

## 2026-2027 International Committee Charge

### Purpose

The International Committee is responsible for recommending proposals to expand representation of international practitioners within the Society and enhance their ability to provide optimal cancer care. The Committee is also tasked with identifying obstacles that impede full participation of underrepresented international groups within the Society and with proposing educational programs of interest to other committees and the Board.

### Responsibilities

- Develop, implement, oversee, and evaluate the success of SSO international programs and initiatives, including criteria for future growth.
- Suggest opportunities for the annual meeting that will enhance the attendance of international surgeons and the participation of current SSO Partner Societies; assist with the execution of these opportunities.
- Explore collaboration opportunities with global organizations and recommend new initiatives to the Board that will enhance the SSO’s global footprint.
- Serve as volunteer reviewers for abstract submissions to SSO’s live meetings, when requested.

### Composition/Appointment

- Chair: 2 years
- Vice Chair: 2 years
- Up to 16 members: 2 years
- Ex-Officio Member: CEO of Global Forum of Cancer Surgeons, length of tenure
- Board Liaison: International Representative, 3 years

New members are appointed by the President-Elect during the Application for Engagement, taking a wide range of factors into account: diversity of gender, race, geographical location, program size, and skillset, among others. New Vice Chairs are selected from among current members or those whose 2-year term is ending.

Eligibility	Time Commitment	Staff Liaison (s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current voting SSO members with dues paid for 2026.</li> <li>• Commit to allocating time to effectively participate.</li> <li>• Complete Application for Engagement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple virtual meetings per year (approx. every other month).</li> <li>• Additional hours per month to complete committee responsibilities.</li> <li>• Attend the Joint Committee Conference held at the SSO annual meeting.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amanda Firlit:  <a href="mailto:amandafirlit@surgonc.org">amandafirlit@surgonc.org</a></p>