

# **The Young Urologic Oncologists Section of the Society of Urologic Oncology Bylaws**

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The Young Urologic Oncologists Section (hereafter referred to as the "YUO") has been created to enable residents, fellows, and members of the Society of Urologic Oncology (hereafter referred to as "SUO") who are primarily interested in urologic oncology, to meet for the purpose of initiation, discussion, and development of ideas, which will improve the care of patients with malignant urologic disease.

The YUO and its bylaws shall conform to the guidelines and bylaws of the SUO. Projects in the areas of internal government, legislation, or public relations shall be undertaken only with the advice and consent of the SUO. The activities of the YUO shall be intimately coordinated with those of the SUO.

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Young Urologic Oncology Section of the Society of Urologic Oncology.

## **ARTICLE II- OBJECTIVES**

A. To foster interaction between urologic oncologists during their training and first seven years of their career by:

1. Providing a forum for the discussion of problems relating to malignant urologic disease.
2. Stimulating research in, and the teaching of, urologic oncology.
3. Encouraging collaborations and cooperative efforts between young urologic oncologists.
4. Allowing opportunities for presentation of research and critical peer review of data.

B. To bring into membership in the Society urologists whose work is entirely, or principally, with malignant disease.

C. To be available as consultants to the Executive Board of the Society of Urologic Oncology on matters relating to early career issues.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

A. Qualifications: Membership in the YUO Section of the Society of Urologic Oncology shall consist of fellows, scientists, and board certified or eligible

physicians who have a continued and sustained interest in the field of urologic cancer, devote at least 75% of his/her total professional effort in the field of urologic oncology, and have some post-residency training in urologic oncology. Membership is limited to the first 7.5 years after completion of fellowship (i.e. through the SUO Annual/Winter Meeting following the 7<sup>th</sup> year), unless a member becomes an officer of the steering committee. Members of the steering committee will finish the 3 year term and serve a 1 year term as Co-Chair even if they are 7.5 year beyond graduation from fellowship.

B. Rights: A member shall have the right of suffrage, of participation in the Annual YUO Meeting and shall be eligible to hold any office or receive any honor or gift of the YUO.

C. Termination of Membership: Termination of membership will be under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of the SUO. The YUO will have no power to terminate membership. Guidelines for termination and reinstatement are documented in the bylaws of the SUO.

D. Dues: None. Members of the YUO who are also members of the SUO are required to pay dues as documented in bylaws of the SUO.

## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

The officers of the YUO shall consist of a Co-Chairs and a steering committee. In the event the both Co-Chairs become unable to perform the duties of the Chair, most senior member(s) of the committee will take on the duties of committee stewardship.

### **Summary of Officer Positions**

<b>Positions</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Co-Chairs	1 Year
Steering Committee (9 members)	3 years
Fellow Member	2 years

## **ARTICLE V – STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY**

### **Section 1 - Membership**

After serving a 3-year term on the Steering Committee, three most-senior members of the committee will become Co-Chairs. Nine members of the Society shall be elected to serve as at-large members of the Steering Committee for a period of three years.

Nominations and elections for Steering committee membership shall take place during or immediately after the Annual Winter Meeting of the SUO. The Officers of the YUO, including Co-Chairs, will vote on the acceptance of new members to the Steering Committee after receiving applications, which are to consist of a CV and statement of interest.

In the event that an officer shall resign before the end of his/her term, or otherwise be unable to complete it, the Co-Chairs, in consultation with the remaining Steering Committee membership, shall have the power to select and appoint a YUO society member to fill this vacancy for the balance of this term.

The Steering Committee will also include one fellow member, charged with supporting social media and digital efforts mapping to the YUO mission. The fellow will be a non-voting member of the Steering Committee.

Nominations and elections for the fellow member shall take place during or immediately after the Annual/Winter Meeting of the SUO every other year. The Officers of the YUO, including Co-Chairs, will vote on the acceptance of a new fellow member after receiving applications, which are to consist of a CV and statement of interest.

## **Section 2 – Meetings**

A. Number: There shall be a meeting of the Steering Committee at the AUA/Spring Meeting and Annual/Winter meeting of the SUO. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the Co-Chairs.

B. Place: The date, time, and place shall be selected by the Steering Committee.

C. Quorum: A simple majority shall be considered a quorum.

D. Attendance: All officers and the elected members are expected to attend all meetings of the Steering Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

The Co-Chairs shall appoint the following Committees annually and designate one member to serve as Chairman:

A. Special or Action Committees: These may be appointed by the Co-Chairs to look into matters related to early career issues for urologic oncologists. Such committees will serve until the specific assignment is completed and its report is accepted by the Steering Committee, or for three years, whichever is shorter. A committee with ongoing business after three years may be reappointed.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

The YUO Society shall meet annually. The meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual/Winter Meeting of the SUO.

During the Annual/Winter SUO meeting, there may be an Annual Scientific Meeting open to all members and invited guests of the YUO. Essayists and discussants shall be YUO members or invited guests. Additional scientific meetings may be organized by the YUO, including a Spring Meeting organized in conjunction with the AUA/Spring Meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS**

Any member of the Society may originate a proposed change in the Rules of Procedure or an amendment thereto at the time of the Annual Meeting. The proposal will be considered by the Steering Committee. If it is not found at variance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the YUO, the proposal shall be circulated to the members of the YUO at least one month before the next Annual Meeting. It shall then be placed on the agenda for consideration. Voting will be limited to those attending the Annual Meeting. A favorable vote by 2/3 of members present will constitute acceptance, and said amendment will be so incorporated into the bylaws as a constitutional amendment. Vote by proxy is disallowed.

## **ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

"Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall be the parliamentary authority for all proceedings for the Society.

## **ARTICLE X – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **A. Duties of the Steering Committee of the Society:**

1. Members shall attend the Annual/Winter Meeting of the SUO and one additional meeting at the AUA/Spring Meeting.
2. Members shall assist the chairman of the Program Committee in review of all YUO abstracts submitted to the Annual/Winter Meeting.
3. Members shall act as consultant to the Executive Committee SUO.
4. The fellow member of the steering committee will support social media and digital efforts oriented towards promoting the core mission of the YUO.

### **B. Duties of the Co-Chairs of the Society:**

1. The Co-Chairs shall preside at the Annual/Winter Meeting of the YUO and any interim meetings. If absent, the Co-Chairs shall assign this responsibility to another member of the Steering Committee.
2. The Co-Chairs shall serve as Chairpersons of the Steering Committee and preside at all Steering Committee meetings. The Co-Chairs shall appoint chairmen and members to the standing and special committees of the YUO as necessary.
3. The Co-Chairs shall make an annual report of the YUO in writing, and whenever possible, in person, and shall receive the reports of the special and action committees.
4. The Co-Chairs shall prepare an annual report to the SUO Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE XI – QUORUM**

A. A quorum for the Annual meeting of the YUO shall consist of 1/3 of the current YUO enrollment.

B. A quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Steering Committee shall consist of a simple majority.