

Full membership application protocols for associate members

The number of full members shall be unlimited. To qualify, an individual must be an associate member who can apply to present for full membership. This can be done by written or verbal application to any of the officers of the Executive Council. The presentation will be on PowerPoint, Keynote or similar media and must be of the applicant's own clinical work and will include the taking of questions from the floor. A presenter's protocol is available to download from the members' section of the BAAD website and will provide all applicants with up to date guidelines. All presentations will be submitted to the Executive Council for preview and guidance at least 8 weeks prior to the presentation date.

The presentation must conform to the following:

- a. To provide a 15- 20-minute presentation consisting of three separate clinical or laboratory cases. Two of these can be to illustrate the level of their dental work whether it be clinical or laboratory.

The final case must be a complete step-by-step account with clear and accurate photographs. All of the above must be backed by literature references. The onus is on the applying associate member to understand all the references quoted and be fully prepared for the question and answer session, which follows their presentation for 10-15 minutes.

- b. Each presentation is subject to preview by the preview committee, who are there to support and ensure that all is in order and up to standard prior to being accepted to present to the academy.

- c. On acceptance of membership application, the contact details of the two presentation committee members will be provided. The onus is on the applying associate member to approach the preview committee members well in advance of the annual conference, at which they would be presenting. The preview committee will review the initial case presentations and can provide constructive feedback. This assistance will help to hone the presentations to the standard that is expected of a full member. The presentation will be again previewed on at least one further occasion when it is at its final stage for a preview run through with the one or both of the presentation committee members. This is to ensure it is up to the level of expectancy before presenting it to the Academy at the Annual conference or a study club meeting. Should the work fall short of this level, encouragement will be given for the applying member to work on the specified areas to improve for future reapplication.

- d. The Academy takes the role of a full member very seriously and it is an honour to achieve full membership status.

3) Other forms of credit, which could be considered as an alternative route to full membership, include:

- a. Recognition by peers as an outstanding academic teacher
- b. Publications in refereed scientific journals
- c. To have been an invited presenter at a BAAD scientific annual meeting

To qualify or to be considered for this route would require written application to the Executive council.

4) Have paid the required dues

5) Receive three-fourths affirmative vote, by secret ballot, of the charter/full, and life members present and voting at the Annual General Assembly