

Membership

Membership Committee Report

In 1993, the Membership Committee accepted 168 applications as regular members of APS and 54 applicants as corresponding members of the Society. On average, the new regular members were 42 years old, had 26 peer-reviewed publications, spent 15% of their time teaching and 70% of their time on research activities. Similarly corresponding members were on average 42 years old, had 23 peer-reviewed publications, spent a little more time teaching (21%) and a little less time doing research (69%).

Of the grand total, 50% of the applicants had an MD of combination MD/PhD, 48% had a PhD, and 2% had another advanced degree. Nineteen percent were women. The bulk of the new members completed a postdoctoral fellowship sometime during their career (79%), taught some physiology-related courses (77%), and attended some APS meetings (78%). Other statistics follow.

Those applicants from Departments of Physiology and Internal Medicine accounted for about half of all applicants (Table 1). About 26% of all applicants were from a Department of Physiology, while 23% of all applicants had their primary appointment from within a Department of Internal Medicine. Among the Regular membership applicants, those from Internal Medicine dominated the pool, while among the Corresponding applicants, those from a Department of Physiology dominated the pool.

What is interesting about Table 2 is that one-third of the applicants were either Instructors or Assistant Professors. Therefore the APS continues to attract a significant number of young investigators into the Society.

It is our hope that the recommended changes in the Bylaws on rules related to membership in the Society will increase both the numbers of applicants and the percent of those applicants that could be considered young investigators.

Finally, three of our committee members completed their term of office in 1993. They are Jahar Bhattacharaya, Suzanne Fortney, and Jay Nadel. We very much appreciate their fine service to this committee. The new committee members Hannah Carey, Lawrence Schramm, and Thomas Vary will join continuing members Michael Davis, Jack Rall, and Nancy Wills.

Diana Marver, Chair

Table 1. Departmental Origin of Applicants

Department/Unit	Type of Membership			
	No. of Regular	No. of Corresponding	Total	% Total
Anesthesiology	3	1	4	2
Anatomy	2	0	2	1
Animal science-Vet	1	3	4	2
Biochemistry	3	2	5	2
Biology/Cell biology	11	1	12	5
Internal medicine	43	9	52	23
Ob/Gynecology	1	0	1	0
Pediatrics	10	1	11	5
Pharmacology	12	3	15	7
Physiology	36	22	58	26
Psychiatry	2	0	2	1
Sports/Exercise medicine	6	1	7	3
Surgery	14	1	15	7
Other	14	9	23	10
Industry	7	0	7	3
US/Other government	3	1	4	2
Total	168	54	222	99

Table 2. Rank of Applicants

Rank	Number	% Total
Instructor	6	3
Assistant Professor	67	30
Associate Professor	48	22
Professor	59	26
Other titles	42	19
Total	222	100

Correction

"Proposed Amendments to the APS Bylaws," *The Physiologist* 36: 234, 1993, first paragraph, line 3, should read: "Council appointed a Task Force on Membership chaired by L. Gabriel Navar".