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ATTN: Membership Committee

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ARTICLE IV (MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS)

- Section 1 The membership of the Association shall be divided into four distinct categories; namely Fellow Member, Associate Member, Student Member and Honorary Member.
- Section 2 Requirements to be met prior to conferring the title of "Fellow - AASA" are as follows:
 A. Fellows in the AASA will be required to have completed two years of college training or its equivalent prior to entering and completing an AMA/ACS (Joint Review Committee) approved Surgeon's Assistant Training Program.
 B. Anyone not meeting the stipulations in (A) may be eligible for the title of "Fellow" providing he or she has successfully graduated from an AMA/ACS (Joint Review Committee) approved Physician's Assistant Program of at least eighteen months duration which can culminate in the awarding of at least a baccalaureate degree and has met the stipulations of Article IV, Section 2, Paragraphs C or D.
 C. Graduate of an AMA/ACS (Joint Review Committee) approved Physician's Assistant Program of at least eighteen months duration with a surgery tract that ensures six months of clinical training on surgical rotations. In addition, said program must ensure adequate didactic instruction in anatomy, fundamentals of general surgery, sterile technique, introduction to the operating room and principles of surgical care.
 D. Graduate of an AMA/ACS (Joint Review Committee) approved Physician's Assistant Program of at least eighteen months duration without a surgery tract who has been employed by a Board certified surgeon or hospital in the capacity of a Surgeon's Assistant for at least twelve months.
- Section 3 An associate membership in the AASA may be conferred on graduates of AMA/ACS (Joint Review Committee) approved Physician's Assistant Program who are currently employed by Board certified surgeons or hospitals in the capacity of a Surgeon's Assistant, but have not as yet completed twelve months of such employment. Completion of twelve months of such employment entitles such Associate members to apply for "Fellowship" in the AASA.
- Section 4 The title of "Honorary Fellow" may be conferred upon deserving persons whose activities have been beneficial to the profession and AASA, and, as such, are deserving of recognition. Candidate for the classification of "Honorary Fellow" must be sponsored by a Fellow of the AASA.
- Section 5 The classification of "Fellow" in the AASA entitles one to full rights with voting privileges.
- Section 6 Associate members of the AASA may not vote or hold executive positions. However, they may participate in any committee work. In addition, Associate members may designate one individual to participate in Executive Committee discussions.
- Section 7 Student membership is restricted to those individuals matriculating through AMA/ACS (Joint Review Committee) approved Surgeon's Assistant Training Programs or Physician's Assistant Programs as defined in Article IV, Section 2, Paragraphs B and C.
- Section 8 Students do not have the right to vote or hold executive positions. However, a student council will be elected each year at the time of balloting for Executive Committee positions. The student council shall consist of a president, vice-president and secretary. The president of the student council has a vote on the Executive Committee.
- Section 9 The Membership Committee shall be responsible for ruling on applicant eligibility according to the membership requirements. The Membership Committee will submit eligible applicants to the Executive Committee for final approval.

The American Association of Surgeon's Assistants (AASA) was established in 1973. Its charter states the aims of the organization which are to provide a forum for peer regulation of career professionalism and excellence, to serve as an official representative of the Surgeon's Assistant within the medical profession, to local, state and national legal and professional entities, as well as to the lay public. The AASA is a non-profit organization.

Some of the services provided by the AASA include:

- continuing medical education in the surgical subspecialties
- published media in which to present opinions, questions, concerns and clinical research
- update on legislation
- provides an insight into the scope of the professional roles of individual surgical physician assistants

Annual membership fees provide:

- 1) quarterly journal
- 2) bimonthly newsletter
- 3) reprints of medical research of interest to the general membership

Membership requirements have been established providing four levels of participation:

- Fellow
- Associate
- Student
- Honorary

Membership requirements for the American Association of Surgeon's Assistants as stipulated in Article IV are reprinted herein for your information. Questions regarding membership or appeal of rejected membership application should be directed to the chairman of the Membership Committee.

I am interested in membership in the American Association of Surgeon's Assistants (A.A.S.A.).

Please forward application materials to me at the following address:

Name: _____ State: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____
 Phone Number: (_____) _____
 area code
 Check one: Graduate Student
 Graduate (student) of: _____
 Date of graduation: _____
 Surgical specialty: _____

(PA/SA training program)