

## IUGA Membership Policy

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

**1.1 Regular Members** – IUGA Regular Membership is open to any professional in Urogynecology, Gynecology, and Urology, including Physiotherapy, Nursing, and Research Fellows/Residents.

**1.2 Lifetime Members** – Lifetime Members are those members in good standing who after five years of regular membership upon reaching the age of 70, or who withdraw from professional activity, shall be made life members upon their written request and approval of the Board of Directors. Lifetime Members shall not be required to pay dues nor will they be entitled to vote or hold office, but they may receive an electronic copy of the Association's official journal.

**1.3 Honorary Members** – Honorary Members are those persons of distinction who have significantly contributed to the field of Urogynecology and area appointed by the Board of Directors. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay dues nor will they be entitled to vote or hold office, but they may receive an electronic copy of the Association's official journal.

**1.4 Affiliate Members** – Affiliate Members are those who are members of national or regional societies, whose dues are paid directly through the society at a discounted rate. These members are eligible to select one of three member options, including (1) IUGA membership with hardcopy and electronic access to the IUJ, (2) IUGA membership with only electronic access to the IUJ and no hardcopy journal, and (3) IUGA membership with no electronic or hardcopy access to the IUJ. These members must keep their membership current with their national society in order to maintain IUGA membership.

### 2. MEMBERSHIP DUES

**1.1** Membership dues are \$150 for Regular members and may be paid online with a credit card through the IUGA website (membership dues are subject to change upon notification by the IUGA office). If someone is unable to pay dues through the IUGA website, he/she may complete the IUGA Credit Card Authorization Form or send a check for \$150. IUGA membership includes one year subscription to the International Urogynecology Journal (hardcopy journal and electronic access through IUGA website), substantial discount in Annual Meeting Registration and Regional Symposia, IUGA Quarterly Newsletter, access to IUGA *Member Only* web content, eligibility to apply for grants and 50% discount on online store items.

- 1.2 New Members – Membership begins on the day the member pays their dues and will end one year from that date. If a member signs up before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, he/she will receive their first journal two months after sign-up; members who sign up after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will receive their first journal three months after sign-up.
- 1.3 Existing Members – Members will receive a renewal notice 30 days before expiration, the day their membership expires, and 7 days after expiration.