

Explanations for Proposed Amendments to the
CONSTITUTION OF THE RADIATION RESEARCH SOCIETY
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ARTICLE III - Members

8. A new section on Member Discipline codifies how and when a member may specify their discipline, which will be used for situations where a specific discipline is mandated (e.g., voting or governance).

ARTICLE IV – Management

4. Specifies that a Councilor representing a discipline must be “registered” in that discipline in the Society Directory and database. Currently, there is no such requirement. Reference is made to the above Article III.8.
4. Word change from “eligible entire membership” to “entire eligible membership”. No functional change.
4. Clarifies a stipulation (currently in item 8) that no Councilor shall be eligible for election to the same office for two consecutive terms. Avoids the question of whether a Councilor for a specific discipline could be elected to a different Councilor position. Also adds a prohibition against being appointed to such a position.
6. Clarifies that the Board of Editors is **appointed** by the Governing Council, not **elected**. No functional change.
6. Clarifies that editors appointed to represent specific disciplines/fields will be from that discipline, i.e., registered as such in the Society Directory and database.
6. Changes election (see above) for a four-year term to appointed annually by Council. This provides more flexibility to accommodate changes in requirements for reviewer expertise. The assumption of serving for four years is maintained, but is not required.
8. Clarifies the process of succession through the offices of the Presidency, from Vice-President-Elect to Past-President. No functional change.
8. Clarifies a stipulation (currently in item 8) that no Officer shall be eligible for election to the same office for two consecutive terms. Specifically prohibits a current Past-President from running for the office of Vice-President-Elect.
9. *A new section on rotation of the Presidency through the disciplines will be considered here – see separate document for details.*
10. Modifies a stipulation (currently in item 8) that no Officer shall be eligible for election to the same office for two consecutive terms. This specifically permits the Secretary-

Treasurer to be re-elected for one additional three-year term. This office is viewed as administrative more than representative, similar to the Editor-in-Chief, and thus experience in the office can be leveraged by a second term.

11. A new section that provides a mechanism for removal of officers and councilors should such a need present. This would be used only in severe circumstances and so the requirements have intentionally been set very high (3/4 vote of Council and ratification by 2/3 of voting members).

ARTICLE V - Elections

1. A series of wording changes to reflect the electoral process currently used. For example, online voting, elimination of tellers to count votes, etc.
1. Adds a stipulation that candidates must meet discipline requirements (required for present election of discipline specific Councilors, potentially necessary for election of Vice-President-Elect).
2. Clarifies that interim positions are held until the **next** Business Meeting.
2. Provides Council the option of holding a special election (possible with online voting) to fill a vacancy rather than simply appoint a replacement as an interim. Such an elected individual would complete the original term of office rather than serve less than one year as an interim.
3. Clarifies that Members of the Board of Editors are appointed by Council, not elected. Similarly, permits removal by Council. Changes nomination by Editor-in-Chief to recommendation.

ARTICLE VI - Duties

1. Formally defines the composition of the Executive Committee and specifies the responsibilities and delegations of power from the Council. This converts customary practice to constitutional authorization. Item 2(i) is therefore deleted as superfluous.
- 2.(d) Provides a general guiding principle for the conduct of the members of the Council.
- 2.(j) Authorize Council to charge appointed committees with specific tasks.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

A series of wording changes to reflect the processes currently used to affect amendments. No functional changes.