

SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE
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ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION

Section I.1 The Chapter shall be an autonomous organization with its own officers, dues and bylaws, and also shall be an integral Chapter of the Society.

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Section I.5 Reciprocity may be established with other Chapters in regard to membership status.

Section I.6 Within the Chapter, local organizations or subchapters may exist for the exchange of ideas, instruction, or presentation of scientific papers. These sub-organizations are to remain under the jurisdiction of the Chapter. They may elect their own officers, and are to have as an advisor one full member appointed by the Chapter President.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section II.1 The Chapter shall have the following classes of membership.

(a) Full Membership. Any person who has an advanced degree in the medical, biological, physical, or related sciences, or the equivalent qualifications, and who holds the status of Full Member in good standing with the Society, will be admitted to the Chapter as a Full Member. Members pay dues, have voting rights, and may be elected to office.

(b) Associate Membership. Any person who has a Baccalaureate degree or the equivalent qualifications as determined by the Membership Committee, and who is interested in the subject of nuclear medicine, its application to clinical or non-clinical problems, or its investigation in work preliminary to application, and who holds the status of Associate Member in good standing with the Society, is eligible for membership in the Chapter as an Associate Member. Associate Members have the right to vote in the Chapter, but may not hold elective office, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

(c) Nuclear Medicine Technologist Membership. Any person who presents credentials indicating professional activity in Nuclear Medicine Technology, and who holds the status of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Member in good standing with the Society, is eligible for membership in the Chapter as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist Member. Nuclear Medicine Technologist Members pay dues, but do not have voting rights and may not hold elective office.

(d) Honorary Membership. A person may be elected to honorary membership by the Chapter, such membership to be entitled Honorary Member. An Honorary Member pays no dues or assessments, has no vote, and may not hold elective office, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

(e) Affiliate Membership. Persons who have an active interest in the objectives of this Chapter, and who are not qualified for other categories of membership, may be granted Affiliate Membership upon recommendation by the Membership Committee and approval by the Council. Affiliate Members do not have voting rights and may not hold elective office.

(f) Emeritus Membership. Any member of the Chapter at age 65, with ten years active membership or any member who, by reason of permanent disability or undue hardship has been rendered unable to continue active membership, may apply for Emeritus. Application for Emeritus Membership is made to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter, and approved by the Council. Emeritus Members have all privileges of Members but may not hold elective office, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. An Emeritus Member may hold the office of Historian.

Section II.2 The Membership Committee shall, for the Council's approval, recommend the membership classifications of members of the Society who transfer from other Chapters to this Chapter.

Section II.3 The classification of a member within the Chapter shall correspond to the level of membership in the Society.

Section II.4 Each member has the responsibility to support the Objectives and adhere to the Bylaws of the Chapter.

Section II.5 Discipline

(a) Members may be subject to discipline, including deprivation of membership if they have presented false certificates or false statements of educational attainments or if they have been convicted of a felony in a court of law.

(b) The Council, either on its own initiative or on written and signed complaint in which circumstances listed in Article II, Section II.4(a) may lead to potential discipline, will appoint an ad hoc committee to review the complaint and afford the accused member an opportunity for a hearing. This committee will make recommendations to the Council on possible action.

(c) The Council, either on its own initiative or on written and signed complaint in which an officer or employee of the Chapter is suspected of being derelict in their performance, will appoint an ad hoc committee to review the complaint and afford the accused member an opportunity for a hearing. This committee will provide written notice of their investigation to the Society's Ethics Committee and will make recommendations to the Council on possible action.

(d) Recommendations for discipline of a member or employee of the Chapter shall be referred to the Council, which will take final action by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Section III.1 The Executive Officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a President-Elect, and a Secretary/Treasurer. The President, President-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected every two years by the Membership. Only members residing within the geographic boundaries of the Chapter may hold office in the Chapter. Officers moving out of the geographic area of the Chapter during their tenure of office shall automatically vacate their offices. The vacant offices shall be filled as provided in Section III.6 of this Article.

Section III.2 The Council of the Chapter shall consist of the Executive Officers, the immediate past-president, chairs of the permanent and ad hoc committees (described in Article IV), any member of the Chapter who is an Executive Officer of the Society, and six members of the Chapter elected by the membership. Initially, the Chapter shall elect six members of the Council, two each designated to serve one, two, and three-year terms. At each subsequent annual meeting, two shall be elected for three-year terms. Elected Council members must have voting rights in the Chapter. The President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and National Council Delegate of the Technologist section shall also be voting members of the Council.

