

**Membership Classification - Generally.** All new members shall belong to the National Society and at least one Chapter, except that the Chapter membership requirement may be waived by the National Executive Board if the applicant resides in an area where there is no Chapter established. New members in the National Society shall be classified as either - Full Members, Associate Members or Auxiliary Members. All new members shall satisfy at least one Membership Category and shall enter the National Society as Associate Members or Auxiliary Members until such time as they may qualify and be approved by the Chapter and/or National Executive Boards as a Full Member. Advancement from Associate Member to Full Member classification shall be at the discretion of the Chapter Executive Board or at the discretion of the National Executive Board if no Chapter affiliation exists, subject to the qualifications, requirements and provisions set forth herein.

**Membership Classification - Associate Member.** Each new member accepted for membership in the National Society by the Chapter and/or National Executive Boards shall initially be classified an Associate Member until such time as they may qualify for Full Member classification.

- A. **Probationary Period.** Each Associate Member shall remain an Associate Member for a probationary period of one (1) year, during which time the Membership Committee and those members familiar with the daily activities of the new Associate Member will have an opportunity to evaluate the Associate Member. At any time during the one (1) year probationary period, membership of such an Associate Member in the National Society may be terminated by the Chapter or National Executive Boards with or without cause.
- B. **Associate Member Privileges.** Associate Members may attend meetings and seminars, but may not vote or hold office.
- C. **Associate Member Agreements.** Associate Members agree as follows: (i) to abide by and adhere to the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society and any State Chapter(s) to which they belong, (ii) not to release, in any form, to anyone not a Member of the National Society, any information as may be delivered to the Associate Member including, but not limited to, membership lists, newsletter information, information pertaining to training meetings, business meetings, and seminars. **(Exception - dissemination of information regarding newsletter information, information pertaining to training meetings, business meetings, and seminars for NSPII® marketing purposes or advancement of NSPII® goals and objectives is not prohibited.)**