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ARTICLE XI: SECTIONS

ORS Research Sections

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

Section Description

A Section is a community of ORS members that are focused on and promote a specific area of musculoskeletal research. Each Section aims to facilitate the career and leadership development of its members, networking within the focused community, and dissemination of the latest discoveries in the field related to the section's main topic area(s). While each Section develops its own initiatives and goals, these shall align with the ORS mission (accelerate musculoskeletal discovery to improve health) and vision (a world without musculoskeletal limitations) and are subject to Board of Directors' oversight. Activities outside of the Section research focus area should be collaborative with other relevant ORS committees.

All Section Members are expected to be ORS and ORS Section members in good standing with membership dues paid through the current membership year. All ORS Section members must uphold the [ORS Aspirational Ethics](#) and ORS Code of Conduct.

Value of Sections to Section Members

The value of Section membership to an ORS member includes:

- The opportunity to share scientific knowledge and techniques with fellow ORS Section members through newsletters, social media, Section-related events/programs, satellite meetings, and Section programs at the ORS Annual Meeting
- Networking opportunities with ORS colleagues within a focused research community
- Professional leadership development opportunities through section-related programs and leadership roles

Value of Sections to ORS

The value of a Section to the ORS includes:

- Inspires collaboration and networking
- Encourages new members to join both ORS and the Section
- Enhances member engagement
- Recognizes excellence in research related to the Section focus
- Supports career and leadership development

- Creates a focused community within the larger ORS community
- Encourages members to submit work to be published in JOR and JOR Spine
- Provides mechanisms for sharing cutting-edge research relevant to the section outside of core ORS events
- Provides a group of subject matter experts for ORS initiatives, including, but not limited to, Journal reviewers and Editorial Board members

Section Membership Dues

Section dues are set annually by the Board of Directors. All Section members must also be current members of ORS in good standing.

Section Structure

- I. All ORS Research Sections report to the Sections Council and abide by the ORS Bylaws and Policy & Procedures Manual.
- II. Each Section has its own officer and committee structure as described below.
- III. Sections shall include the following Officers: Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary, Section Research Chair, Section Education Chair, and two section Members-at-large. For smaller Sections, two roles may be combined into a single position, for example, the Research and Education Chair (except not the chair sequence).
- IV. At the discretion of the Section Officers, additional Section Officers may be appointed. Such positions could include Section Treasurer, Section Membership Chair, Section Communications Chair, and others (see current Section organizational chart).
- V. Sections may form committees (such as Awards, Membership, Research & Education, Communications, and others) as deemed appropriate for each Section.

Section Officer Terms and Expectations

- Section Chair-Elect, Section Chair, Section Immediate Past Chair are 1-year terms in succession in each position.
- Other than the chair succession, all Section Officer positions are 2-year terms.
- All ORS Section Officers must uphold the [ORS Aspirational Ethics](#) and ORS Code of Conduct and may be removed from office if they fail to uphold these or fail to act in line with expectations defined below.

Section Officers – Structure and Roles

Section Chair

- Participate in quarterly (or as needed) Section Council meetings.
- Oversee the successful execution of all Section goals, initiatives, and related activities that align with the Section's strategic goals and with the ORS Strategic Plan.
- Set the agenda and preside over Section Officer meetings and Section business meetings.
- Present the approved Section Officer and committee volunteers to the ORS Sections Chair.

- Oversee in collaboration with Section Secretary and Section Chair-Elect the development and submission of Section related reports that highlight and summarize Section activities.
- Participate and represent the Section in meetings with the Section Chairs/Section Chair-Elects and the ORS Section Council Chair.
- Oversee the development and submission of the Section annual budget in conjunction with the Section Treasurer.

Section Chair-Elect

- Participate in regularly scheduled Section Council meetings.
- Assist the Section Chair with the execution of all section activities and step in when Chair or other Section Officers are unable to fulfill duties.
- Assist the Section Chair to set the agenda and preside over all Section meetings.
- Serve as the representative of the Section in the absence of the Section Chair.
- Lead programming and activity plans for the next year in collaboration with the current Section Chair and Section Officers.

Section Immediate Past Chair

- Participate in Section Council meetings if Section Chair or Section Chair Elect are unable to attend.
- Assist the Section Chair with execution of all section activities and step in when Chair or other Section Officers are unable to fulfill duties.
- Serve as a resource and provide guidance to Section Officers as needed.
- Serve as a special project/initiatives leader as needed for a Section satellite meeting, collaboration, partnership program, session, workshop, or other collaborations with another ORS Section.
- Assist in promoting ORS Section membership, meetings, events, and other activities within the ORS and greater scientific community.

Section Secretary

- Record the minutes of all Section meetings and distribute to the Section Officers in collaboration with the ORS Section Staff Liaison.
- Assist Section Chair and Section Chair-Elect in the development and submission of all Section related reports that highlight and summarize Section activities.
- Assist Section Chair on assembling the agenda for all meetings.

