CHARTER OF THE ACADEMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND RESEARCH RADIATION SAFETY SECTION OF THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY

Initially Established as the Radiation Operations Section on June 29, 1997
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ARTICLE I
Name

The name of the Section shall be the Academic, Industrial, and Research Radiation Safety Section (AIRRS) (hereinafter designated as the Section) of the Health Physics Society (hereinafter designated as the Society).

ARTICLE II
Jurisdiction

Section membership is not limited to a specific geographical area.

ARTICLE III
Objectives

The general objectives and purposes of the Section shall be to promote the mutual interests of Section and Society members in academic, industrial, and research operational health physics, the structure and content of radiation safety programs in academic, industrial, and research facilities; surveillance, measurement and dosimetry; mitigation and control; decontamination and decommissioning; training and risk communication and education; waste management; public education and outreach; regulatory issues which impact such programs; and, to develop consensus standards of practice for such programs. The objectives and purposes of the Section shall be consistent with the objectives and purposes of the Society as set out in the By-laws of the Society and Section By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV
Section-Society Relationships

Section 1. The Section operates in affiliation with the Society. It is governed by the provisions of its Charter, By-laws, and Rules. The Section-Society relationship shall not be placed in jeopardy so long as (i) the Section complies with the provision of its Charter as augmented by those parts of the bylaws of the Society which deal with the Section-Society relationship, and (ii) the Society fulfills its stated objectives maintaining a balance as to the mutual interests of the two.

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. The signatures of the duly authorized officers of the

Section and the Society affixed at the time of chartering signify the Section-Society relationship in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

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 who have substantial interests in operational health physics and radiation safety programs.

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

Section 3. Membership dues for all grades of membership within the Section shall be established in accordance with provisions set out in the Section By-Laws.

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 By-Laws and/or Rules.

Section 2. The Officers of the Section shall be a President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and in alternating years a President-elect and Secretary-Treasurer elect and such others as may be provided for in the Section By-Laws.

Section 3. The Officers of the Section shall be persons who are voting members of the Society.

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 the Section By-Laws and/or Rules.

Section 5. The Board consists of the Officers identified in ARTICLE VI Section 2 and three additional Directors, each of whom is elected by the Section membership. The President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer-Elect will automatically become President and Secretary/Treasurer respectively in year two of their three year tenure and will serve as President or Secretary/Treasurer for two years during their three-year 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 By-Laws and Rules.

Section 6. The Section By-Laws shall provide for the establishment of committees and other administrative posts as may be considered essential for 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 provisions set out in the Section By-Laws.

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 at least two other members chosen in accordance with procedures set out in the Section By-Laws. 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 By-Laws.

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 By-Laws or Rules.

ARTICLE IX
Section By-Laws and Rules

Section 1. The Section By-Laws shall be adopted by the voting membership of the Section before they become effective. A By-Law 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 Section By-Laws.

Section 3. In the event of conflict, the Articles of the Section Charter supersede the Section By-Laws, and the Section By-Laws 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 signed 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.

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