

RULE 10.2 - SECTIONS

I. PURPOSE

To specify the requirements regarding formation and operation of Sections.

II. DEFINITIONS

SECTION. A group representing a sub-specialty within the field of radiation protection created to improve coordination of effort and technical understanding (See BY-LAWS Article VII, Section 11).

III. SPECIFICATIONS

a) AUTHORIZATION

The Board authorizes a Section at the request of at least one- percent of the voting members of the Society.

b) CHARTER

Each Section shall function under the provisions of a Charter approved by the Board that defines the general structure and purposes of the Section.

c) BY-LAWS

- i) Each Section shall establish By-laws that define the general modes of operation of the Section. Section By-laws shall be in concert with the Charter as determined by the Chair of the Rules Committee.
- ii) Changes in Section By-laws shall be reviewed by the Chair of the Rules Committee and submitted to the Board for approval.

d) MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Section membership is open to any Society or IRPA-affiliated society member in good standing and to any individual who has substantial interest in the sub-specialty of the Section and meets the requirements of the Section Charter.

e) GOVERNING BODY SELECTION

- i) The Section shall have officers consisting of a President and President-Elect and others as may be provided for in the Section BY-LAWS.
- ii) The Section President and President-Elect shall be members of the Society.

- iii) The Section BY-LAWS may vest control over the affairs of the Section in a board of directors, executive council, or other type of governing body

f) RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

- i) A Section may plan and manage one or more technical sessions during the Annual and/or Midyear Meeting of the Society in cooperation with the Program Committee.
- ii) A Section may recommend to the Society President the appointment of qualified members of the Section to serve on the Committees of the Society. Membership on the Program and Standards Committees is especially encouraged.

g) RESPONSIBILITIES

- i) Each Section shall submit an annual report to the Society Board summarizing the activities of the Section.
- ii) The dues fee structure and budget report for each Section shall be approved by the Finance Committee and submitted to the Board for approval (See [Rule 14.2](#)).
- iii) Each Section shall send two Section members to the Section Council Meeting held at the Society Annual Meeting. See [Rule 7.7](#).

IV. PROCEDURES

a) ESTABLISHING A SECTION

- i) Prepare a petition containing a concise statement defining the specialization to be represented by the proposed Section.
- ii) Obtain, on the petition, the signatures of at least one-percent of the voting members of the Society.
- iii) Present the petition to the Board for its authorization.
- iv) After a Section has been authorized, the Board shall select a nine member Ad Hoc Committee from among the original petitioners.
- v) This Ad Hoc Committee shall then elect from among its members an acting President to serve until the first elected President-Elect succeeds to the office of President.

vi) The Ad Hoc Committee shall develop a Section charter based on a standard charter provided by the Executive Secretary.

vii) The Section charter shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

viii) Following approval of the charter, the Section holds elections to select its executive board. The initial election will specifically indicate which candidates for executive board membership are running for one, two and/or three year terms. The number of executive board members, their title (e.g., Treasurer, Secretary) and their term will be stipulated in the section bylaws. The Ad Hoc Committee does not necessarily form the initial executive board, although any or all Ad Hoc committee members would be eligible for election to the executive board.

b) INACTIVE SECTIONS

i) A Section may be placed in inactive status by the Board for:

(1) failure to hold a meeting for two consecutive years,

(2) failure to submit an annual report to the Board for two consecutive years,

(3) failure to hold elections and have a governing body for two consecutive years, or

(4) failure to attend the Section Council Meeting for two consecutive years,

ii) A Section that has been in inactive status for two consecutive years will be encouraged to dissolve by mutual agreement with the Society or upon its own initiative. In conjunction with any Section dissolution, disbursement of finances shall be performed with oversight and involvement of the Secretariat and in accordance with any applicable by-laws and rules of the Section.

c) SECTION DISAFFILIATION

An inactive Section may be disaffiliated from the Society by a majority vote of the Board.