

8 Membership Types

ACTIVE MEMBERS shall be those Optometric Physicians who have earned a Doctor of Optometry degree from an ACOE accredited college or school of optometry or its equivalent, and who are approved for Membership by the Board of Directors.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall be of three categories and may be admitted at the discretion of the Board of Directors. (A) Those holding recognized degrees in non-optometric disciplines. (B) Non-Optometrists having interests consistent with the objectives and purposes of the NJSOP. (C) Military, civil service, research or other optometric physicians who are not primarily in active private practice in New Jersey, who are members of the American Optometric Association, and who wish to affiliate themselves with the NJSOP.

STUDENT MEMBERS shall be those persons enrolled as students in a school or college of optometry accredited by the Council on Optometric Education and recognized by the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists, and/or those non-practicing optometric physicians who are full-time students in an accredited institution of higher education and who profess an intention of entering or returning to the practice of optometry or to a faculty or administrative position with an accredited school or college of optometry.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP may be conferred on any person who has contributed distinguished valuable service to the conservation of vision, to the profession of optometry, or to the NJSOP.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP A Member who has been a member of the NJSOP for 45 years shall be eligible to continue membership as a Life Member of this Association in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Members who provide medical certification of terminal or other serious debilitating illness may request that years of membership requirements be waived for life membership. All such requests for waiver must be made and approved through the member's Affiliate Local Society and approved by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in this Paragraph, any member of the NJSOP who is classified as a Life Member as of September 30, 2012, shall retain Life Member status. An Affiliated Local Society shall submit a written nomination to the Board of Directors for approval.

PRIVILEGED MEMBERS shall be those members, who through sickness, age or financial hardship, are unable to pay full dues. Such members may upon action by the Board of Directors, have their dues waived or reduced for any given year. The Board of Directors shall investigate the need for such a waiver or reduction of dues. This investigation shall include where necessary, an evaluation of the member's total earnings in any given year, not just income from the practice optometry. Privileged members, in any listing published by the NJSOP, shall be listed in the same manner as all other members.

PARTIAL PRACTICE MEMBERS shall be those members who work twenty (20) or fewer hours per week in compensated optometrically related activities and whose status as a partial practice member is approved annually by the Board of Directors.

FACULTY MEMBERS shall be those members who hold a full-time faculty or administrative position at an accredited school or college of optometry.

