

CONSTITUTION OF THE TECHNOLOGIST SECTION OF THE SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, hereinafter referred to as The Section.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be:

1. To encourage members of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as The Society) to join together in an association within The Society, in order to serve as a means of establishing the identity and qualifications of technologist members of The Society and to promote the continued development and improvement of the art and science of Nuclear Medicine Technology.
2. To assist in establishing approved standards of training and qualifications of those engaged in Nuclear Medicine Technology.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership in The Section will be open to any member of The Society, regardless of category, who can provide evidence of training and/or experience in Nuclear Medicine Technology satisfactory to the membership committees of The Section and The Society.

In making its judgments, the committees will take into consideration the following evidence:

- A. Satisfactory completion of a formal training program in Nuclear Medicine Technology of sufficiently high standards, duration, and content.
- B. Registration by a recognized registry of Nuclear Medicine or Radioisotope Technologists.
- C. Other types of experience gained in Nuclear Medicine Technology or in a related field may be considered, provided the committees feel the applicant possesses sufficient interest and experience to make a positive contribution to the aims and objectives of The Section.

Membership in The Section shall confer the following privileges:

- A. All members shall receive the official publications of The Section.
- B. All members shall have the right to vote at all meetings of The Section, may vote on any question submitted to the membership by mail, may serve on the National Council or as an officer of The Section or any elected or appointive office of The Section.

ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

1. ELECTED OFFICERS. The elected officers of The Section shall be a President, President-Elect, Secretary-Historian, and Treasurer. The President-Elect shall succeed the President after a one-year term.
2. NATIONAL COUNCIL. The National Council shall be responsible for the general conduct of the affairs of The Section. The President of The Section will be the presiding officer of the Council. Membership in the Council shall consist of the elected officers of The Section and one member from each of the Chapters of The Society elected by the members of The Section within that Chapter. The Council shall meet annually prior to the business meeting of The Section. Additional non-voting members of the Council are the National Council Coordinator, Chairman of the Standing and Special Committees, and the Chairman of the Council of Past Presidents.
3. ADVISERS TO THE COUNCIL. Appropriate advisers to the Council who are members of the various standing and special committees of The Society shall meet with the Council to advise and inform the Council on matters pertinent to The Section and The Society. The advisers shall be appointed by the President of The Society. The Executive Committee of The Section shall file in writing with the President of The Society a list of recommended advisers.
4. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office for

officers and advisers shall be one year commencing and ending with the Annual Meeting of the Section which will be held concurrently with the Annual Meeting of The Society.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the officers are as follows:

1. **PRESIDENT:** The President of The Section presides at meetings of the Executive Committee, National Council, Annual Business Meeting of The Section, and any special meetings that may be called. He is an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He authorizes and may initiate expenditures by the Treasurer (with the concurrence of the National Council). He may establish Special Committees to function in areas of concern to The Section. He prepares the agenda for the Annual Meeting. In conducting the meetings, Robert's Rules of Order, (Newly Revised) will be followed. He shall prepare to submit to the Board of Trustees of The Society an annual report of the conduct of affairs of The Section including the budget and a financial statement.
2. **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Acts for the President in the case of his temporary or permanent absence or disability. He further functions as the primary delegate of the President in selected matters of The Section, and serves as Chairman of the Membership Committee.
3. **SECRETARY-HISTORIAN:** Is responsible for recording the minutes of the meetings and for maintenance of the archives of The Section as they accumulate. Additional functions may be assigned by the President.
4. **TREASURER:** Prepares the budget, handles the monetary affairs, and maintains appropriate accounts under the authorization and direction of the President. He may spend the money as authorized by the President and the Executive Committee.
5. Should the office of President-Elect become vacant prior to the election of new officers, this office shall remain vacant until the next election, and a President and President-Elect shall be elected by the membership.
6. Should the office of Secretary-Historian or Treasurer become vacant prior to the election of new officers, the President shall make a temporary appointment to fill this office until the next election.

ARTICLE VI NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Officers will be elected on an annual basis by

mail ballot prior to the Annual Meeting of The Section.

