

**American Balint Society**  
Emeritus Councilors  
*Approved by Council: July 11, 2011*

Background:

Long service on the ABS Council imparts a wealth of experience that may help with future decisions;

We honor those who have served generously and wish to provide a meaningful connection between them and the ongoing leadership of the society;

Some continuing access to their contributions would enrich the Council and its deliberations;

Policy:

Those who have served a total of twelve years or more on the ABS Council (in any capacity: ex officio, council member at large or officer) may be accorded the status of Emeritus Councilors (EC) by vote of the continuing Council members at the annual business meeting;

Recognition as an Emeritus Councilor will carry the privilege of exemption from membership dues for life; the Emeritus Councilors will be invited to continue to make monetary contributions to the ABS on a voluntary basis;

Emeritus Councilors will be listed on the Society's web site with information about their roles in and work with the Society;

Being recognized as an Emeritus Councilor does not preclude future service on the Council or committees of the Society in keeping with term limits set in the by-laws;

Emeritus Councilors may provide advisory opinions, historical background and other assistance at the request of committees, working groups or officers of the Council;

The Council as a whole may develop a focus, project or question appropriate to a meeting with Emeritus Councilors, e.g. an extension of a credentialed leaders continuing education weekend; a meeting with Council officers, etc.