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AVF Commitments to AVLS Members

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Executive Summary

The American Venous Forum (AVF) wishes to provide members of the American Venous and Lymphatic Society (AVLS) a welcoming and inclusive membership commitment providing all the benefits of AVF membership. This memo outlines several opportunities allowing AVLS members to make a seamless and cost-effective transition to the AVF.

1. Membership

The American Venous Forum (AVF) welcomes any professional seeking to advance the care of patients with venous and lymphatic diseases.

- All current members of the AVLS will be welcomed into our society and receive the full benefits of membership. The key benefits available to AVF members include:
 - Savings on all AVF meetings, programs, and products.
 - Opportunities to serve on the AVF committees and advance into leadership roles. A list of eligible committees can be seen in Exhibit A.
 - Freely access the AVF's Journal – JVSVL. As a member of the AVF, authors whose manuscripts are accepted by the JVSVL receive significant cost savings on the author publishing cost subsidy through the generous agreement by the AVF and Elsevier (APC).
 - Prioritized selection as faculty (presenters, moderators, discussants, judges, invited speakers for special sessions) for the AVF Annual Meeting and other educational events throughout the year.
 - Prioritized selection in the AVF research initiatives and guidelines development projects.
 - Eligibility for scholarships, Traveling Fellowships, and research grants.
- New members of the AVF who join before December 31, 2025, will receive a 50% discount and 2026 membership. Savings by the AVF membership categories are detailed in Exhibit B. Information about the AVF membership can be reviewed at [AVF Membership](#). To join the AVF, please use discount code **BAM!2025**. This code is good for all AVLS members through the deadline regardless of the physician's specialty background (no mandates) and includes AVLS Allied Health members who are all eligible for membership in the AVF.

2. Leadership Opportunities

The AVF recognizes the important role AVLS leaders and members have invested with respect to research, education, and advocacy, and desire to benefit from a leadership experience.

- The AVF will provide two (2) non-voting seats on the AVF Board of Directors for one year commencing on March 4, 2026. The members will be chosen by the AVF from recommendations provided by the AVLS leadership. This will not require a Bylaws change.
- AVLS members who join the AVF will be considered along with current AVF members for volunteer positions on the AVF committees (Exhibit A). The AVF standard annual request for application (RFA) process will be made available to all AVLS members who join the AVF by December 31, 2025.
- AVF committee chairs are selected by the AVF Nominations Committee at the beginning of each year. Committee leaders are chosen based on meritocracy, their leadership capabilities, and their commitment to the mission and core values of the AVF.
- AVLS members who join the AVF will be considered for chair-elect positions by the AVF Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee will welcome any recommendations from the AVLS leadership.

3. Annual Meeting

The AVF Annual Meeting, AVF 2026, is scheduled to be held in Denver from February 28 through March 4, 2026. The AVF Program Committee has finalized the program for the meeting and has already taken into consideration inclusion of AVLS members as faculty. All AVF members receive a significant discount to attend the AVF Annual Meeting. Registration rates are detailed in Exhibit C.

- The AVF will extend Early Bird Discount (Introductory Rate) to AVLS members who join the AVF before December 31, 2025. Note: The Early Bird Discount had expired November 30, 2025, but has been extended to December 31, 2025, to accommodate the AVLS member transition.
- [Register for the Annual Meeting](#) by December 31, 2025, to reserve early bird pricing — available exclusively to both current AVF and new members. Use the discount code **AVLSebreg** to leverage the combined savings: Member discount + early bird rate = exceptional value for February 28 through March 4, 2026, in Denver, CO.

4. ABVLM Recognition

The AVF community respects and recognizes the American Board of Venous and Lymphatic Medicine Members. AVLS members who join the AVF will be recognized for the distinguished board accomplishment. The AVF will work closely with ABVLM to support of the current certification process.

5. Educational Programming

The AVF welcomes new ideas providing educational content meeting the needs of diverse membership categories, especially community-based clinicians.

- The AVF Continuing Education Committee plans our non-Annual Meeting programming and recognizes the need to diversify our educational programs.
- AVLS members who join the AVF and have interest and expertise in developing special educational activities will be invited to join the Continuing Education Committee ensuring a balanced educational programming benefitting all disciplines.
- Educational programs occur throughout the year with webinars, journal clubs, case-based studies sessions, our venous early career course (VECC), International Committee webinars, and next year (2026) Pelvic Venous Disorders (PeVD) Summit. All AVF members can participate in these sessions and be considered as presenters, moderators, and subject matter experts.

The AVLS and the AVF is excited to provide the welcoming proposal set forth and is hopeful AVLS members will take the opportunity to join the AVF family, and become involved in the annual meeting as presenters, invited speakers, as committee members and chairs, and in leadership roles to promote a common goal towards education, research, health care policy, and continued commitment promoting patient exceptional care and advancement in the field of venous and lymphatic disorders.

Exhibit A: Eligible Committee Membership

Annual Meeting Program Committee
Continuing Education Committee
Development Committee
Digital Media Committee
Document Review Committee
Early Career Committee
Guidelines Oversight Committee
Health Policy Committee
International Committee
Membership Committee
Newsletter Committee
Patient Education Committee
Research Committee
Venous Community Committee (previous DEI)

Exhibit B: AVF New Member Discount Schedule

Savings for New AVF Members through 12/31/25		
Membership Category	Regular Dues	Discount
US Physicians	\$650.00	\$325.00
Int'l Physicians	\$450.00	\$225.00
Senior Physicians (new)	\$50.00	NA
Early Career Physicians (3 years out)	\$325.00	\$162.50
Associate Members (non-physicians)	\$160.00	\$80.00
Medical Students	\$35.00	NA
Physicians-in-Training (residents & fellows)	\$35.00	NA
Affiliates	\$350.00	NA

Exhibit C: Registration Fees for AVF 2026

Registration Fees for AVF 2026			
Category	Introductory Through Dec 31	General Jan 1-Feb 27	On-Site Feb 28-Mar4
Physician Member	\$915	\$1,075	\$1,275
Physician Non-Member	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,850
Physician-in-Training Member	\$350	\$425	\$475
Physician-in-Training Non-Member	\$575	\$575	\$625
Associate Member	\$500	\$650	\$700
Associate Non-Member	\$825	\$825	\$995
Medical Student Member	\$125	\$145	\$145
Medical Student Non-Member	\$250	\$250	\$300
Spouse/Guest	\$200		
Industry Exhibitor	\$1,125		
Industry Non-Exhibitor	\$1,525		
Gala Ticket	\$140		
Note: AVF will make available the Introductory Rate for new AVF members who join from the AVLS through 12/31/25.			