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Rules for Election, Travel Support and Industry Symposia applicable to Officers

1. All candidates standing for election to the Executive Committee must complete and send the Disclosure of Interest Form (DoI) to the ERS Office prior to the election.
2. Candidates are not eligible if they are a full or part-time employee or are, or have been, a permanent or substantively paid retained consultant of industry during the preceding five years.
3. Candidates are not eligible if they have received a grant at any time after 1.1.07 from the tobacco industry (or institutions funded by the tobacco industry) for any project or programme. By grant is meant any support whether in cash or kind, and to include (eg) equipment, facilities, consumable, travel, personnel.
4. ERS Officers holding other positions must complete and return the DoI when requested.
5. Chairs of Task Forces must complete and return the DoI prior to appointment. Members of Task Forces must complete the DoI on appointment.
6. The DoI must be updated yearly. The Secretary General will make sure the update has been conducted, reporting to the Executive Committee. He/she will report failure to update disclosure to the Disclosure Report Committee.
7. Failure to comply with the Rules of Disclosure will be examined by the Disclosure Report Committee.
8. Officers who do not file an annual Declaration of Interest, after they have been asked twice to do so can be removed from office with the agreement of at least two thirds of all the members of the Executive Committee. They will have the right to appeal to the Council.
9. Any officer or member representing the ERS at a meeting or similar may not accept a travel grant from a commercial source in order to attend that event. The society will provide reimbursement for this purpose.
10. Steering Committee members and the Editor(s) in Chief of the ERJ may not be involved as speaker or chair in the evening symposia at the Annual Congress.

Disclosure Report Committee

1. The Committee shall be composed of the Secretary General, the Treasurer, and two Heads of Assembly, rotating on an annual basis.
2. The Committee shall meet when requested to do so by the Secretary General, or when a breach of disclosure has been reported.
3. The Committee reports to the Executive Committee and may make suggestions concerning disclosure procedures and related matters.
4. The Executive Committee will vote on the actions recommended by the committee.
5. Any person found to have a conflict of interest may appeal to the Council if they consider the finding unjustified.