

CHARTER OF THE EARLY-CAREER PROFESSIONALS SECTION OF THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY
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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Section shall be the Early-Career Professionals 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 associated with the professional development of persons early in their radiation protection career. 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. The signatures of the duly authorized officers of the Section and the Society affixed at the time of chartering signify the relationship between the Section and the Society 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 of the section President in consultation with the majority of the Section or Society Board of Directors, respectively. 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 an annual report in a form approved by the Society, 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 interest in the support and promotion of persons early (defined as less than or equal to 15 years of professional experience) in their career in health physics and related disciplines.

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.

Section 5. Membership is not limited to any specific age group or professional experience requirement.

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 be a President, a President-Elect or Secretary/Treasurer-Elect, and a Secretary/Treasurer.

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 3 additional Directors, each of whom is elected by the Section membership. The President-Elect will automatically become President during their three-year tenure on the Board. Similarly, the Secretary/Treasurer-Elect will automatically become Secretary/Treasurer 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 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.

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.

Section 3. Individuals to fill elective offices will be determined by a simple majority of the votes by participating Section members.

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 based on a simple majority of the votes cast on the issue designated in a 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 Section Board and by the Society Board.

ARTICLE XI Section Bylaws and Rules

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, classic or modern, 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 they are dealing with the Section and not the Society.

Section 3. The Early-Career Professionals Section of the Health Physics Society is duly authorized by the Board of Directors of the Society to function as a Section of the Society in accordance with the provisions of this forgoing this ____ day of ___, 20__ as witnessed by the signatures below.