

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

March 15, 2004

Members of the Society of Nuclear Medicine:

The following pages include proposed amendments to the SNM Bylaws based on input from various sources, solicitations from the members of the Committee on Bylaws, and meetings with SNM leadership as presented to the House of Delegates at the Mid Winter HOD meeting.

For ease of discussion, changes have been divided into separate Items. The first Items include changes that reflect a substantial change in the policies or practices of the Society. The final Item includes together various changes that are of a more trivial and/or housekeeping nature and are felt to be noncontroversial enough to be considered as one group.

Proposed but brief additions are indicated by an underline. Proposed but brief deletions are indicated by a ~~strickthrough~~. Longer areas of addition or deletion are included as a complete restatement of the affected segment. The rationale for the change is usually included. Certain trivial changes such as fixing capitalization, punctuation or re-lettering or renumbering sections may not always be indicated.

The major Items were discussed at the House of Delegates meeting in Anaheim. Following that, and after further revision as requested at the time of the midwinter meeting, the changes are being distributed to the membership and will be voted on by the House of Delegates in June 2004.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Committee on Bylaws

The following changes (Items 1-4) are considered to represent substantial changes from the policies and procedures described in the existing Bylaws and/or from current practice within the Society.

ITEM 1

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

RATIONALE: (1) Article III, Section 1 has been rewritten to correct or clarify a number of privileges and responsibilities of persons who join the Society and who participate in various aspects of the Society such as committees, councils, and the House and Board. (2) It has also been altered to make the descriptions more parallel between categories. (3) It is assumed that any member who is appointed or elected, in accordance with the Bylaws, to any constituent entity or position in the Society, should be able to serve and vote in that entity/position unless specifically prohibited. Voting in this article refers to voting on issues presented to the Society as a whole (e.g. annual election of Society Officers) and does not apply to voting in committees, councils, the House, or the Board, etc. (4) The role of the Committee on Membership has been changed to reflect current practice. (5) The term "Office" or "Officer" (capital "O") is intended to indicate only the 4 positions described in Article VI. When these words are written with lower case "o," they apply to any office in the Society, including council, House, and committee positions, etc. (6) In joining the Society, members are expected to apply to the highest level of membership for which they qualify based on their professional activities in nuclear medicine.

RATIONALE: The concept of "other related fields" has been incorporated into the subsections on Associate and Technologist members to accommodate professionals from related disciplines.

Section 1: CLASSIFICATIONS

A. Full Membership

Physicians or scientists possessing an advanced degree who have presented credentials indicating their professional activity, either medical, paramedical, investigational or educational in the scientific or clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic or investigational use of radionuclides, ~~approved by the Committee on Membership,~~ may join the Society as Full Members with the right to vote and to ~~hold office~~ be elected an Officer of the Society. The House of Delegates by majority vote may extend ~~Full~~ ~~Membership~~ to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to nuclear medicine, but who do not otherwise qualify for full membership.

B. Associate Membership

Scientists, ~~or~~ nuclear medicine technologists, or other health professionals with a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent qualification as determined by the Committee on Membership, who have presented credentials indicating their professional activity, either paramedical, investigational or educational, in the scientific or clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic or investigational use of radionuclides or other related field, may join the Society as Associate Members ~~and have with~~ the right to vote ~~in the Society of Nuclear Medicine~~, but may not ~~hold elective office~~ be elected an Officer of the Society. ~~except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. Associate Members who are representatives to the House of Delegates from chapters or councils have voting privileges in the House.~~

C. Nuclear Medicine Technologist Membership

~~Persons~~ Technologists who have presented credentials indicating professional activity in ~~Nuclear Medicine~~ Technology or other related field, may join the Society as Technologist Members ~~and do not have without~~ the right to vote or ~~hold office~~ to be elected an Officer ~~in~~ of the Society. ~~except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. Nuclear Medicine Technologists do have the right to vote and hold office in the Technologist Section, in accord with the Operating Procedures adopted by the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section. Technologist Members who are representatives to the House of Delegates from chapters or councils have voting privileges in the House.~~

D. Members-in-Training

~~Nuclear medicine p~~Physicians, ~~and~~ scientists, and technologists who are enrolled in accredited training programs may join the Society as Members-in-Training ~~and enjoy with~~ all rights and privileges of membership, except the rights to vote and ~~hold elective office~~ to be elected an Officer of the Society.

