

TECHNOLOGIST SECTION
MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER
SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE

ARTICLE I. NAME

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

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Section shall be:

To encourage nuclear medicine technologists to join together in an organization within the Missouri Valley Chapter (herein referred to as the Chapter) and the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the Society) for the purpose of maintaining the identity and quality of nuclear medicine technologists and providing the continuing development, improvement and expansion of nuclear medicine technology for the betterment of health services.

ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. The section shall be an organization with its own officers, dues, and bylaws. It shall be an integral part of the Technologist Section, Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., and the Missouri Valley Chapter, Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc.

SECTION 2. Because of the large geographical distribution of its members, subsections may be recognized if greater than 10 members exist in any one area.

SECTION 3.

A. Matters which are of primary concern to the Society, the Technologist Section of the Society, or the Chapter shall be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the appropriate organization.

B. Matters which are of primary concern to the Section and any other organization listed in 3.A. shall be governed by the appropriate Constitution and Bylaws as determined by the officers and Council of the Section.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any person who is an active member of the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., is eligible for membership in the Section. Members have voting rights and may hold elective or appointive office.

SECTION 2. Any person who is a student affiliate, members-in-training of the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., is eligible for membership in the Section. Student members do not have voting rights and may not hold elective office, but may hold appointive offices.

ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. Officers.

The officers of the Section shall be the President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer. The President-Elect shall succeed the President after a one-year term. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve a two-year term. The President-Elect shall be elected annually by the membership and the Secretary-Treasurer on a biannual basis.

SECTION 2. National Council Delegate.

The National Council Delegate shall be a separate office, elected biannually by the membership. The National Council Delegate shall be nominated from a pool of past Section Presidents and past National Council members, residing within the Chapter.

SECTION 3. Term of Office.

The term of office for the President and President-Elect shall be one year and the term of office for the Secretary-Treasurer and the National Council Delegate two years. All terms shall commence and end with the annual meeting of the Section which will be held concurrently with the annual meeting of the Chapter.

SECTION 4. Should the office of the President become vacant prior to the expiration of the current President's term of office, the President-elect shall serve for the remaining term of the President and in addition shall serve the one-year term of office as President to which he/she would have succeeded if the current President had fulfilled his/her term of office.

SECTION 5. Should the office of the President-Elect become vacant, the President shall appoint an acting President-Elect from the membership of the Section to perform the duties until the next election, at which time a new President and President-Elect shall be elected.

SECTION 6. Should the office of Secretary-Treasurer become vacant, the President shall appoint an acting Secretary-Treasurer from the membership of the Section who shall assume the duties of this office until the next election, at which time a new Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected.

SECTION 7. Should the office of the National Council Delegate become vacant, the President shall appoint an acting National Council Delegate for the pool of past Section Presidents and past National Council members residing within the Chapter to perform the duties until the next election, at which time a new National Council Delegate shall be elected.

SECTION 8. No member shall hold executive office in the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. and the Section Executive Committee, as defined in the respective bylaws.

SECTION 9. The Council.

The Council is composed of the executive officers of the Section, one delegate representing each recognize subchapter, Past Presidents and National Council members residing in the Chapter and any member of the Section holding national office. The President of the Section shall be the presiding officer of the Council. Should there be an even number of Council members present at any meeting, the presiding officer shall abstain from voting. Five members are required to constitute a quorum.

SECTION 10. The Council will be responsible for the business affairs of the Section and all property and monies received for the operation of the Section, and to carry out its objectives. It may delegate any of its responsibilities to the Executive Committee of the Section, a standing committee, or a special committee upon approval by a majority of the Council. Decisions of the Council shall be determined by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Council members present, there being a quorum present.

SECTION 11. 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 delegates.

SECTION 12. Meetings of the Council.

The annual meeting of the Council shall be held prior to the annual meeting of the Section. Notice of the meeting shall be sent to each member of the Council 14 days prior to the annual meeting. An interim meeting may be held at a time and place to be decided by a majority of the Council members. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee of the Section, or by petition 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.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the officers are as follows:

President: The President of the Section presides over meetings of the

Executive Committee, the Council, the annual business meeting of the Section, and any special meetings that may be called. Is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. Appoints committee chairperson, with the exception of the Nominating and Membership Committees. Authorizes and initiates expenditures by the Secretary-Treasurer (with the concurrence of the Council). May establish special committees to function in areas of concern to the Section. Prepares the agenda for the annual Section Business meeting. In conducting the meetings, Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised) will be followed.

