

BOARD OF SPECIALTY SOCIETIES – REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

The AAOS Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) brings together musculoskeletal specialty society and organization (hereafter “society”) members to address issues of mutual concern and to advise the AAOS Board of Directors of issues and ideas. These issues may include, but are not limited to, the format of the AAOS Annual Meeting, continuing medical education, advocacy, musculoskeletal research, residency and fellowship issues, professional and practice activity, and other topics that AAOS organizational units and BOS member organizations may identify. The BOS also provides opportunities for information exchanges, organizational benchmarking, collaborative program development, and communications among member organizations. The BOS also works closely with the Board of Councilors (BOC), especially in the planning and execution of the AAOS National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference and AAOS Fall Meeting.

The society appointed representatives will serve in their BOS designated role from March to March, coinciding with the AAOS leadership year. At minimum, one society member, who is an AAOS Fellow or Associate, and the executive director shall be required representatives. The AAOS Fellow or Associate shall serve one three-year term and shall be eligible for one additional three-year term. The remaining one representative, shall be an AAOS Fellow or Associate who shall be a society board member or liaison to the society’s board and shall serve one one-year term and shall be eligible for two additional one-year terms.

Responsibilities of BOS representatives:

1. Attend and Participate

Attendance at BOS meetings is essential for the BOS to carry out its assigned functions and to be a benefit to member organizations. All representatives should attend all BOS meetings, which includes the business meeting during the AAOS Annual Meeting, the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) in its entirety, the Fall Meeting in its entirety, and conference / webinar meetings. The representative shall participate in all discussions and decisions requiring a vote.

If a representative is unable to attend a meeting, he/she shall be required to notify the BOS Secretary and provide the reason(s) for the planned absence. Representatives who fail to attend two consecutive meetings without adequate notice are not eligible for any BOS office or for reappointment as a BOS representative.

Representatives can volunteer for the BOS Nominating Committee and BOS work groups. If elected/appointed, representatives must attend and participate in the meetings. Failure to attend and participate shall result in the representative’s removal from the Committee or work group.

2. Respond to SPDRs

Review Specialty Protocol and Decision Response (SPDR) requests, share with his/her society’s leadership and ensure his/her society responds by the deadlines. These requests reflect various legislative, regulatory, and research opportunities and concerns, and are sent throughout the year. Commentary and/or letter sign-on approval to these opportunities and concerns permit critical BOS participation in shaping these policies that reflect and affect AAOS.

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3. Communicate

Share information about issues affecting his/her society's members. Participate in information exchanges and problem solving. Summarize the BOS discussions from its meetings, the NOLC, and the Fall Meeting and share the information with his/her society members through newsletter articles, reports during the society's annual meetings and at board meetings, etc. Provide timely and relevant feedback on requested projects and programs. Suggest ideas for pilot programs and/or alterations to current projects and programs.

4. Represent and Vote

Consider BOS actions and vote on behalf of his/her society within the BOS meetings. Submit advisory opinions, resolutions, and bylaws amendments for consideration by the Board of Councilors (BOC) and the BOS. Participate in the BOC/BOS Open Hearings and BOC/BOS Business Meetings and vote on advisory opinions, resolutions, amendments to bylaws, and Standards of Professionalism held at the NOLCs and the Fall Meetings. These activities shape the AAOS membership and the discipline of orthopaedic surgery in a broad reach. BOS representatives also submit ideas for topics for Symposia at the NOLC and the Fall Meeting.

5. Liaison

With AAOS Committees

Serve on AAOS committees if selected. If accepted, s/he must attend and participate in the meetings. Failure to attend and participate shall result in the representative's removal from the committee. The liaison must provide updates to the BOS after each meeting. These updates will be sent to all BOS representatives for communication with their society.

With Future Leaders

Serve as a mentor to Resident Assembly (RA) delegates and participate in BOS activities designed for medical school orthopaedic special interest groups (OSIGs), if interested.

Please contact the BOS officers or send an email to BOS@aaos.org with any questions.