

# **TERATOLOGY SOCIETY**

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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# CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

**REGULAR MEMBERS**—Regular Membership shall be considered for individuals who have publications in the field of teratology and substantive interest in the purposes of the Teratology Society. Applicants must obtain one signature of support, submit documentation of interest in teratology and provide their current *curriculum vitae*, including positions held and publications. Publications listed shall be in teratology, as broadly defined. The list shall include only those published in refereed journals; one or more publications (not abstracts) are required, with the applicant as the first author, or two or more publications are required, with the applicant as other than the first author. Manuscripts “in press” shall be considered only if a copy is submitted together with verification of acceptance for publication. In lieu of appropriate publications, other documentation of active participation in teratology (e.g. administrative or industrial experience with likelihood of continued interest) shall be considered. Regular Members may attend the Annual Business Meeting, vote, hold an elected office, and submit and sponsor abstracts.

**COMBINED REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**—Where husband and wife both qualify for Regular Membership, they may elect to have a Combined Membership entitling each of them to be listed as a member and to vote, but only one shall pay the cost of and receive a subscription to *Birth Defects Research*. Both must apply for Regular Membership individually.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**—Associate Membership shall be considered for individuals who do not have publications in the field of teratology or direct scientific involvement in teratology. Such individuals may belong to other disciplines or professions, but demonstrate active participation in issues related to teratology, in line with the objectives of the Society. Active professional interest in teratology is to be documented by one signature from Regular Members. Applicants must also submit documentation of interest in teratology, and their current *curriculum vitae*. Associate Members may attend the Annual Business Meeting but may not vote, hold an elected office, or sponsor abstracts. Associate Members may present abstracts.

**STUDENT MEMBERS**—Requirements for Student Members consist of sponsorship by a member of the Teratology Society and the signature of the applicant’s Major Professor, whose signature verifies that the applicant is a student in good standing and is pursuing degree work in the field of teratology. The Major Professor also will provide the expected date of graduation. Applicants must also submit documentation of interest in teratology, and their current *curriculum vitae*. Student Members are expected to apply for Regular/ Associate Membership status at the first Annual Meeting of the Society after they graduate: those who do not achieve Regular/ Associate Membership status by the time of the succeeding Annual Meeting will no longer be members of the Society. Student Members may attend the Annual Business Meeting but may not vote or sponsor abstracts.

**DOCUMENTATION OF INTEREST IN TERATOLOGY**—A brief statement giving your reasons for applying and list your most significant qualifications for membership.

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**—A current *curriculum vitae*, including positions held and publications.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**—Student Membership applications are reviewed as they are received. Regular and Associate Membership applications are reviewed three times a year. The application deadlines are March 1, July 1, and November 1. Approved applicants will be notified and mailed an annual dues form approximately 3 months after the application deadline. The official journal of the Teratology Society is *Birth Defects Research*. The journal is published in three parts, *Part A: Clinical and Molecular Teratology*, *Part B: Development and Reproductive Toxicology* and *Part C: Embryo Today Reviews*. A subscription to Part C, and either Part A or Part B is included as part of the annual membership dues for Regular and Associate members with the option to subscribe to all three publications for an additional fee. Student members have the option of paying for a subscription.

Please mail your completed original application, *curriculum vitae*, and documentation to:

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# CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

## Section 1

There shall be the following types of memberships:

1. Regular
2. Combined
3. Associate
4. Sustaining
5. Honorary
6. Emeritus
7. Student

## Section 2

*Dues.* Members shall pay the Society annual dues as specified in the Bylaws.

## Section 3

*Regular Membership.* Regular membership in the Society shall be open to persons who have demonstrated substantive interest in its purposes. Substantive interest is defined in the Bylaws, and a description is included on the application forms. Applications for membership must be endorsed by one member of the Society. Nominations are submitted to the Secretary and reviewed by the Membership Committee. A list of applicants meeting the requirements for membership will be transmitted by the Secretary during the first week in February, June, and October. The lists are communicated to the membership, who will have thirty (30) days to respond. Responses shall be reviewed by the Membership Committee. Its recommendations will be submitted to the Council for approval.

