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ARTICLE IX: COUNCILS

Section 1: Definition

If the Board of Directors is the “brain” of the ORS, **Councils** are the central nervous system, connecting the brain to the peripheral nervous system (Committees and members). The role of each Council Chair is to serve as the liaison between the committees and the Board of Directors. Each Council Chair provides an update on the activities of the Committees and Sections within their respective Council and presents budget requests and new initiatives to the board for approval. This role is not intended to minimize the accessibility of the Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee to each Committee Chair.

The committee structure within each Council is as follows, with each Council having an elected Council Chair who serves as a member of the Board of Directors:

Advocacy Council

- Public Outreach Committee
- Scientific Communications Committee
- Social Media Committee

Collaborations Council

- IFMRS Liaison
- Collaborations Assessment Committee
- Orthopaedic Clinical Society Liaison

Community Council

- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee
- Membership Committee, including Ambassadors Program
- Women's Leadership Forum “Committee”
- Community Networks

Education Council

- Career Development Committee
- LearnORS Committee
- Industry Alliance Committee
- Innovation Committee

Research Council

- Annual Meeting Committee
- Scientific Program Committee
- Awards and Recognition Committee

Sections Council

- International Society of Fracture Repair (ISFR)
- Meniscus
- Orthopaedic Implants
- Preclinical Models
- Spine
- Strategies and Clinical Research
- Tendon

1. Note that each Council includes Committees, as well as volunteers that serve on the committees. Each committee has specific responsibilities related to the focus area of the Council. Details about committee structure and function can be found in the Committee and Section procedures.

As the ORS evolves, the Committee and Section structures within the councils will likely change. Proposed changes to this structure can be submitted by the Council to the Executive Committee for review and consideration. Final approval of these changes will be made by vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Board of Directors Representation

Council Chairs are elected as members of the BOD during the annual ORS Election as described within the Nominating Committee procedure. A description of the role of the Council Chairs as members of the BOD can be found in the Board of Directors procedure in the Policies and Procedures manual.

Section 3: Roles

The roles of each Council Chair are described in the Board of Directors procedures. Council Chairs must attend every committee meeting for their council, if possible, to support the committees and to ensure alignment with the mission and strategic plan of the ORS. Council chairs report back to the Board of Directors on the work of each committee.

Section 4: Elections

The outgoing Council Chair is expected to suggest at least two candidates to be considered by the Nominating Committee as described in the Nominating Committee procedures. The outgoing Council Chair should ensure that each nominee meets the eligibility requirements as listed in the Board of Directors procedures. Further, those nominated have actively participated as current or past chair of at least one committee within the Council. The outgoing Council Chair shall meet with each potential nominee to discuss the responsibilities associated with the Council Chair position, and to ensure the interest of the nominee in serving as Council Chair, prior to providing the individual's name to the chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will follow the process outlined in the Nominating Committee procedure for determining and placing the nominees on the ballot for election.

Although not rigorously imposed, whenever possible the list of nominees for each Council Chair should reflect the ORS goals of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

If a Council Chair cannot serve in the role for the entire term, the procedure for replacement is described in the Board of Directors procedure.

Section 5: Term

The term of service for each Council Chair is described in the Board of Directors procedure.

To ensure continuity across the Board of Directors, the terms of service should be staggered with

roughly half of the Council Chairs being elected each year so that half begin their term in an even year (Collaborations Council, Research Council, and Community Council) and the other half begin their term in an odd year (Advocacy Council, Sections, and Education Council).

Adjustments of a term of service can be implemented by the Board of Directors to achieve this cadence.