President-Elect: The President-Elect acts for the President in the case of his/her temporary or permanent absence or disability. Also, further functions as the primary delegate of the President in selected matters of the Section and serves as Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for recording the minutes of the meetings and for the maintenance of the archives of the Section as they accumulate. Advises the Council in preparation of the budget, handles the monetary affairs, and maintains proper accounts under the authorization and direction of the Council. Distributes and tabulates ballots for all elections of the Section.

National Council Delegate: The National Council Delegate represents the Section of the National Council of the Technologist Section, Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., and submits reports to the President and the membership after meetings of the National Council.

ARTICLE VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The President-Elect will be elected on an annual basis and the Secretary-Treasurer and National Council Delegate elected on a biannual basis, prior to the annual meeting of this Section. Subsection delegates to the Council should provide in writing to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee a minimum of one name for nomination to each office by June 1st, 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 five members of the Section. In the event that there are no candidates submitted to the Nominating Committee, the members of the Committee will seek candidates for vacant office(s). A current curriculum vitae shall be furnished for each nominee.

SECTION 2. The ballot should contain at least two names and space for one write-in candidate. For each office, a current curriculum vitae shall be furnished for each nominee. To be elected, the write-in candidate must indicate willingness to accept office not later than one week after tabulation of the ballots. At any time a candidate may request a copy of the bylaws from the Nominating Committee that outline the job

responsibilities.

SECTION 3. The slate of candidates chosen by the Nominating Committee shall be forwarded to the membership at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 4. All elections shall be held by mail ballot prior to the annual meeting of the Section.

SECTION 5. Ballots shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Ballots postmarked later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting shall not be counted.

SECTION 6. The tabulation of the mail ballots shall be conducted by the Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 7. The nominee receiving the simple majority of votes by mail ballot shall be elected to office.

SECTION 8. In the event of a tie vote, the members present at the annual meeting of the Council shall vote by written ballot to break the tie. The term of the office shall commence and end with the annual business meeting of the Section.

SECTION 9. Results of the election shall be made known at the annual meeting of the Section.

SECTION 10. Any challenge to the election must be made in writing to the presiding officer at the annual business meeting of the Section. If there is no challenge presented at this time, the election shall be declared valid and the ballots destroyed.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Standing Committees are the following.

Executive Committee: The President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and National Council Delegate are members of the Executive Committee. 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.

Nominating Committee: The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee will be the immediate past President of the Section. The Chairperson will appoint members to serve on this Committee with the approval of the President. The Committee will act in accordance with the duties set forth in Article 7.

Membership Committee: The Chairperson of the Membership Committee

will be the President-Elect. Additional members will be selected by the Chairperson as required. This Committee will be responsible for recruitment of new members, and maintenance and updating of the membership roster. It will report to the membership at the annual business meeting of the Section.

SECTION 2. Special Committees.

The President of the Section may appoint chairpersons and members of the special committees when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

The Section will meet annually in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Chapter and at such other times decided by the Council. A business meeting will be held at the annual meeting. A quorum for the conduct of business will be those members present at the annual meeting, provided notice of this meeting has been mailed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Any person having voting privileges as 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 Council. On approval by a majority vote of the Council, the amendment shall be presented to the membership at large. It will be included, as a proposed amendment, with the ballot mailed prior to the annual meeting of the Section.

The Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Section may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members returning ballots by mail.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All questions of parliamentary procedure will be determined at all meetings of the Section, Council, and of the Executive Committee by provisions of the Bylaws and by 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. RELATION TO THE CHAPTER AND TECHNOLOGIST SECTION OF THE SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE, INC.

- A. The Section is bound in its actions by the Bylaws of the Chapter, and Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc.
- B. The Section may not obligate the Chapter in any way, however, when specifically charged by the President, Executive Committee, or Board of Trustees of the Chapter, the Section may represent the Chapter on matters

of information or political interest regarding Technologist affairs.

- C. The Section will submit to the President of the Chapter written minutes of their business meeting and current membership roster on an annual basis.

ARTICLE XIII. TERMINATION OF THE SECTION

Should the Section cease to exist, all minutes, documents, and monies will become the property of the Chapter.