## Section 4

*Combined Membership.* A Combined Membership is offered to those individuals where members are married/partnered and both qualify for Regular Membership. They may elect to have a Combined Membership entitling each of them to be listed as a member and to vote, but only one shall pay the cost of and receive a subscription to *Birth Defects Research*.

## Section 5

*Associate Membership.* Associate Membership in the Society shall be open to persons who do not have publications in the field of teratology or direct scientific involvement in teratology. Such individuals may belong to other disciplines or professions but demonstrate active participation in issues related to teratology in line with the objectives of the Society. Active professional interest in teratology is to be documented by one signature of support from a Regular member on the membership application or in a separate correspondence referencing the Associate Membership application. Associate Members may attend the Annual Business Meeting but may not vote, hold an elected office or sponsor abstracts. Associate Members may present abstracts. As part of their annual dues, Associate Members shall receive a subscription to *Birth Defects Research*. Nominations are submitted to the Secretary and reviewed by the Membership Committee. A list of applicants meeting the requirements for membership will be transmitted by the Secretary during the first week in February, June, and October. The lists are communicated to the membership, who will have thirty (30) days to respond. Responses shall be reviewed by the Membership Committee. Its recommendations will be submitted to the Council for approval.

## Section 6

*Sustaining Membership.* All organizations interested in any aspect of Teratology shall be eligible for Sustaining Membership. Each Sustaining Member shall have the privilege of being represented without a vote at meetings of the Society by one delegate appointed by the Sustaining Member. Sustaining Members also shall receive one subscription to *Birth Defects Research* as part of their annual dues. A list of Sustaining Members shall be printed once a year in *Birth Defects Research*.

## Section 7

*Honorary Membership.* Honorary Members may be elected by the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting, upon unanimous recommendation by the Council, from among the Regular members by a simple majority of those voting at the meeting. Honorary Members shall have all the voting rights and privileges of active members, are exempt from payment of annual dues, and shall receive *Birth Defects Research* gratis.

## Section 8

*Emeritus Membership.* Members who have retired from their professional posts shall become Emeritus Members upon written request to the Secretary. Emeritus Members shall have all the voting rights and privileges of active members and are exempt from payment of annual dues, but they shall not receive *Birth Defects Research* gratis.

**Section 9**

Student Membership. Student Membership in the Society shall be open to persons pursuing degree work or postdoctoral studies in the field of teratology. Applications for membership must be endorsed by one member of the Society. Student Members shall not have voting rights but shall receive the journal *Birth Defects Research*. The Journal subscription(s) are available at the Publisher's basic price.

**Section 10**

Termination of Membership. Membership in the Society shall cease through any of the following:

1. By resignation.
2. If a member has defaulted in the payment of annual dues for two consecutive years. However, members whose dues are not paid by January of each year shall not continue to receive *Birth Defects Research*.
3. If, after consideration of a report from Council, the majority of the members of the Society present at the Annual Business Meeting decide that a member shall be expelled from membership on the grounds that his/her conduct is detrimental to the honor or interests of the Society and its objectives or is calculated to bring the work of the Society or its members into disrepute. Guidance for appropriate conduct of members is given in the Code of Ethics.

**Section 11**

*Reinstatement.* Members who have resigned or who become inactivated for nonpayment of dues may apply to be reinstated (see Bylaws). Applications are submitted to the Secretary and are reviewed by the Membership Committee. A list of applicants meeting the requirements for reinstatement will be transmitted by the Secretary during the first week in February, June and October. The lists are communicated to the membership, who will have thirty (30) days to respond. Responses shall be review by the Membership Committee. Its recommendations will be submitted to Council for approval.

**Section 12**

*Rights.* The rights and privileges of any member in the Society shall cease on termination of his/her membership.