

Affiliate Members will now sit at the ABC Advisory Board

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Ana Leonor Chies Santiago Santos and Raquel Cardoso de Melo Minardi were elected by their peers as full representatives. Jaqueline Godoy Mesquita will be the first surrogate and Rodrigo Nunes da Fonseca will be the second. The first meeting that will count with the presence of the Affiliate Members representatives will be held on May 2020.

Due to the interest of Affiliate Members to participate in ABC's actions more closely and effectively, ABC's Board has decided to create two seats on the Advisory Board for representatives elected by the category.

The news had great receptivity from the Affiliates. Ten nominations and 80 votes were received.

In the opinion of the president of ABC, Luiz Davidovich, the participation of representatives of the Affiliated Members in the Advisory Council will contribute to increase the integration of young researchers in the activities of ABC. "This initiative also has the potential to bring renewing ideas to the functioning of the Academy," he added.

About Affiliate Member Category

The category was created in 2007. In the ABC Statute, Article 8 defines Affiliate Members as promising young researchers based in the regions listed in art. 3º (South, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais & Midwest, Northeast and Espírito Santo, North) nominated and chosen by Full Members acting in the same regions. The Board shall appoint and swear in Affiliate Members, up to 5 (five) per region and per year. Affiliate Members shall be entitled to participate in the activities of the Academy for a period of five (5) years, non-renewable.

Since 2007, 339 Affiliate Members have been sworn in, and of these, seven have been elected Full Members until 2019. They are Ado Jório de Vasconcelos

(Affiliate 2008-2012, sworn in 2014); Alicia Kowaltowski (Affiliate 2008-2012, sworn in 2018); Antonio Gomes de Souza Filho (Affiliate 2011-2015, sworn in 2018); Eduardo Teixeira (Affiliate 2008-2012, sworn in 2015); Fernando Codá Marques (Affiliate 2009-2013, sworn in 2014); Henrique Bursztyn (Affiliate 2008-2012, sworn in 2017) and Ricardo Ivan Ferreira da Trindade (Affiliate 2008-2012, sworn in 2019).

About the Advisory Board

Although not provided for in the Bylaws, the Advisory Board was created in 2010 to assess past actions of ABC and to suggest further actions to be taken in the future.

It is presently constituted by one representative per science area, one per region of the six determined by ABC. From 21/12/2019 on, it will also have two more representatives of Affiliate Members.

Presential or electronic meetings are always held together with the meeting of the ABC Board.

About the electoral process

For the 2019 election, a regulation has been defined by ABC, which may be changed for the coming years, as a result of the organization of the Affiliate Members themselves, at a meeting of the Advisory Council, through the elected representations, or in Assembly, always with the final approval of the ABC Board of Directors.

Paragraph 1 - The two representatives of the Affiliate Members who will be part of the ABC Advisory Council shall be elected at the end of each year by all Affiliate Members who wish to vote.

Paragraph 2 - There will be voluntary self-application at the end of the year, for a term of one year, beginning on January 1 of the following year. By applying, the Affiliate Member is automatically committed to interacting with the Affiliate

Member collective to ensure the highest possible representation in his acting, if elected.

Paragraph 3 - Affiliate Members who are in the first, second or third year of office may apply, so that, if elected, they begin the term of representative on the Council in the second, third or fourth year of Affiliation. Qualified for this election are those who took office on January 1, 2017, 2018 or 2019.

Paragraph 4 - The representatives may be reelected, if they apply more than once, provided that they fit the parameters established in the previous paragraph.

Paragraph 5 - Upon receipt of the candidatures and provided the conditions set forth in Paragraph 3, an electoral ballot shall be prepared with the names of all candidates in alphabetical order. The ballot must be returned with votes on up to 4 (four) candidates. Ballot returned with more votes will be considered void.

6^o - There will be no electoral campaign, neither for or against, made by the candidate nor by other. The important thing is that the vote is expressive, meaning it involves most of the total Affiliate members each year. In 2019, the total was 141 Affiliates with current mandate.

7th - The two most voted candidates will be Full representatives. Those ranked third and fourth will be first and second surrogate respectively.

8th - In case of a tie in the number of votes, the following criteria will be used, in this order: regional diversity, diversity of area of specialization, gender and year of affiliation.

Applications have been submitted by 15/12. The ballot was assembled and sent to the Affiliates on December 16, with a return deadline until December 22, when the valid votes were accounted for and the result disclosed.

The first Advisory Council meeting with the participation of the elected representatives of the Affiliate Members is scheduled for May.