

Constitution of the Radiation Research Society

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of the Organization shall be the Radiation Research Society.

ARTICLE II - Object

The objects of the Society shall be:

1. To promote original research in the natural sciences relating to radiation.
2. To facilitate integration of different disciplines in the study of radiation effects.
3. To promote the diffusion of knowledge in these fields.

ARTICLE III - Members

1. The membership of the Society shall consist of Members, Associate Members, Student Members, Emeritus Members, Sustaining Members and Institutional Members.
2. Members. There shall be elected to membership only such persons as have made meritorious contributions to the advancement of radiation physics, chemistry, biology, or medicine by independent, original research; or have rendered some other special service to the cause of the natural sciences, which is considered equivalent to such investigations. The fulfillment of these qualifications shall be determined normally by an examination of the published works of the candidate. The rights and privileges of Members include voting, holding office, and subscribing to Society publications at favorable rates.
3. Associate Members. There may be elected to associate membership only persons working as research associates or technicians in the field of radiation research, or persons whose degree(s), published work or professional contributions are not in radiation research but whose interests and endeavors in natural sciences render them desirable as Associate Members. Associate Members have all privileges of Members except that they may not vote or hold office.
4. Student Members. There may be elected to student membership only pre-or postdoctoral students in the area of radiation research or in other areas of natural sciences. Student membership is limited to six years and may be extended by petitioning the Membership Committee. Student Members have all the privileges of Members except that they may not vote or hold office.
5. Emeritus Members. An Emeritus Member fulfills the requirements for a Member, but has become Emeritus or retired at his/her own institution. He/she has all the rights and privileges of Members and pays no dues.
6. Sustaining Members. A person or corporation may be elected a Sustaining Member as a result of demonstrated and substantial acts benefiting the Society or its purposes. Only in the case of a person qualified as a Member may a Sustaining Member vote or hold office.
7. Institutional Members. Academic Departments or Institutes involved in radiation research may be elected as Institutional Members. Institutional Members may not vote or hold office in the Society. An Institutional Member may subscribe to the Society's publications only at the institutional rates.

ARTICLE IV - Management

1. The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by its members through their elected Officers, Council, and Board of Editors.
2. It shall be the guiding principle of the Society, its Officers, Council, and Board of Editors to provide equal opportunities to the participating branches of science (physics, chemistry, biology, and medicine) in the conduct of the affairs of the Society by appropriate representation on the Council, Board of Editors, and Committees.
3. The Officers shall be a President, a Vice-President/President-Elect, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Editor-in-Chief, and every third year, a Secretary-Treasurer-Elect.
4. The Council shall consist of the current Officers, the most recent Past President, and ten elected Councilors. The fields of physics, chemistry, biology, and medicine shall be represented on the Council each by two Councilors,

elected expressly for this purpose. The remaining two Councilors shall be elected to represent science in general. Each Councilor shall be elected for a three-year term.

5. In the event that a Council seat is vacated, the Council shall appoint a temporary Councilor to serve until the next election is held. The Councilor elected at this time shall serve for the unexpired term of the Councilor elected to office.
6. The Board of Editors shall have charge, as designated by the Council, of all publications of the Society. The Board of Editors shall consist of the Editor-in-Chief, and at least eight Members, elected expressly to represent the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, and medicine, each by two Members. Each Member of the Board of Editors (except the Editor-in-Chief) shall be elected for a four-year term.
7. The Editor-in-Chief may be appointed by the Council or elected by the Society membership, at the discretion of the Council, for a three-year term. In either case, he/she may be re-appointed or re-elected for additional three-year terms.
8. The Vice-President-Elect shall be elected for a term of one year, at the conclusion of which he/she shall serve as Vice-President/President-Elect for one year, and subsequently as President for one year. The Secretary-Treasurer-Elect shall serve for a term of one year, following which he/she shall serve a three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer. Except the Editor-in Chief, no Officer, Councilor, or Member of the Board shall be eligible for election to the same office for two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V – Elections