E. Affiliate Membership

~~Members of industry or other~~ Individuals committed to the advancement of nuclear medicine, ~~but not~~ qualifying for membership in other categories, may join the Society as Affiliate Members ~~and enjoy with~~ all rights and privileges of membership, except the rights to vote and ~~hold office~~ to be elected an Officer of the Society.

F. Honorary Membership

Individuals who have rendered outstanding service in an area of ~~Nuclear Medicine~~ may be granted Honorary Membership in the Society ~~and enjoy with~~ all rights and privileges of membership, except the rights to vote and ~~hold office~~ to be elected an Officer of the Society.

G. Emeritus Membership

Individuals upon their retirement after at least ten (10) years of consecutive membership in the Society may be granted Emeritus Membership. Emeritus members have the full privileges of the membership category from which they entered the emeritus status except the right to ~~hold elective office~~. ~~An emeritus member may hold the office of Historian.~~ to be elected an Officer of the Society.

ITEM 2

Article V. Section 2.D.(5)3. Membership

~~Each Chapter is composed of Society Mmembers in all membership categories. A Chapter may choose to organize a Technologist Section to serve the needs of its Nuclear Medicine Technologist Members.~~

RATIONALE: The HOD directed the Committee on Bylaws to create language that allows “the formation of additional chapters based on membership type, within geographic locations provided those chapters meet the defined chartering guidelines as adopted in 1999-2000.” The Bylaws already allow, in their silence on the issue of exactly what is a chapter, the creation of multiple chapters within a given area. Further, the HOD, by its chartering actions at the June 2003 meeting, has already accepted the formation of dual chapters within one geographic region as legitimate and allowable under the current Bylaws.

To comply with the specific requirements of the HOD resolution, the only change that is necessary is to strike “in all membership categories.” This allows chapters to exclude certain classes of members as they see fit.

RATIONALE: Given the changes in the first sentence, the second sentence of the subsection, “A Chapter may choose to organize a Technologist Section to serve the needs of its Nuclear Medicine Technologist Members,” is superfluous.

ITEM 3

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATIONAL CATEGORIES

Section 1: ORGANIZATIONAL CATEGORIES

The Society shall have four (4) organizational categories: ~~C~~hapters, ~~C~~ouncils, ~~C~~enters, and the ~~Nuclear Medicine~~ Technologist Section. Each organizational category is an integral part of the Society with representation in the House of Delegates. The Operating Procedures of ~~C~~hapters and Councils shall be approved by the House of Delegates. The Operating Procedures of ~~C~~enters and the ~~Nuclear Medicine~~ Technologist Section shall be approved by the Board of Directors. These Operating Procedures must be consistent with the Bylaws and policies of the Society. The business plans and budgets of councils shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Rationale: Changes in Article V, Section 1 are grammatical except for the addition of board responsibility for approving the business plan and budgets of the councils.

ARTICLE V

Section 3: COUNCILS

- (1) ~~Mission: Description:~~
~~Council status is reserved for nuclear medicine subspecialty or sub-disciplinary areas of interest, each approved by the House of Delegates upon petition by at least 100 active members. The Society recognizes the need for sub-specialty interests/expertise within the field of nuclear medicine. Councils provide the expertise, professional networking, and educational programs for nuclear medicine professionals in respective areas; while simultaneously serving and serve as a resource for development and implementation of Society policy.~~
- (2) ~~Mission:~~
 The mission of councils shall be to:
 - (a) ~~Serve as a forum for members with like interests,~~
 - (b) ~~Provide expertise in the field to the membership-at-large,~~
 - (c) ~~Foster research and education in their areas of interest,~~
 - (d) ~~Serve as a resource to Society leadership, and~~
 - (e) ~~Provide outreach to other professional and organizations~~
- ~~(2)~~(3) ~~Membership:~~
 Council membership is voluntary. Society members are eligible for ~~C~~council membership.
- (4) ~~Organization:~~
 - (a) Each council shall adhere to Society Bylaws and policies, while operating under its own Operating Procedures, as approved by the House of Delegates, and its own business plan and budget, as approved by the Board of Directors.
 - (b) Each council shall have a Board of Directors, at least one member of which shall be a member of the Society's Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: The above changes in Section 3 implement shared responsibility between the HOD and the BOD for councils.

