

ABAT Membership Categories Summary for ABAT 2017 Election

I. Current ABAT Bylaws (ABAT Bylaws Revision – January 1, 2009)

Section 2. Membership categories.

The ABAT shall have the following membership categories:

a) Diplomat. Members in good standing who have been certified by credentials review, examination, and other criteria, as having exceptional knowledge, experience and competence in clinical toxicology. Diplomates hold all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of members.

b) Diplomat, Inactive. A member who fails to submit appropriate and acceptable renewal documents, as specified, or who is delinquent in dues to either the Academy or the ABAT shall be considered an inactive member of the ABAT effective at the date of the next annual meeting. A member may also request to be placed in the category of Diplomat Inactive. A Diplomat, Inactive may no longer use the abbreviation of DABAT after their name, the individual's membership status will be changed on all lists, documents and other official notices to Diplomates, and all privileges, rights and benefits will be denied. These individuals will no longer be eligible for elected or appointed positions until all delinquent ABAT dues are paid, Academy status and dues are current and ABAT renewal criteria have been fulfilled.

c) Diplomat Emeritus. A member who has left the active practice of clinical toxicology and who has a lifelong distinguished career in clinical toxicology and service to ABAT may be nominated by the Board and elected by the membership as Diplomat Emeritus. Each member elected to Diplomat Emeritus will be given an appropriate certificate indicating such status and may attend all meetings and functions, is eligible for reduced fees and charges as deemed appropriate by the Directors and may vote in all elections for which Members are eligible to vote.

II. Current AACT Bylaws {Revisions Adopted by the Membership 5/28/08}

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Academy shall be of four classes:

Individual Voting Members

Emeritus Members

Student Members

Institutional Members

In addition, the honorary status of Fellow of the Academy may be conferred upon Individual Voting or Emeritus Members by the Board of Trustees.

2. Individual Voting Members are all individual members other than Emeritus or Student Members. They shall meet requirements and shall receive membership benefits as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees. Any Individual Voting Member of the Academy shall be eligible to vote in elections and on any question put to the membership for a vote and to hold Office or Trusteeship.

3. Emeritus Members are individual members who have retired from the active practice of toxicology and are so approved by the Board. They shall meet requirements as deemed appropriate and shall receive membership benefits as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees. Any Emeritus Member shall not be eligible to vote in elections nor on any question put to the membership for a vote, nor to hold Office or Trusteeship.

4. Student members are individual members in formal academic or clinical training programs. They shall meet such requirements and shall receive membership benefits as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees. Any Student Member shall not be eligible to vote in elections nor on any question put to the membership for a vote, nor to hold Office or Trusteeship. After completion of the training, a student member becomes a Voting Member, subject to prevailing dues in the next fiscal year.

5. Institutional members are organizations including for-profit and not-for profit corporations, government agencies, and institutions. They shall meet requirements and receive such benefits as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees. Any Institutional Member of the Academy shall be eligible to cast a single vote in elections and on any question put to the membership for a vote. Institutional Members may not hold Office or Trusteeship.

6. Fellows of the Academy are honored by elevated status conferred by the Board of Trustees in recognition of their significant contributions to the field of clinical toxicology and service to the Academy. To be eligible for consideration to Fellow status, the Individual Voting or Emeritus member shall meet such requirements as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

III. AACT MEMBERSHIP TYPES (clintox.org accessed 9 May 2017)

Membership Types

Membership levels:

Full Member: Any professional with interest in the field of toxicology can become a full member and receive access to Clinical Toxicology as well as the ability to vote. A full member received discounts on educational programs, namely a registration reduction for NACCT as well as other member benefits as described below. The annual fee is \$250.

Fellow in Training: Any trainee currently enrolled in a recognized medical or clinical toxicology fellowship program can become a fellow in training. This member type cannot vote but receives the journal as well as discounts on educational programs and the other member benefits described below. There is no fee associated with this level of membership.

Student: Any student or resident actively enrolled in an academic program (at any level) with an interest in toxicology can become a student member. This member can purchase the journal at a discounted rate (\$75/year) while receiving discounts on

educational programs as well as the other member benefits described below. There is no fee associated with this level of membership.

