

**Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society
Americas Chapter**

Membership Committee

Objective

We propose to establish a Membership Committee within the Americas Chapter of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS-AM). In concert with TERMIS and the TERMIS Membership Committee, the Membership Committee will lead endeavors related to the expansion, both in number and in diversity, of the membership within TERMIS-AM. Specific objectives include increasing TERMIS-NA representation from all areas within Americas, diversifying TERMIS-AM representation to include clinical, government, and industrial members, and engaging students and young investigators to increase their participation in TERMIS-AM.

Approach

The TERMIS-AM Membership Committee will explore a number of avenues to achieve the stated objectives. Building upon the professional relationships on the Membership Committee members, we will directly contact target populations to invite their participation in TERMIS-AM. The Membership Committee will actively recruit young and new members in related societies, including the Biomedical Engineering Society, the International Society for Cellular Therapy, and the Society for Biomaterials. The Membership Committee will reach out to related fields, including clinical, industrial, and governmental organizations, to engage their participation. It is proposed that the Membership Committee meets four times a year on a conference call, and once a year at the TERMIS-AM annual meeting.

Committee Criteria

Establishment

The Membership Committee was established in June 2010. Following the committee proposal, the Membership Committee will lead endeavors related to the expansion, both in number and in diversity, of the membership within TERMIS-AM.

Committee Members

The Membership Committee will consist of up to 8 members, one of which will serve as Chair.

The Chair will serve a term of three (3) years. The recommendation for the incoming Chair will be made by the TERMIS-AM Chair and the individual will be appointed by the TERMIS-AM Council.

Each member will serve a 2 year term. Members of the Membership Committee will be recommended by the Chair and approved by the TERMIS-AM Continental Council.

Committee Member Expectations

All members of the Membership Committee must also be members of TERMIS. The Membership Committee will meet when needed. It is anticipated that the committee will meet four times a year on a conference call, and once a year at the TERMIS-AM annual meeting. The Chair of the Membership Committee will present the work of the committee to the TERMIS-AM Continental Council and also work in concert with the other TERMIS-AM Committee Chairs (Industry, External Affairs, Nominating, and Awards).