

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 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 Committee of The Section.

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

1. Satisfactory completion of a formal training program in Nuclear Medicine Technology of sufficiently high standards, duration, and content.
2. Registration by a recognized registry of Nuclear Medicine or Radioisotope Technologists.
3. Other types of experience gained in Nuclear Medicine Technology or in a related field may be considered, provided the committee feels 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:

1. All members shall receive the official publications of The Section.
2. 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 except as stated in Paragraph 3.

3. Members whose primary affiliation is in commercial research, development, or sales may serve in any appointed capacity; they may not serve as an elected official.

Applications for membership:

1. Applications for membership will be submitted to the Membership Committee for review and recommendations. All applications, with the recommendation of the Membership Committee, will be submitted to the National Council for consideration, and may be approved by a majority vote of the National Council Delegates present at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Council. Upon election to membership all persons will automatically become members of regional chapters. They may transfer their chapter membership upon request.

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 is composed of the elected officers of The Section, one delegate representing each regional Chapter, elected by the members of The Section in that chapter, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Chairman of the Council of Past Presidents, the Editor of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees are nonvoting members of the Council.

Should there be an even number of Council Members present at any meeting, the presiding officer shall abstain from voting. Eleven voting members are required to constitute a quorum, with not less than six regional chapters being represented. National officers from different regional chapters may be counted as representing their chapter for purposes of

calling the quorum. A quorum must be present to take any action.

- a. The National Council will be responsible for the business affairs of The Section and all property and monies received for the operation of The Section, and may levy dues and fees as deemed necessary. It may make rules and regulations necessary for the management and well-being of The Section, and to carry out its objectives. It may delegate any of its responsibilities to the Executive Committee, a Standing Committee or a Special Committee upon approval by a majority of the Council. Decisions of the Council shall be determined by affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present, there being a quorum present.
- b. Terms of office of the Chapter delegates to the Council shall be in accordance with Chapter bylaws. If the Chapter delegate resigns, or is removed, the vacancy must be filled by the Chapter concerned according to its bylaws.
- c. Contracts, signatures, acceptance of gifts and bequests, and matters dealing with the routine business operations of The Section and not specifically controlled by these bylaws are functions of the Council, or its designees.
- d. Meetings of the Council: The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held prior to the Annual Meeting of The Section. An interim meeting may be held at a time and place to be decided by a majority of the Council Members present at the Annual Meeting. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President, with approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, or by petition of 11 members of the Council with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. Notice of the special meeting must be sent to each member of the Council 30 days prior to the date of the proposed meeting.

3. **TERM OF OFFICE.** The term of office for elected officers 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.

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:** Advises the Finance Committee in the preparation of the budget, handles the monetary affairs, and maintains proper accounts under the authorization and direction of the National Council. He may spend money as authorized by the President, the Executive Committee, or the National Council.
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 delegates to the National Council shall provide in writing to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee a minimum of two names for nomination to elective offices, 180 days prior to the Annual Meeting of The Section.

tion. 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.
 - d. For the Finance Committee during the first year there shall be six names listed. Space will be provided for four write-in candidates. Terms of office of one year, two years and three years will be selected by the Committee during the first year. In each successive year there shall be two names listed with space for one write-in candidate.

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. For the Finance Committee during the first year the three nominees receiving the largest number of votes by mail ballot shall be elected. In each successive year the one nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

10. In the event of a tie vote, the members present at the Annual Business Meeting of The Section shall break the tie.

11. 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 COMMITTEE: 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. Applications will be acted upon in accordance with Article III.
- 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.
- e. CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE: The Chairman and members of this committee are appointed by the President of The Section, and may serve successive terms at the pleasure of the President. The Committee will concern itself with all phases of educational activities of The Sec-

tion and make recommendations concerning educational matters to the President and National Council when required.

f. **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:** The Chairman and members of this committee will be appointed by the President and may serve successive terms at the pleasure of the President. The committee will have direct management control and editorial review of all publications of The Section. The committee will select a candidate for the position of Editor of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*, for presentation to the National Council. The Editor will be a member of this committee.

g. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The membership of the Finance Committee consists of the elected officers of The Section, the immediate Past Treasurer, the Chairman of the Publications Committee, and three elected members, each serving three-year terms so arranged that one term expires each year. Members may be reelected. The Chairman of the committee will be appointed by the President of The Section from among the elected members, to serve a one-year term.

The functions of the committee are: To report to the National Council at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Council regarding the assets, liabilities and financial affairs of The Section; to make recommendations concerning fiscal policy to the Council; to review and make recommendations concerning proposed expenditures for the next succeeding year; to prepare and submit the proposed budget for The Section for the following budget year to the Council for approval prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

2. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** The President of The Section may appoint Chairmen and members 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 excel-

lence 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, and at such other times decided by the National Council, or in accordance with these bylaws. A business meeting will be held at the Annual Meeting, 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 Technology* at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

1. Any person having the privileges of a member of The Section may initiate a proposal for amendment to the Constitution and/or Bylaws. 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 X 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 XI TERMINATION OF THE SECTION

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