1. Officers and Councilors shall be elected by letter ballot. Not less than 18 weeks before the Annual Meeting the Secretary-Treasurer shall send to each Member a request for nominations, specifying the vacancies to be filled. Within fourteen weeks before the Annual Meeting, all nominations shall be received by the Secretary-Treasurer who shall transmit all those that are valid to the Nominating Committee. A person is nominated by the Membership if he/she is named by at least 10 Members. The Nominating Committee shall present at least two candidates for each vacancy, excepting only the office of Editor-in-Chief. The Committee may nominate candidates for each office in addition to those nominated by the Membership. The names of all nominees shall be transmitted to the Secretary-Treasurer who shall have an election ballot prepared including all nominees of both categories and a blank space for each vacancy to provide for write-in candidates. The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail a copy of the official ballot to each Member not less than twelve weeks before the Annual Meeting. To be valid, each ballot must be properly marked and be received by the Secretary-Treasurer not less than eight weeks before the Annual Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall deliver all valid ballots within seven weeks of the Annual Meeting to tellers appointed by the President. The tellers shall count the valid ballots, and the results shall be reported to the Secretary-Treasurer. In case of failure to secure a majority for an Officer or Councilor, one of the two candidates for each position having the highest number of votes will be chosen by letter ballot. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have a run-off election ballot prepared containing the two candidates for each position having the highest number of votes. The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail a copy of the official run-off ballot to each Member not less than six weeks before the Annual Meeting. To be valid, each run-off ballot must be properly marked and be received by the Secretary-Treasurer not less than two weeks before the Annual Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall deliver all valid run-off ballots at or before the Annual Meeting to tellers appointed by the President. The tellers shall count the valid ballots, and the results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting.
2. If a vacancy in any elective office or position, except that of President or Vice-President/President-Elect, occurs between Annual Meetings, the Council shall appoint a successor for a term expiring at the time of the business session of the Annual Meeting. The vacancy will be filled by letter ballot or by secret ballot of Members present at the business session of the Annual Meeting. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President/President-Elect shall act as President until the next election is held. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-President/President-Elect, the Vice-President-Elect shall act as Vice-President/President-Elect until the next election. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-President-Elect, both a Vice-President/President-Elect and a Vice-President-Elect will be chosen at the next election.
3. Members of the Board of Editors shall be elected by simple majority vote of the Council on nomination by the Editor-in-Chief.

ARTICLE VI - Duties

1. The duties of the President, the Vice-President/President-Elect, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Editor-in-Chief are those customarily performed by such officers, unless otherwise directed by the Council. The Vice-President-

Elect assures a smooth presidential succession, assists the Vice-President/President-Elect in the organization of the Annual Meeting, and serves as otherwise directed by the Council.

2. The duties of the Council shall be:
- (a) To serve as the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
 - (b) To administer all funds of the Society and to make appropriations for the necessary expenses of the Society.
 - (c) To establish annually the dues for members.
 - (d) To take such action as seems desirable and appropriate to promote the objects of the Society.
 - (e) To examine the eligibility of applicants and to report its findings to the Society.
 - (f) To appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of four Members. One of these Members shall represent physics, one chemistry, one biology, and one medicine. Each Member of this Committee shall be appointed for a one-year term only, but he/she may be reappointed.
 - (g) To establish and foster representative publications as they become desirable.
 - (h) The Council may, if it deems necessary, appoint an Executive Director with appropriate compensation to assist in handling the affairs of the Society.
 - (i) The Council may, at its discretion, appoint an Executive Committee from its members and may delegate to this committee such powers as it sees fit.
 - (j) To appoint such other committees as are necessary.

ARTICLE VII - Quorum

Eight voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. Fifty Members shall constitute a quorum for all business meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

No part of this Constitution shall be amended or annulled except by formal proposal of an Amendment, followed by opportunity for discussion at an Annual Meeting and by a letter ballot. Proposal of an Amendment may be made by the Council, or by petition to the President signed by at least ten Members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall distribute copies of the proposed Amendment to all Members of the Society no less than three weeks before an Annual Meeting, and opportunity shall be given for discussion in the meeting. Not more than eight weeks after this meeting the Secretary-Treasurer shall again distribute copies of the Amendment in its final form, accompanied by ballot forms. To be valid, each ballot must be properly marked and be mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer in time to be received not later than a date specified on the ballot form. The Secretary-Treasurer shall deliver all valid ballots to tellers appointed by the President. The tellers shall promptly report the outcome of their count to the President who shall then promptly report it to the Council and shall announce it at the next Annual Meeting. Adoption of a proposed Amendment shall require the affirmative votes of not fewer than two-thirds of the Members voting and shall become effective as soon as the tellers report the vote to the President.