Policy: Membership

1. Admission of more than one Member Society from a country.
   1.1 Multiple Member Societies may be admitted from one country if, and only if, a] agreement on a single Member Society has not proved possible, and b] the arrangement is approved by a two-thirds majority of IMIA's Member Societies.

2. Associate Members
   2.1. The Chairpersons of Special Interest Groups and Working Groups (one person per group) shall be Associate Members for the duration of their terms of office as chairpersons.

3. Honorary Fellowship
   3.1. Nominations for Honorary Fellowship are made by the Nominating Committee, or by recommendation of the IMIA Board.
   3.2. To acknowledge the contributions of a colleague who has died, the General Assembly of IMIA may confer Honorary Fellowship posthumously.

4. Institutional Members
   4.1. In general, teaching institutions may qualify as Academic Institutional Members, and organizations in the private or public sector as Corporate Institutional Members.

5. Observers
   5.1. Representatives from countries which have no IMIA Member Society, and
       • who are applying for membership of IMIA, or
       • who are engaged in or planning significant medical informatics activities, or
       • who have had their membership of IMIA terminated or rejected may, by a majority vote of the General Assembly, be accepted as Observers at IMIA meetings for a period of one year at a time.
6. Admission and Termination

6.1. Admission
The General Assembly shall decide on the admission of Member Societies, Regional Members, Affiliate Members, Honorary Fellows and Institutional Members upon recommendation of the Board. All admissions must be accepted by a two-thirds majority vote of Members with full voting privileges represented in person or by proxy, at the IMIA General Assembly.

6.2. Application for Membership from a Country Already Represented
If an application is received from a country already represented by a Member Society, the Board shall present a report to the General Assembly, which shall then decide on the Membership arrangements for the country concerned.

6.3. Termination
A Member may withdraw from IMIA at the end of any calendar year, provided the Member gives timely notice in writing to the Secretary of the Board. If a Member has not paid the fees for the two preceding years, the question of terminating the Membership has to be brought to the General Assembly by the Board.

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