

REVISED PROCEDURE FOR ARA MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

At the 1969 ARA Convention there was considerable discussion on the floor of the meeting and among the Executive Council regarding membership procedures. As a result, this year's membership committee took the matter under advisement, and has begun to implement a procedure which is an elaboration of the procedure followed previously, and which we believe is consistent with wishes of the membership.

Criteria for membership are as before. The revised procedure gives the membership committee and executive council additional information upon which to evaluate a membership application.

The revised membership proposal form carries the usual identification information, area of clinical specialization and research or leadership interests, certifications held, and membership in professional societies.

In addition, the membership application form carries the following information:

Membership requires a graduate degree in Audiology, Language Pathology, Deaf Education, or allied field; Demonstrated interest and background of at least five years experience in or closely related to habilitative, rehabilitative or education programs for the acoustical impaired.

The membership proposal must be supported by the following:

- A. Letter from the applicant stating his qualifications and why he wishes to join ARA, and including chronology of his experience in teaching, clinical work, research and other activities in the area, and listing publications and/or other scholarly productions,
- B. Letter from the sponsor supporting the applicant's membership, emphasizing qualifications and leadership of the applicant and

C. Letter from the secondary sponsor (not from the same institution as the applicant or the sponsor if both are from the same place) supporting the applicant's membership and covering the same areas.

The application form and supporting letters are to be sent to the membership committee chairman. After favorable action on the membership proposal by the Academy, the candidate will activate his membership by payment of the membership fee (\$10). Do not send fee in advance.

When a completed membership proposal is received by the membership committee chairman, it is circulated among the committee for action. If the three membership committee members approve of the application it is sent to the executive council. If unanimously approved by council, membership is approved. If a member of the membership committee or one of the executive council finds objection to the proposed membership, the objection will be given to the membership committee, and his sponsors will be asked to give a response to the objection. Then the proposal will be reconsidered as before with additional information.

As of April 28, 1970, membership in the Academy was 94.