Section III.3 The Council shall meet at least twice annually to transact the business of the Chapter. One meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting and shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Chapter. Council members shall be given at least thirty (30) days advance notice of any Meeting of the Council.

Section III.4 A quorum of the Council shall consist of six or more Council members, except where specific exceptions are stated in the Bylaws.

Section III.5 No member shall hold executive offices in the Society and in the Chapter simultaneously. Executive officers in the Society are herein understood to include President, President-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section III.6 (a) Should the office of the President become vacant, the President-Elect will immediately assume the office of President for the unexpired term in addition to the term for which elected. Duties of the President-Elect shall be reassigned to one or more members of the Council for the duration of the current term.

(b) Should the office of the President-Elect become vacant, the President shall appoint an acting President-Elect from the membership of the Council to perform the duties of this office until the next annual meeting, at which the membership shall elect by secret ballot a new President-Elect. The acting President-Elect shall be eligible for nomination to any office of the Chapter at that meeting as appropriate for the membership classification.

(c) Should the office of the Secretary/Treasurer become vacant, the President shall appoint an acting Secretary/Treasurer from the membership of the Council to perform the duties of these offices until the next annual meeting, at which meeting the membership shall elect by secret ballot a new Secretary/Treasurer.

(d) Should any other vacancy occur in the Council, the President shall appoint a replacement from the eligible membership of the Chapter. That person shall serve the remainder of the term of the vacated position.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

Section IV.1 Nominating Committee. The immediate Past-President, (or in the case of vacancy of this position, an appointee of the President) shall serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and shall designate the members of this committee. The Nominating Committee shall solicit suggestions from the voting membership for nominations for all elective offices to be filled at the annual meeting.

Section IV.2 Membership Committee. The Chair shall be designated by the President. The members of the Committee shall consist of the officers of the Chapter, and other members appointed by the president. The committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to membership. It shall examine the credentials of all applicants for membership.

Section IV.3 Bylaws Committee. The President shall appoint a Chair of the Bylaws Committee, who then shall designate at least two members of this Committee. The committee shall maintain a study of the Bylaws and recommend to the Council changes or additions it feels necessary to the structure and content of the Bylaws.

Section IV.4 Program Committee. The President-Elect shall Chair the Program Committee. Members of this committee shall be appointed at the discretion of the President-Elect. The committee shall be responsible for the Scientific Program and local arrangements for the annual meeting.

Section IV.5 Ad hoc Committees. The President may appoint ad hoc committees.

ARTICLE V DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section V.1 Membership dues for each classification of Chapter membership shall be determined by the Council of the Chapter.

Section V.2 Assessments shall be determined by the Council of the Chapter.

Section V.3 Dues shall be invoiced and paid in advance on an annual basis

Section V.4 A member must be in good standing to vote, hold office or receive the benefits and services otherwise reserved for members of the Chapter. Members in good standing are those members whose dues, service fees and other financial obligations to the Chapter are paid in full.

Section V.5 Statements for membership dues for the appropriate category of memberships will originate from the Society and be a part of the statement from the Society. Dues are collected by the Society on the Chapter's behalf and are returned to the Chapter according to the Society's operating procedures.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section VI.1 An annual meeting of the Chapter shall be called by the Council. The announcement of the time and place of the meeting shall be made to the membership at least sixty (60) days before the meeting date. The annual meeting shall include a Council meeting, a business meeting of the voting membership, a scientific program, and an inauguration of officers whose terms of office begin at that annual meeting.

Section VI.2 Other meetings may be called by the President. No business may be transacted at a Chapter meeting unless there has been thirty (30) days prior notice of such meeting.

Section VI.3 At a duly called business session, a quorum shall consist of the voting membership present.

ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS

Section VII.1 Nominations and Elections for Officer and/or Council positions will be held annually and prior to the annual meeting.

Section VII.2 The candidates chosen by the Nominating Committee, according to Article IV, Section IV.1, shall be forwarded to the membership at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

Section VII.3 Ballots shall be returned at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Ballots received less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting will not be counted.

Section VII.4 The ballot shall contain two names for each vacant position where possible. Space will be provided for write-in candidates.

Section VII.5 Tabulation of the ballots shall be conducted by the Executive Director. In the event the Executive Director Position is not occupied, tabulation shall be conducted by a committee appointed by the President.

Section VII.6 For each office, the nominee who received the largest number of votes shall be elected to office.