Emeritus: Any member with the honor of FAACT who is retired from active practice can be considered for Emeritus status. This member type cannot vote and can purchase the journal at the members discount (\$75/year) and receives discounts on educational programs, namely NACCT registration and other member benefits as described below. There is no fee associated with this level of membership.

International Member: Any member of either EAPCCT or APAMT that receives the journal through their parent organization. An international member has the ability to vote as well as receives discounts on educational programs, namely a registration deduction for NACCT as well as the other member benefits described below. The annual fee is \$150.

Membership Benefits:

Clinical Toxicology: access current and archived copies of the Journal, Clinical Toxicology, the leading international journal in the field of toxicology, with a 2015 impact factor of 2.89

The North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology (NACCT): membership discount for the premier, annual toxicology scientific meeting co-sponsored by the AACT and AAPCC

Specialty Sections: the opportunity to interact with professionals who have similar interests and to participate in specific educational and research forums

Research Awards: numerous member-only research awards and funding opportunities

Webinars: free-to-members continuing education offered at least six times annually

Question of the Day: relevant questions and answers on multiple toxicology subjects

Membership Directory: contact information for fellow professionals who may be able to resolve challenging problems and collaborate on research project

IV. Mid-Winter Board Meeting Minutes January 23, 2017

Quoting from the Minutes:

Emeritus Status working Committee

AACT does not want ABAT awarding Emeritus status to members, but rather prefers only AACT award Emeritus status. The Board agreed to update the Emeritus definition in the bylaws to reflect that this award is no longer offered, but that those previously awarded Emeritus status will continue to be recognized as such. The Bylaws changes will be submitted to AACT prior to sending out to the ABAT members for a vote.

V. Proposed new ABAT Bylaws "Membership Categories" for 2017 ballot:

Diplomate of ABAT (DABAT)

Members in good standing who have been certified by credentials review, examination, and other criteria, as having exceptional knowledge, experience and competence in Clinical Toxicology. Diplomates hold all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of members. This individual continues professional licensure where required, maintains Certification Renewal as required by ABAT, may vote and serve on ABAT committees, may run for and be elected to the ABAT Board and ABAT offices and continues Active Member status in AACT.

ABAT Inactive (ABAT-I)

A member, who fails to submit appropriate and acceptable renewal documents, or is delinquent in dues to either the AACT or the ABAT, shall be considered an inactive member of the ABAT effective at the date of determination as ABAT-I by the ABAT Board. A member may also request to be placed in the category of ABAT-I. An ABAT-I may no longer use the abbreviation of DABAT after their name, the individual's membership status will be changed on all lists, documents and other official notices, and all privileges, rights and benefits of Active membership will be denied. These individuals will no longer be eligible for elected or appointed positions until all delinquent ABAT dues are paid, AACT status and dues are current and ABAT Certification Renewal criteria have been fulfilled. An ABAT-I is no longer an active board certified Clinical Toxicologist and does not pay dues or renew certification. ABAT-I will continue to receive the ABAT newsletter until they elect not to do so.

Emeritus

Effective 1 September 2017, ABAT no longer awards ABAT Emeritus. Those distinguished members who previously received Emeritus status by the ABAT will retain their ABAT Emeritus designated "ABAT-E".

DABAT active members are encouraged to pursue AACT Emeritus upon retiring from active Clinical Toxicology practice. Any DABAT with the honor of FAACT who is retiring from active Clinical Toxicology practice can apply for Emeritus status as defined in the AACT Bylaws. ABAT Certification Renewals and maintenance of professional licensure are not required for Emeritus members. Emeritus members shall not be eligible to vote in elections or on any question put to the membership for a vote, shall not hold Office or Trusteeship or be elected as Board Member. Emeritus members may still participate on workgroups, committees and ad hoc projects. Emeritus members will remain on email lists and maintain access to the ABAT and AACT member sections of the AACT website. Emeritus members can purchase the journal Clinical Toxicology at the members discount and receive discounts on educational programs, NACCT registration and other member benefits. There is no membership fee associated with Emeritus status.