Qualities and expectations of an SIR Clinical Specialty Councilor

All appointed Clinical Specialty Councilors are expected to meet the following qualities and responsibilities.

Election and Term in Office:
Clinical Specialty Councilors are expected to serve a term of two years. Clinical Specialty Councilor terms begin and end at the adjournment of the Annual Members Business’ Meeting. Vice chairs are nominated by the SIR Nominating Committee and elected by SIR membership to serve a two-year term before ascending into the role of councilor.

General qualities of an SIR Clinical Specialty Councilor

- Be and remain a member in good standing of the Society of Interventional Radiology.
- Be willing and able to commit to the full length of the volunteer term and devote the necessary time to conduct society business.
- Support and further the goals and objectives of the society and foundation.
- Possess the highest ethical standards and be recognized and respected by peers as a leader in interventional radiology, specifically in the appropriate disease state.
- Be free of any significant conflict of interest that would prevent him/her from serving objectively. Annually, complete a disclosure of all possible conflicts of interest.
- Serve as a strategic leader who understands the SIR mission, vision and strategic goals.

Responsibilities of an SIR Clinical Specialty Councilor

Meetings and initiatives
- Attend and lead all in-person and virtual meetings of the Clinical Specialty Council. In the event of an unforeseen conflict, prepare the vice chair to lead and communicate with the staff liaison, to ensure a successful meeting.
- Assess the overall status of IR and of existing SIR activities within the assigned clinical domain and identify barriers to IR development and unmet needs.
- Enhance the work product of SIR and SIR Foundation functional divisions by serving as their primary resource for up-to-date, disease-specific knowledge, expertise and perspective.
- Provide critical guidance to divisions upon request and take joint responsibility for projects and programs.
- Attend all in-person and virtual meetings of the SIR and SIR Foundation Steering Council unless excused by the chair. Members will be notified in advance of the exact time and place for their next meeting and shall notify the chair and staff liaison if unable to participate in an upcoming meeting.

Leadership and communications
- Represent the specialty area in strategic discussions as a member of the SIR and SIR Foundation Steering Council.
- Serve as a single point of contact to other organizations that share common disease state therapies and collaborate on initiatives requiring multidisciplinary effort and promoting the IR role in patient care.
- Effectively communicate the Clinical Specialty Council’s strategic direction to the other functional areas on an ongoing basis. Submit written informational or discussion reports to the steering council as needed.
• In collaboration with the vice chair, recommend volunteers for appointment to the Clinical Specialty Council.
• Identify and nurture future leadership and increase overall awareness of SIR initiatives.
• Ensure that volunteers abide by their duties as described and recommend action for members and consultants who do not actively participate.

Vision
• Support SIR and SIR Foundation’s vision, mission and strategic plan and the clinical specialty council’s charge.
• As a volunteer group, anticipate change and proactively establish directions and/or guidelines to address issues and meet the clinical needs of the public, as well as the clinical and non-clinical needs of society members, the profession and the organization.

Fiduciary obligations and governance
• Agree to comply with all volunteer policies established by SIR and SIR Foundation.
• Be aware of and adhere to the society’s policy of strict compliance with federal and state antitrust laws.

Other
• Treat other leaders, volunteers and staff with respect and courtesy.
• Promote the society’s image by staying informed and representing the society to others.
• Engage with other society and foundation volunteers and members on SIR Connect.
• Be willing to guide and mentor newer volunteers and younger SIR members.
• Provide support and guidance to staff as needed.
• Perform any duty or responsibility that the board of directors or the president may assign.