

Special At-Large Membership

Angle Midwest

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 have received their orthodontic education 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.

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

1. The sponsor is to submit to the Secretary the application for sponsorship by **July 1st** 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)**.

6. The secretary is to forward these credentials to the following individuals:
(Special Membership at Large Committee)
 - a. *Vice President*
 - b. *President Elect*
 - c. *Admissions Committee Chairperson*
 - d. *Study Committee Chairperson*

7. *The credentials of the potential Special Membership 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 Special Membership at Large Guest. This decision will then be forwarded to the Sponsor of the Special Membership at Large individual. If the decision has been favorable, then the invitation will be for the Special Membership 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 Special Membership 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 BOD at the second BOD meeting, their recommendations for future invitations to the Special Membership at Large Guest.*

10. *The Secretary will then inform in writing to the Sponsor of the Special Membership at Large Guest the recommendations of the BOD.*

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

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