Membership in the American Nuclear Society is based on the calendar year, nominally beginning January 1 and expiring on December 31. Individuals may apply for membership or submit a renewal at any time. However, for the purpose of counting annual membership in the Society as a whole and the individual Professional Divisions of ANS, the annual membership drive for the calendar year is closed at the end of the month of July. Memberships processed after this date are counted for the following year. Notifications to members for renewals for the next calendar year begin in October.

Professional Division membership is determined based on self-selection by ANS members on the membership application or annual renewal application. For calendar year 2019, THD recorded 1262 members. THD membership has continued to grow over the past decade, in contrast to an overall downward trend in ANS membership. For 2019, just under 14% of all ANS members opted to join the Thermal Hydraulics Division, rising from just under 10% in 2010.

Calendar year 2020 membership data will be available after the closure of the annual membership drive.

Figure 1. ANS Thermal Hydraulics Division Membership Data for Calendar Years 2010 through 2020.
The Membership Committee is defined as follows in ANS Thermal Hydraulics Division Rule 9.3.

9.3. Membership Committee – Shall be composed of not fewer than three (3) members, including the Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be charged with the duty of bringing the advantages of the Thermal Hydraulics Division membership to the attention of qualified candidates.

**Recommendation**

However, ANS THD has traditionally operated assigning this responsibility of the Immediate Past Chair, without clear appointment of other members. The Immediate Past Chair recommends that Executive Committee consider revision of rule 9.3 to formally assign role of Chair of the Membership Committee to the Immediate Past Chair and to populate the committee with volunteer members who will work to identify opportunities to actively recruit members to the Thermal Hydraulics Division.