Board of Directors at the second Board of Directors meeting, their recommendations for future invitations to the Member-at-Large Guest.*
10. *The Secretary will then inform in writing to the sponsor of the Member-at-Large Guest the recommendations of the Board of Directors.*

**Lettering in italics indicate changes to the original guidelines for Sponsorship of the at-Large membership.*

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should the sponsor bring the individual to our meetings as a **Candidate** until his or her status has been approved by the Board of Directors.