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Service on the AST Board and Committees

Overview:

Conflicts may arise from administrative roles held by an AST board or committee member with other organizations whose activities may be affected by activities of AST. In accordance with the AST's conflict of interest policy statement and disclosure procedures, such positions must be revealed. Guiding principles for service on the AST board of directors and committees must also be identified and implemented to avoid conflicts of interest.

Guiding Principles for Service on the AST Board of Directors

1. The ability to provide dispassionate judgment when voting on AST business items is essential in the course of AST board business.
2. Board members must be sensitive to the other administrative roles they may hold with competitive or non-competitive societies and respect the confidentiality of AST business matters when participating in their other administrative role.
3. If the member is unable to provide dispassionate judgment when voting on AST business items, the member will be excluded from part or all of the discussion of the relevant matter.

The following are considered significant conflicts of interest and/or commitment, and are prohibited:

1. Simultaneous service on the AST Board of Directors and another board of directors (or equivalent) of a patient or professional organization whose mission includes organ transplantation or donation.
2. Simultaneous service as an officer of a transplant regulatory governing body.

Board nominations are also discouraged from members serving as non-officers on the board of directors for other societies with advanced organ failure and transplantation as their mission. The Governance Committee will determine, on a case-by-case basis, the eligibility of nominees who currently serve in a non-officer position on a professional medical society governing body based upon potential conflicts of interest and conflicts of commitment.

Current board members offered appointments to other donation or transplant-related boards must report this potential conflict and notify the President. Each occurrence will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the AST Board of Directors to consider potential conflicts of interest and conflicts of commitment.

Board members who serve on an OPTN/UNOS committee that disseminates a proposal for public comment are encouraged to participate in discussion of such proposals but must recuse themselves from any related vote. Members will be asked to leave the room

or conference line when voting takes place in order to maintain impartiality in decision-making.

Guiding Principles for Service on AST Committees:

1. The ability to provide dispassionate judgment when voting on AST business items is essential in the course of AST committee business.
2. Committee members must be sensitive to the other administrative roles they may hold with competitive or non-competitive societies and respect the confidentiality of AST business matters when participating in their other administrative role.
3. If the member is unable to provide dispassionate judgment when voting on AST business items, the member will be excluded from part or all of the discussion of the relevant matter.

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