

INTEGRATED HEALTH SECTION FELLOWS DESIGNATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FASMBS-IH



PURPOSE

To recognize integrated health individuals who have made a substantial contribution through service and leadership in the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

The Integrated Health (IH) Fellows Designation Program is an elective designation to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the profession of metabolic and bariatric surgery and the ASMBS. Additionally, this designation is to encourage continued ASMBS contributions and engagement by our Integrated Health Section (IHS) members. Only those recognized by this process will be entitled to use the FASMBS-IH designation. The IH Fellows Designation Program allows this designation to be granted by the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce, a panel of distinguished ASMBS IHS colleagues who evaluate each application individually.

FASMBS-IH PROGRAM GOALS

- To acknowledge integrated health professionals who have made significant contributions to ASMBS through service including leadership, organizational structure, and education.
- To recognize integrated health clinicians who have dedicated their professional knowledge and skills to improve the quality and safety of patient care through clinical practice and academic contributions.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for the elective FASMBS-IH designation, the applicant must:

- Be an ASMBS Regular Associate member in good standing according to the bylaws for at least 5 years (can be non-consecutive years), and
- Applicants must have completed a full committee term (2 years) and at least 1 distinct leadership and 2 distinct service roles within the ASMBS, and
- Complete the FASMBS-IH application.

LIMITATIONS

FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce reserves the right to offer the FASMBS IH designation to only those applicants who meet the criteria and conditions specified by the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce.

- A FASMBS-IH member must retain an active ASMBS membership.
- If an IHS ASMBS membership lapses and is not reinstated within 180 days as consistent with the bylaws, the FASMBS-IH designation may no longer be used.
- If an IH ASMBS membership is reinstated beyond 180 days, the IH member must reapply for the fellow designation and pay the application fee.
- Military IHS members who have been deployed to active duty may request special consideration for prorated conference attendance and CME/CEU requirements

RENEWAL

FASMBS-IH designation may be renewed for additional 3-year terms contingent on completing the renewal form and submitting the renewal fee.

Senior Integrated Health Fellows

Members who are/were designated fellows at the time of their retirement may apply for designation as a Senior Fellow. Retired Senior IH Member Fellows are exempt from renewal fees once Retired Senior status is achieved.