Section VII.7 In the case of a tie vote, the members of the Council present at the annual meeting shall, as a group, cast one tie-breaking vote by secret ballot.

Section VII.8 All new officers shall begin service upon installation at the session held for this purpose during the annual meeting, and shall serve until the installation services at the conclusion of their term as described in these Bylaws..

Section VII.9 No Executive Officer, as defined in Article III, Section III.1, except the Secretary/Treasurer may immediately succeed himself/herself except as provided in Article III, Section III.6(2).

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Section VIII.1 President. The President shall preside at Chapter and Council meetings. The President shall make standing committee appointments, call special meetings of the Council, and authorize audits.. The President shall appoint chairs of committees as provided in Article IV of the Bylaws. The President or an appointed delegate shall represent Chapter at Society meetings.

Section VIII.2 President-Elect. In the absence of the President, the President-Elect shall preside at Chapter and Council meetings. The President-Elect shall Chair the Program Committee and appoint members as provided in Article IV, Section IV.5. The President-Elect shall also represent the Chapter at Society meetings.

Section VIII.3 Secretary/Treasurer. In the absence of the President and President-Elect, the Secretary/Treasurer shall preside at Chapter and Council meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall report the actions of all Council and business meetings to the membership of the Chapter, and to the membership present at the annual business meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain a current membership list. The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect from the Society' that portion of dues which belong to the Chapter. The Secretary/Treasurer shall establish a bank account in the Chapter's name for the maintenance of Chapter funds, and shall maintain records of receipts and disbursements of the Chapter. Upon installation, the new Secretary/Treasurer shall receive all books and records pertaining to that office from the retiring Secretary/Treasurer.

Section VIII.4 Council. The duties of the Council shall be to conduct the business of the Chapter. The management, direction, and control of the affairs, funds, and property of the Chapter, the determination of the relation and the obligations for members to the Chapter and of members as such to each other, and of members of the Chapter to the Society shall be vested in the Council. The Council shall recommend the time and place of Chapter meetings and call the annual meeting.

Section VIII.5 House of Delegates. The Chapter shall send two members to represent the Chapter at the Society House of Delegates. These representatives shall be chosen according to established procedures of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

Section IX.1 Failure to maintain good status membership in the Society will result in loss of membership in the Chapter until such time as good standing status is restored with the Society.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section X.1 Any Full Member may propose changes in the Bylaws to the Officers or members of the Council. Such proposals must be submitted in writing. After study by the Bylaws Committee and endorsement by the Council, the proposed changes shall be submitted to the membership for their study, consideration, and comment. The proposed changes shall reach the membership at least thirty (30) days before a business meeting.

Alternate No. 1 All such proposed changes shall be brought up, discussed, and voted upon by the members present at a duly called business meeting. A two-thirds majority of members in good standing attending the duly called business meeting shall cause the proposed changes to become an amendment.

Alternate No. 2 A ballot shall be included with the circulation of proposed changes and upon approval of a two-thirds majority of the responding vote, the proposed shall become an amendment.

Section X.2 Any person having the privileges of a voting member of the Chapter may initiate a proposal for an amendment to the Bylaws. Such a proposal will be presented to the President of the Chapter in writing, who will submit it to the Bylaws Committee for their consideration, and report to the Council. On approval by a majority vote of the Council, the proposed amendment will be presented at the annual meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XI TERMINATION OF THE CHAPTER

Section XI.1 In the event that the Society of Nuclear Medicine Missouri Valley Chapter will ever cease to exist, the net assets of the Chapter shall be applied and distributed as follows:

(a) Liabilities and obligations. All liabilities and obligations shall be paid, satisfied, and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made thereof.

(b) Distribution of funds. After payment of all liabilities and obligations under Article XI, Section XI.1(a), all remaining assets shall be distributed to the Society. In the event of dissolution of the Society, all remaining assets shall be distributed to an organization or organizations organized exclusively for charitable, educational, scholastic, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any subsequent law of the United States of America.

ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY AND CHAPTER PROCEDURES

Section XII.1 All questions of parliamentary procedure will be determined at all meetings of the Chapter, of the Council, and of the Executive Committee by the provisions of these Bylaws and the 1990 edition of Robert's Rules of Order. In the event of inconsistency in the foregoing, they shall have precedence in the order set forth.

Section XII.2 Whenever a subject is covered by or necessitates the development of procedures, the Council shall develop and amend procedures by a majority vote. The rules set forth therein shall be binding on the Chapter unless inconsistent with the Bylaws.