CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws of the College and recommending changes or additions to the Board of Trustees and Membership.

OBJECTIVES

1. Monitor the programs, committees, and College activities, in order to incorporate any applicable changes or updates to the Bylaws.
2. Make suggestions to the Board of Trustees as appropriate regarding changes or updates to the Bylaws.
3. Promulgate changes to the Bylaws to the membership.

COMMITTEE REPORT

After performing a review of the ACG Constitution and Bylaws, the Committee proposed changes to Article I relating to Associate Membership qualifications; Article II relating to the Board of Trustees; Article VII relating to Dues and Fees; Article VIII relating to Publications; and Article X relating to the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education, which were presented to and approved by the Board of Trustees and have been sent to the membership with the 2026 Notice of the Annual Business Meeting. The membership will have the opportunity to vote on these changes at the Annual Business Meeting on Monday, October 12, 2026, at the Music City Center in the Karl F. Dean Grand Ballroom A (Level 4).

The Bylaws are available for all members to review on the ACG website at **webfiles.gi.org/docs/about/ACGBylaws.pdf**.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all applications for Associate Membership, Advanced Practice Provider Membership, Resident/Trainee Membership, Membership, International Membership and Fellowship, and shall report its recommendations to the Board of Trustees at least twice annually.

OBJECTIVES

1. Evaluate applications for membership to the College.
2. Work with the Governors so that criteria for Advancement to Fellowship are clear and encourage them to review membership yearly and contact members who seem eminently qualified for advancement.
3. Work with the Governors so that criteria for direct election to Fellowship are clear.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Credentials Committee met in person in October 2025 and by Zoom meeting in January 2026, April 2026, and June 2026. The Committee reviewed a total of 284 applications for Membership, Fellowship, and International Membership and made the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

- 125 candidates were advanced to Fellowship
- 104 candidates were elected to Membership
- 55 candidates were elected to International Membership
- 1 candidate was elected to Direct Fellowship

The Chair reviewed and approved 1483 applications for Student/Resident/Trainee Membership and approved 659 applications for Associate and Advanced Practice Provider Membership from August 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The total number added to the rolls by this report is therefore 2302.

The Committee will meet during the October Annual Meeting to consider additional applications for the period of June 2026 through October 2026.