

Refractive Surgery Alliance Society

By-Laws

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Purpose

- To bring the benefits of refractive surgery to more people, through collaboration.
- To create an alliance of refractive surgeons to provide the leadership to advance refractive surgery through education, research, management, patient care and other activities.
- To grow refractive surgery by growing each member's practice.

General Membership

Ophthalmologists

1. Open enrollment to ophthalmologists meeting the following criteria:
 - a. Demonstrated commitment to refractive surgery
 - b. Board certified or board eligible in ophthalmology
 - c. Expressed interest in refractive surgery
 - d. Good standing in the medical community
2. New member applications will be reviewed by the Chairman.
3. Members shall be required to sign the Conditions of Membership document upon enrollment
4. Members may be expelled by the decision of the Chairman for perceived activities that violate the Conditions of Participation without recourse.

Collaborative Personnel

1. Open to Executives, Optometrists, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners working in the same practice as a current RSA Ophthalmologist member
 - a. New member applications must be sponsored by a current RSA Ophthalmologist member, who must agree to receive the RSA Alliance Collaborative Care or Executive Forum
 - b. May remain members of the RSA only as long as the sponsoring RSA ophthalmologist is a member
2. Have access to the following benefits and resources
 - a. Participation in the RSA Alliance Collaborative Care Member Forum
 - b. Attendance at all RSA Member Events in the presence of their sponsoring RSA Ophthalmologist member, with the exception of events listed as "physicians-only"
 - c. Attendance at all (Collaborative Care or Executive) Section events, webinars, and other activities
 - d. Listing on the RSA web page at www.RefractiveAlliance.com in the Collaborative Care or Executive Section

Structure

1. Membership
 - a. General Membership – Unlimited enrollment to board-certified or board-eligible ophthalmologists meeting the criteria listed above
 - b. Engineers, Scientists and Entrepreneurs – Those working in the General Member's practice, or teaching in RSA educational programs, subject to the approval of the Chairman.

- c. Collaborative Care Section Membership – Open to Optometrists, Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners working in the same practice as a current RSA Ophthalmologist member

2. Administration

- a. The Chairman shall appoint an Administrator and other personnel, as needed, to manage the day-to-day affairs of the organization
- b. Payment of the Administrator shall occur within a compensation range commensurate to similar organizations
- c. Selection of vendors to the Refractive Surgery Alliance Society shall occur by the Administrator in coordination and subject to approval by the Chairman

Membership Fees

- Annual Membership Dues:
 - Ophthalmologists
 - Full Membership & Advisors: \$800
 - New Physician Membership: \$100
 - Per year after training, for the first 4 years in practice
 - At 5 years, members must convert to Full Membership.
 - New Physicians may opt for Full Membership at any time.
 - Residents and Fellows: \$50
 - Military Personnel: \$100
 - Full-Time Charitable Organization: \$100
 - Collaborative Care Section
 - Full Membership & Advisors: \$500
 - Recent Graduates: \$100
 - \$100 per year after training, for the first 4 years in practice
 - At 5 years, members must convert to Full Membership.
 - May opt for Full Membership at any time.
 - Residents and Fellows: \$50
 - Military Personnel: \$100
 - Full-Time Charitable Organization: \$100
- Fees are billed in December for the upcoming year
- Dues for new members who join after July 1 of each year shall apply through the following year.
- Fees may be modified at the discretion of the Chairman.
- Failure to pay fees in a timely manner shall result in the removal of the member from the RSA webpage and loss of access to RSA activities and events.
- Fees are non-refundable.

Permitted use of membership fees

- Support for meetings (venue, food, AV, etc.)
- Payment to vendors
- Administrative expenses (administrative, accounting, legal, travel, entertainment, meetings, etc.)

Activities

The following activities and events generally occur as noted below:

- Stand-alone Meetings and Symposia, as opportunities arise
- Receptions
- Events, e.g., the RSA Premier Practice Showcase, meetings at practices, etc. as opportunities arise
- Online email forums
- Ad hoc committees, sections, and activities
- Educational programs

Services

The Refractive Surgery Alliance Society will:

- Provide private Members-Only Email Forums for both the Ophthalmologist members, the Collaborative Care Section, and the Executives Section
- Maintain the Refractive Surgery Alliance Society web page
- Manage Society funds
- Administer the “Activities” listed in the previous section.

Fees paid for these services shall be within a range commensurate to similar organizations.

Ownership

The Refractive Surgery Alliance Society is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Refractive Surgery Alliance, Inc., a for-profit Delaware corporation. The Refractive Surgery Alliance Society shall be run on a break-even basis as much as is practicable. Management control shall be under the Chairman, Guy M. Kezirian, MD, MBA, FACS, FWCRS. Operational control of the Refractive Surgery Alliance Society shall occur in coordination with the Administrator(s).

Support from Suppliers

Except for the support provided above by SurgiVision® Consultants, Inc., no support, donations or sponsorships will be accepted from manufacturers or distributors in the ophthalmic industry (“Suppliers”). Any fees paid to the Refractive Surgery Alliance Society from industry customers will be for services provided to those customers.

Nothing in these By-Laws shall prevent RSA members from working with Suppliers directly, in their own professional capacity.

Revisions to these By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Refractive Surgery Alliance Society may be updated from time-to-time to reflect the evolving nature of the organization, without notice. The organization is governed according to the latest revision.

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