1. Chapter representatives of the National Council shall provide the Chairman of the Nominating Committee with a maximum of two names for nominations to elective offices, in writing, 180 days prior to the Annual Meeting of The Section. The Committee will include in its consideration for nomination additional members of The Section whose names are recommended in a petition signed by at least 10 members of The Section. A current curriculum vitae shall be furnished on each nominee.
2. The slate of candidates chosen by the Nominating Committee shall be forwarded to the membership at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
3. Ballots shall be returned to the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Ballots postmarked later than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting will not be counted.
4. The ballot shall contain:
 - a. For the offices of President-Elect, Secretary-Historian, and Treasurer, there shall be two names listed for each office. Space will be provided for one write-in candidate for each office.
 - b. For the Nominating Committee, there shall be six names listed. Space will be provided for four write-in candidates.
 - c. For the Membership Committee, there shall be three names listed. Space will be provided for two write-in candidates.To be elected each write-in candidate must indicate willingness to accept not later than one day after tabulation of the ballots.
5. The tabulation of the mail ballots shall be conducted by a committee appointed by the President of The Section.
6. For each office, the nominee who receives the largest number of votes by mail ballot shall be elected to office.
7. For the Nominating Committee, the four nominees receiving the largest number of votes by mail ballot shall be elected.
8. For the Membership Committee, the two nominees receiving the largest number of votes by mail ballot shall be elected.
9. In the event of a tie vote, the members of the National Council present at the Council meeting shall break the tie.
10. Results of the election shall be made known at the annual meeting of The Section. The term of office shall be one year commencing and ending with the Annual Business Meeting of The Section.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

All committees will meet at least once annually with one meeting occurring during the Annual Meeting of The Society prior to the Annual Business Meeting of The Section.

1. STANDING COMMITTEES are:

- a. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** President, President-Elect, Secretary-Historian and Treasurer are members. The functions are to facilitate the business of The Section and to administer the policies and directives of The Section, to act as an advisory body to the President, and to keep a record of the minutes of this committee.
 - b. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Chairman of this committee will be the immediate Past President of The Section. Four additional members will be elected annually by mail vote. The committee will act in accordance with the duties set forth in Article VI.
 - c. **MEMBERSHIP:** The Chairman of this committee will be the President-Elect of The Section. Two additional members will be elected annually by mail vote. This committee will review all applications for membership in The Section and certify as to the eligibility of the candidates. Those approved will be placed on the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting of The Section for voting into membership. A majority vote of those members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting will be necessary for election to membership.
 - d. **SCIENTIFIC AND TEACHING SESSIONS:** Consists of a Chairman and members appointed by the President of The Section. The committee organizes the Technologists' Scientific Program and the Teaching Sessions at the Annual Meeting. It will select papers from the membership and contact prospective guest speakers. It will submit its selections to the Committees on Scientific Program and Teaching Sessions of The Society, who have right of final approval.
 - e. **CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS:** Consists of a Chairman and members appointed by the President of The Section. Concerns itself with the study and consideration in their broadest aspects of all educational functions of The Section. It is responsible for development of the general publication policies of The Section.
2. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** The President of The Section may appoint Chairmen and mem-

bers of special committees when deemed necessary.

3. **COUNCIL OF PAST PRESIDENTS:** The Council of Past Presidents consists of all Past Presidents who become members of this Council upon termination of their term of office as President. Each immediate Past President serves as Chairman for the ensuing year. The function of the Council is deliberative and advisory. The Council is concerned with the long-range development of The Section; with broad and continuing policies; directional trends; with unity of effort in the multiple interests of The Section; and with measures that will increase the effectiveness and excellence of The Section. It has no voting power outside itself and its judgments will not be mandatory upon The Section. It reports annually to the National Council and, at its discretion, to any and all branches of The Section.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

The Section will meet annually in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of The Society. A business meeting will be held in addition to the scientific and teaching sessions. A quorum for the conduct of business will be those members present at the Annual Meeting, provided notice of this meeting has been published in the JOURNAL OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IX RELATION TO THE SOCIETY

1. The Section is bound in its actions by the Bylaws of the Society and by the rules and actions of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees of The Society.
2. The Section may not obligate The Society in any way; however, when specifically charged by the President, Executive Committee or Board of Trustees of The Society, The Section may represent The Society on matters of information or political interest regarding Technologist Affairs.
3. The Section will submit to the President of The Society written minutes of their business meeting and current membership roster, on an annual basis.
4. The Section will request monetary support from The Society for the conduct of its activities. The President will submit a budget to the Treasurer of The Society prior to the Annual Meeting, to cover anticipated expenses for the coming year. This budget will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

**ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS**

1. Any person having the privileges of a member of The Section may initiate a proposal for amendment to the Constitution and/or By-laws. Such a proposal shall be presented to the President of The Section in writing, who shall submit it to the National Council. On approval by a majority vote of the National Council, the amendment shall be presented at the Annual Meeting of The Section after proper notification of the membership.
2. The Constitution and/or Bylaws of The Section may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual meeting providing that a copy of the proposed amendment has been issued and sent to all members of The Section not less than thirty days prior to said meeting.

3. The Constitution and/or Bylaws will be consistent with the Bylaws of The Society.

**ARTICLE XI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

All questions of Parliamentary procedure will be determined at all meetings of The Section, National Council, and of the Executive Committee by provisions of these Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised). In the event of inconsistency in the foregoing, they shall take precedence in the order set forth.

**ARTICLE XII
TERMINATION OF THE SECTION**

Should The Section cease to exist, all minutes, documents and money become become the property of The Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc.