

ESPN – election of honorary members

Introduction

ESPN offers honorary membership for up to two distinguished senior members each year. It is normally expected that these individuals will have retired from clinical practice. They should have made significant contributions to paediatric kidney care at local, national and international level and also have made significant contributions to the work of the ESPN.

Honorary membership entitles the holder to lifetime free society membership. In their year of election, the new honorary members will be offered free registration for the annual ESPN congress.

Nomination process

1. A call for honorary membership nominations will be made via member newsletters and on the ESPN website in January each year.
2. Nomination for honorary membership is made by any two ESPN members in good standing.
3. Candidates for honorary membership are not usually informed that they have been proposed.
4. A proforma nomination form should be completed (available on the ESPN website) which outlines the applicant's contribution to paediatric kidney care
5. Applications are returned by email to a central ESPN secretariat address
6. The deadline for applications will usually be February each year, approximately 2 weeks prior to the ESPN council meeting

Election process

1. Completed applications are distributed to council members after deadline
2. Applications will be assessed by council members and a decision taken at the spring council meeting
3. The successful honorary members will be informed by email by ESPN secretariat (on behalf of the president) and invited to that year's annual congress to be presented with their honorary membership at the society's AGM
4. Proposers of the successful and unsuccessful candidates will be informed by email (on behalf of the president)
5. New honorary members' names are added to the ESPN website after the congress
6. Unsuccessful candidates may be proposed in future years

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