Section Research Chair

- Oversee the development of the scientific content for the Section scientific meeting at the ORS Annual Meeting and assist with programming for any Section related workshops, sessions, or satellite meetings. Scientific content and programming including selection speakers and presenters or topics.

- Work closely with Section Officers, particularly Education Chair, to promote awards and publications to complement scientific activities.
- Work closely with other Section Officers to co-organize and participate in sessions in support of the needs of Section Membership.
- Participate in ORS meetings as requested to ensure collaboration, to avoid redundancy, and to promote integration with the ORS Annual Meeting.

Section Education Chair

- Oversees the Section awards process in collaboration with the Section Chair and Chair-Elect and other officers. Develop selection committee and coordination of all Section awards.
- Develop and explore opportunities for publications including consensus articles or invited reviews from invited speakers and webinar participants in collaboration with the editors of JOR, JOR Spine, and other relevant journals.
- Work closely with other Section Officers, particularly the Research Chair, to develop scientific programming activities at the Section Meeting, webinars, and other associated scientific conferences in support of the needs of ORS Section Membership.
- Participate in ORS meetings as requested to ensure collaboration, to avoid redundancy, and to promote integration with the ORS Annual Meeting

Section Member-At-Large

A Section Member-at-Large supports scientific, educational, and special topics or activities of the Section membership to achieve Section goals.

- Serve as part of Section leadership by actively participating in all Section Officer meetings or activities as designated by the Section.
- Assist with the planning of Section meetings, events, or membership activities.
- All other duties as designated by the Section Chair.

Section Treasurer

The Section Treasurer works with the Section Chair and other Officers to develop the annual Budget Request Form and, when applicable, satellite meeting budgets.

Section Membership Chair

The Section Membership Chair will:

- Be knowledgeable about the requirements and benefits of ORS and ORS Section membership.
- Oversee the activities of the Section Membership Committee
- Report to the ORS Membership Committee and may be invited to participate in ORS Membership Committee meetings.

- Work with the ORS team in the development of Section member needs assessments or related evaluations as needed.
- Collaborate with the ORS staff and Membership Committee related to Section membership recruitment, engagement, and retention initiatives.

Section Communications Chair

- Oversee the content for the Section newsletter, related Section communications, and social media, and collaborate with ORS staff on scheduling and dissemination.
- Oversee the Section Communications Committee and related initiatives.
- Collaborate with the Section Officers and other committees in the development of Section member outreach.

Section Officer Meetings

Section Officer meetings are held monthly and last no more than 1 hour. Officers may also opt to meet on-site during the ORS Annual Meeting in person either informally or request time to meet in a space provided at the meeting venue for official business.

Volunteer Criteria and Eligibility

All ORS and ORS Section members in good standing are eligible to apply. Selection of members to appoint into Section Officer positions will be handled by the Section as outlined below. Volunteers selected to serve in any Section office or committee are expected to participate in regularly scheduled conference calls and to be an active contributing member of the committee or Section.

To serve as a Section Officer or on a Section committee, Section members are expected to:

- Be an ORS and ORS Section member in good standing with membership dues paid through the current membership year.
 - For Section Officers, the Section member must be Established or Early Career ORS members.
 - For Section Committee members, the Section member may be any ORS member category.
- Participate in all Section officer and/or Section committee meetings, typically through monthly conference calls, and actively contribute to the development and implementation of Section activities.
- Participate in Section activities including virtual scientific sessions, satellite meetings, and technical and networking Section activities at the ORS Annual Meeting.

Section Officer Selection Process

- The Section Nominating Committee will consist of current Section Chair, Section Chair-Elect and immediate Past Chair.

- The Section Nominating Committee will review the current volunteer roster and pending open positions with the ORS Staff Liaison to ensure all information is up to date and accurate **by September 1.**
- A call for Section Officers will be sent to all Section members **by September 15.**
- Officer candidates should be a current member of the Section who will have completed their current ORS volunteer service position at the conclusion of the upcoming ORS Annual Meeting
- Section Officer candidate nominations can be either self nominations or nominations by a Section member, and are to be **received by October 15.**
- The Section Nominating Committee will select a slate of candidates, two minimum and three maximum, for each open position **by November 1.**
- The slate of candidates are to be kept confidential until approved by the Volunteer Appointment Committee (VAC) and ORS Board of Directors.
- The Section Nominating Committee will submit the slate of candidates to the Volunteer Appointment Committee for approval by **November 1,** to confirm that no candidate will be serving in conflicting volunteer roles and to verify that the nominees reflect the diversity goals of the ORS.
- The election process for the Section Officers will be managed by the ORS staff through an online voting mechanism open to section members. **The election will be launched by December 1.**
- The election outcome will be shared with the ORS Section Council Chair and ORS Board of Directors.
- ORS staff will send communication to the selected and not selected candidates.
- Section Officer terms will begin and conclude immediately after the ORS Annual Meeting.