

## 2009 Membership Nomination Guide

Dear ASCI Member,

Following is the 2009 nomination guide for Active, Foreign Associate and Honorary membership to the American Society for Clinical Investigation. We encourage you to work with your Institutional Representative (this information can be found on the ASCI's website, [www.the-asci.org](http://www.the-asci.org)) to identify and nominate all qualified physician-scientists at your institution. The Council encourages nominations from all specialties and of women and under-represented minorities. Diversity is especially important as the Council focuses on mentoring the next generation of physician-scientists.

Election to the ASCI membership is an honor. New members are recognized at the ASCI Reception and Dinner on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the 2009 ASCI/AAP Joint Meeting (April 24-26 in Chicago, Illinois). We expect new members to attend the meeting as we celebrate and recognize all new members. It is also important for Proposers to attend the meeting and to help initiate new members into the ASCI.

Candidates may be nominated **a maximum of three times**. Please indicate on the application the number of times your candidate has been nominated. (This information will also be checked against the ASCI's records. If you are unsure of the number of times your candidate has been previously nominated, contact the ASCI as noted below.) Give careful consideration to eligibility criteria to help avoid jeopardizing a candidate's eventual election.

Nominations may be submitted through December 5, 2008, the absolute deadline for receipt. The Proposer is responsible for submitting the completed nomination by the deadline. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact the ASCI office directly by phone, 734-222-6050, fax, 734-222-6058, or e-mail, [staff@the-asci.org](mailto:staff@the-asci.org).

Sincerely,



Theresa Guise, M.D.

Secretary-Treasurer, 2007-2009

This document and related documents can be found online at:

<http://www.the-asci.org/nomination.shtml>

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## Active and Foreign Associate nominees ...

- must be physicians who have “accomplished meritorious original, creative, and independent investigations in the clinical or allied sciences of medicine” and who enjoy “unimpeachable moral standing in the medical profession.”
- must be age 45 or younger on January 1, 2009.
- may be nominated no more than three times for membership. Proposers are discouraged from nominating candidates whose qualifications are still questionable, or from nominating a candidate rejected last year if the candidate’s bibliography has improved little in the interim, unless the candidate will exceed the age limit on January 1, 2009.

## Guidelines for nominating Active and Foreign Associate candidates

### *Nominations not in compliance with guidelines will be returned to Proposers.*

- Proposers and Seconders must be Active, Foreign Associate, Senior, or Honorary ASCI members in good standing and current in Society dues. The Proposer or Secunder should ideally be from a different institution and both should have a good understanding of the nominee’s work.
- Proposers may nominate candidates provided that the candidate has not been nominated three times. All requested information must be supplied anew. It is particularly important for second and third nominations to highlight a nominee’s progress and development since the previous nomination.
- Proposers must supply contact information for themselves, their nominees, and Seconders.
- All sections of the nomination must be completed and follow the stated word limits. Do not send full CVs in place of, or in addition to, the information requested.
- Extensive description of the candidate’s training, research conducted in the laboratory of a more senior investigator, and institutional citizenship is not helpful. Information regarding major awards, invitations to give plenary lectures (especially at national or international meetings), and invitations to write chapters in major textbooks should be included as applicable — the quality and quantity of work are important factors.
- Proposers should indicate the candidate’s seminal contribution(s), keyed to the bibliography, and the originality, novelty, and impact of this research on the field. Note special circumstances (e.g. childbearing, personal or family illness) that influenced the candidate’s research activities. This is most important for candidates close to the age limit.
- Information about independent grant support should be noted, so that the Council has standardized information regarding all nominees. Independent research support represents only one of several criteria used in assessing independence.
- The bibliographical information is the primary criterion used to judge nominees. Quality is weighed more heavily than quantity — especially when bibliographies are large and include many collaborators. The Council finds particularly important those publications for which the authorship is independent of the candidates’ mentor or other senior scientists such as ASCI members. Bibliographic information must be in the correct format. In Section 2 of the nomination form, list the nominee’s 10 most important publications and annotate the top 3, for which PDFs must be supplied.
- Seconders must use the *Secunder Support Form* and limit comments to 500 words. Supporters of nominations must use the *General Support Form* and limit comments to 250 words (note that although there is no limit to the number of supporters of a nomination, the Council recommends no more than two per nomination). Secunder and Supporter comments should supplement, but not duplicate, information provided by Proposers, and they should deal specifically with the nominee’s original scientific contributions. Forms may be submitted separately from the nomination itself but must be received by the deadline.

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## Honorary nominees ...

- must “have distinguished scientific contributions with widespread biological significance in the area of clinical investigation.”
- must not be currently or have been previously eligible for nomination as an Active or Foreign Associate member.
- are not limited by the age at nomination; however, the criteria for significance of scientific contribution are more stringent than those for Active or Foreign Associate nominees.

## Guidelines for nominating Honorary candidates

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**Templates for nomination forms are available at <http://www.the-asci.org/nomination.shtml>**

## **Submitting nominations**

- **Online**

First, access your member account at <http://www.the-asci.org/data/login.php>.

After you have logged in, select the "Nominations" tab, then search the nominee database. Links will appear in search results to guide you in the next steps.

**Proposers:** Once a nomination has been added for a nominee, upload completed nomination templates and related documents.

**Secunder and general-supporters:** Forms may be filled out online after selecting the applicable nominee from search results or after adding requested nominee information.

- **By e-mail (to [staff@the-asci.org](mailto:staff@the-asci.org))**

*For nominations,* attach the completed template (preferably retaining Microsoft Word format) and PDFs of reprints to an e-mail, with the subject, "2009 Nomination – NOMINEE NAME". Receipt of nominations will be confirmed by e-mail to the Proposer.

*For Seconders,* attach the completed Secunder Support Form template (preferably retaining Microsoft Word format) to an e-mail, with the subject "2009 Secunder – NOMINEE NAME". Forms may be sent separately from nominations.

*For general supporters,* attach the completed General Support Form template (preferably retaining Microsoft Word format) to an e-mail, with the subject "2009 support – NOMINEE NAME". Forms may be sent separately from nominations.

## **Important dates**

- All nomination materials are due on or before December 5, 2008.
- Proposers and nominees will be contacted about decisions in late February 2009.
- The ASCI/AAP Joint Meeting is April 24-26, 2009.

## **Questions?**

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