Section 1. Membership

The definition of SUTA membership would overrule the contents of Article 12 of this bylaw and Section III of Amendment I, if there is any conflict or confusion of interpretation.

In this Bylaws, we refer to the people who can potentially become a regular or student member of the association, as Potential Members.

- Potential Membership is not a membership category and being a Potential Member does not entitle the person to any rights or privileges in the association.
- A Potential Member is a person who agrees with the charter (Bylaws) of this association and can be categorized in one or more of the following categories:
  a. All graduates of SUT
  b. All former students of SUT who are graduated from SUT or any other academic institutions as determined by SUTA BOD:
      - All persons who are admitted to study in SUT through national entrance exam, or all persons who are transferred to SUT, and have studied in SUT for a minimum of two (2) continuous semesters or one year are considered students.
  c. All past and present academic and administrative staff of the SUT.
  d. All past and present faculty members (Part Time or Full Time) of the SUT.

There shall be five (5) main classes of membership in SUTA, namely "Regular Member", "Student Members", "Undergraduate Student Members", "Associate Members", and "Honorary Members". Table A2.1.1 summarizes the definitions and rights of these categories, using the definition of Potential Members as above:
## Table A2.1.1: SUTA Membership Categories

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<th>Requirements to be eligible (in addition to applicable Payment)</th>
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| Student                   | -Potential Member  
- Pursuing a post-graduate degree in SUT or any other academic institution (approved by SUTA Board of Directors) | Y         | Y                             | N/A                     | B (*)                 |
| Undergraduate Student     | The current undergraduates of the Sharif University of Technology  | N         | N                             | N/A                     | B (*)                 |
| Associate                 | Neither a Potential Member nor SUT undergraduate student           | N         | N                             | -Nomination by at least one SUTA Regular or Student Member  
- Written statement  
- Approval by SUTA BOD | C (*)                 |
| Honorary                  | Has made significant contributions towards SUT and SUTA objectives | N         | N                             | -Nomination by at least two SUTA Regular or Student Members  
- Approval by SUTA BOD unanimously | N/A                 |

(*) Membership fees will be determined by the SUTA’s sitting Board of Directors. Students will pay at a reduced rate.

### I. Regular Member

A Potential Member, as defined above who has paid his/her membership dues.
- A “Regular Member” shall be entitled to vote for the election of the Board of Directors, or approval of Bylaws.
- A “Regular Member” shall be eligible to hold a seat on the Board of Directors of SUTA or a SUTA local chapter.

### II. Student Member

A Potential Member, as defined above who has paid his/her membership dues, and is pursuing his/her graduate studies (Masters or Ph.D.) in SUT or an academic institution anywhere in the world, at the time of application for membership in SUTA.
- A “Student Member” shall be entitled to vote for the election of the Board of Directors, or approval of Bylaws.
- A “Student Member” shall be eligible to hold a seat on the Board of Directors of SUTA or a SUTA local chapter.
III. Undergraduate Student Member

A current SUT undergraduate student who is not a potential member, and has paid his/her membership dues.
- An “Undergraduate Student Member” shall not be entitled to vote for the election of the Board of Directors, or approval of Bylaws.
- An “Undergraduate Student Member” shall not be eligible to hold a seat on the Board of Directors of SUTA or a SUTA local chapter.

IV. Associate Member

A person who is neither a “Potential Member” nor an “Undergraduate Student Member” as defined above, and can meet all of the following criteria:
- Has been introduced and recommended by at least one SUTA “Regular Member”, or “Student Member”.
- Has shown certain interests and ties with SUT through a statement.
- His/her membership has been approved by the unanimous vote of the sitting Board of Directors.
- Has paid his/her membership dues.

- An “Associate Member” shall not be entitled to vote for the election of the Board of Directors, or approval of Bylaws.
- An “Associate Member” shall not be eligible to hold a seat on the Board of Directors of SUTA or a SUTA local chapter.
- The SUTA Board of Directors has the authority to change the status of an “Associate Member”.

V. Honorary Members

A person who meets all of the following criteria:
- Has made a significant contribution towards achieving the objectives of the SUT or SUTA as determined by SUTA Board of Directors; and
- Has been nominated as an honorary member or by more than 2 present or past members of SUTA Board of Directors;
- Has been approved by the unanimous vote of the sitting SUTA Board of Directors.
- An “Honorary Member” shall not be entitled to vote for the election of the Board of Directors, or approval of Bylaws.
- An “Honorary Member” shall not be eligible to hold a seat on the Board of Directors of SUTA or a SUTA local chapter.
The term of membership for Regular, Student, and Associate, Members shall be for one year and will be renewed at the passing a year of membership upon payment of the annual dues.

**Section 2. SUTA Board of Directors**

I. **SUTA Board Substitute Members**

   In each term two (2) additional Substitute board members will be elected by the process defined in Section 6 of the Bylaw as amended by the Sections 2, and 4 of Amendment 1.

   1. Substitute Board Members are requested to attend all Board meetings.
   2. In absence of one (1) or two (2) Permanent Board Member(s), one (1) or two (2) Substitute Board Member(s) would gain the right to vote in that meeting.
   3. The Substitute Board Members are counted for the quorum.
   4. The Substitute Board Members who might have gained the right to vote according to the Section 2.I.2 of this Amendment, can vote on a resolution.
   5. If a SUTA Board Permanent Member is absent in three (3) consecutive Board meetings without an acceptable excuse (as determined by the majority of the rest of SUTA Board Permanent Members), s/he will be permanently replaced by one of the Substitute Board Members (based on his/her higher ranking position at the election).

**Section 3. SUTA All-Chapter Committee**

The SUTA Board Member who is the Director of Chapters, is mandated to establish and lead a committee composed of one representative from each chapter, to which local chapters report their activities. The approved decisions of this committee are transferred to SUTA Board of Directors as proposals.

- The director of chapters in each SUTA Board of directors leads these meetings.
- The exact time between consecutive All-Chapter committee meetings is decided by SUTA Director of Chapters, and shall not exceed four (4) months.