

CHARTER OF THE ACCELERATOR SECTION OF THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Section shall be the Accelerator Section (hereinafter designated as the Section) of the Health Physics Society (hereinafter designated as the Society).

ARTICLE II

Jurisdiction

Section membership is not limited to any specific geographical area.

ARTICLE III

Objectives and Purposes

The general objectives and purposes of the Section shall be to promote the mutual interests of Section and Society members related to accelerator radiological protection. The objectives and purposes of the Section shall be consistent with the objectives and purposes of the Society as set out in the Bylaws of the Society and Section Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

Section-Society Relationship

Section 1. The Section operates in affiliation with the Society. It is governed by the provisions of its Charter, Bylaws, and Rules. The relationship between the Section and the Society shall not be placed in jeopardy so long as the Section complies with the provisions of its Charter as augmented by those parts of the Rules of the Society which deal with the relationships between the Society and Sections.

Section 2. The Charter shall be placed in the custody of the Section with a duplicate copy kept on file at the business office of the Society.

Section 3. Any conflict requiring an interpretation of the provisions of the Charter shall be resolved by the Society Board of Directors and the Section Board of Directors.

Section 4. The responsibility for determining Section policy is set out in the Section Bylaws. The Section may designate a person to represent the Section in carrying out such policies BUT no person shall presume to speak for the Section or the Society on matters of Section policy or Society policy without appropriate authorization. These provisions shall not be construed as limiting any member of a Section from expressing their personal views either publicly or in private.

Section 5. No action, financial or other obligation, or expression of the Section shall be considered an action, obligation or expression of the Society as a whole without prior approval of the Society Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Section shall submit to the business office of the Society and in a form approved by the Society annual reports concerning the activities of the Section.

Section 7. The Section may be dissolved and its Charter revoked by the Society Board of Directors for good cause shown in accordance with the Rules of the Society.

ARTICLE V Membership

Section 1. Members of the Section shall be persons who are members of the Society or IRPA-affiliated Societies in good standing who have substantial interest in accelerator radiological protection.

Section 2. Any person who is a member of the Society becomes a member of the Section upon presenting proof of membership in the Society and the payment of Section dues.

Section 3. Applications for membership in the Section involving persons who are not members of the Society shall be processed in accordance with procedures set out in the Section Bylaws.

Section 4. Membership dues for all grades of membership within the Section shall be established in accordance with provisions set out in the Section Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI Administration

Section 1. The Section shall have Officers and a Board of Directors ("Board"). The Officers administer the affairs of the Section in accordance with its objectives and purposes, performing those functions as may be customary to the office and as further defined in the Section Bylaws and/or Rules

Section 2. The Officers of the Section shall include at least a President, a President-Elect (when the office is filled), and a Secretary/Treasurer. Other Officers may be identified in the Section Bylaws.

Section 3. The President-Elect shall be a voting member of the Society and shall remain a voting member of the Society throughout their terms as President-Elect and President.

Section 4. The Board shall be the governing body of the Section and shall exercise control over all funds, activities, and policies of the Section or as defined in Section Bylaws and/or Rules.

Section 5. The Board consists of the Officers identified in ARTICLE VI Section 2 and any additional Directors elected by the Section membership in accordance with specifications in the Bylaws. The President-Elect will automatically become President during their tenure on the Board. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the Section's Annual Meeting. Unbroken periods of service in Board positions shall be limited to a maximum of SIX years. A minimum break of ONE year is required prior to re-election to the Board. The function, eligibility, selection, term of office, and responsibilities of individual Officers and Directors are specified in the Section Bylaws and Rules.

Section 6. The Section Bylaws shall provide for the establishment of committees and other administrative posts as may be considered essential for the administration of the affairs of the Section.

Section 7. Vacancies occurring in an elective office or an appointive post shall be filled in accordance with provision set out in the Section Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII Election Procedures

Section 1. Nominations for all elective offices that are to be filled by a poll of the membership of the Section shall be made by a Nominating Committee consisting of a chairperson and two other members chosen in accordance with procedures set out in the Section Bylaws. No Section Officer or Director shall be eligible to serve on this committee.

Section 2. The polling of the membership shall be done by secret ballot with provisions for write-in candidates. Specific procedures for balloting are set out in the Section Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII Meetings

The Section shall hold at least one meeting each calendar year which shall be designated as the Annual Meeting of the Section. Meetings of the Section shall be held at such time and place as may be provided for in the Section Bylaws or Rules.

ARTICLE IX Section Bylaws and Rules

Section 1. The Section Bylaws shall be adopted by the voting membership of the Section before they become effective. A bylaw is adopted, rejected, or amended on the basis of a majority of the votes cast on the issue designated in a particular poll.

Section 2. Rules for handling administrative matters may be promulgated by the Section Board if provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 3. In the event of conflict, the articles of the Section Charter supersede the Section Bylaws, and the Section Bylaws supersede the Section Rules.

ARTICLE X
Amendments

Amendments to the Charter are approved by the Society Board of Directors and by the Section Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI
Attestations

Section 1. The approved Charter shall be construed as evidence that the Section-Society affiliation relationship is in effect.

Section 2. The Section may use the OFFICIAL SEAL of the Society, in part, modified, or in the whole, on Section stationery, and/or for other legitimate purposes so long as the use of the seal is such as to guarantee that an observer will recognize that he is dealing with the Section and not the Society.