Article VII.2.D (Responsibilities of the House of Delegates)

- D. To approve establishment, suspension, and dissolution of ~~C~~hapters and Councils.

Article X.2.E (Responsibilities of the Board of Directors)

- E. To identify relevant professional issues for presentation to and action by the House of Delegates, either directly or by appropriate ~~Councils~~ or committees.

ITEM 4

RATIONALE: Current Article VII, Section 5 is replaced as follows to implement HOD resolution for creation of a Vice Speaker.

Section 5: OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the House shall be the Speaker, Vice Speaker, and Historian.
- B. Election
 1. The Vice Speaker of the House shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by the House of Delegates from among those voting Delegates who will continue to serve in the House the following year.
 2. Upon completion of his term, the Vice Speaker shall automatically become Speaker of the House.
 3. The Historian shall be elected as otherwise described in these Bylaws.

- C. Term
 - 1. The Vice Speaker shall serve for a term of two (2) years that commences at the end of the Annual Meeting at which elected.
 - 2. The Speaker shall serve a term of two (2) years that commences at the end of the term as Vice Speaker.
 - 3. If the Speaker is unable to serve, the Vice Speaker shall become Speaker and shall complete the unexpired portion of the Speaker’s term and then complete his regular term as Speaker.
 - 4. If a portion of an officer’s term extends beyond his term as Delegate or the term limit in the House, the officer will remain a voting member of the House for that time.
- ~~A. The Speaker of the House shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by the House of Delegates from among those Delegates who will continue to serve the House the following year.~~
- ~~B. The Speaker shall serve a two (2)-year term that commences at the end of the Annual Meeting at which elected. The Speaker may be re-elected to one consecutive term. In the event the second year of the Speaker’s term extends beyond the term as Delegate or term limit in the House, the Speaker will remain a member of the House for that additional year.~~
- D. The Speaker shall preside over meetings of the House. In the event of a tie vote, the Speaker will cast the deciding vote. In the absence of the Speaker, the Vice-Speaker shall preside.

ITEM 5

The following changes are considered to be of a trivial or noncontroversial nature.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Incorporated (SNM), ~~primarily a North American Society with international members~~, a not-for-profit corporation incorporated in the State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

RATIONALE: Add the word, “Incorporated,” to reflect the proper legal name of the organization.

RATIONALE: Delete the phrase, “primarily a North American Society with international members,” because it is not in line with current SNM goals and its current significant international membership.

ARTICLE II MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Section 2: OBJECTIVES

- A. To establish and maintain an organization of physicians, scientists, technologists, and other allied health professionals with a common interest in the scientific and clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic and investigational use of radionuclides.

RATIONALE: To specifically emphasize the role of technologists in the Society and the field of nuclear medicine and to be more inclusive of other occupations represented in the field.

- ~~B. To foster meetings of the organization for the purpose of communicating and discussing knowledge of nuclear phenomena as they apply to the better understanding and control of disease.~~

- ~~C. To disseminate information concerning nuclear medicine through meetings, publications, and other mechanisms by sponsoring scientific and professional publications.~~

RATIONALE: To consolidate and condense related functions in the existing subsections B and C

- ~~B.C.~~ To strive to better the welfare of mankind by maintaining and advancing the highest possible standards of education, research and clinical practice of nuclear medicine.

- ~~E.D.~~ To address in a timely manner socioeconomic issues and government relations that may significantly affect the quality of education, research and clinical practice in nuclear medicine.

RATIONALE: To correct punctuation.

ARTICLE III

Section 1: SEE ITEM 1 ABOVE**Section 2: (Privileges of Membership)**

In addition to the privileges stated elsewhere in the Bylaws of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Members shall have the following privileges:

- ~~A. Individuals residing in the United States or Canada, joining the Society as members, simultaneously become members of Chapter(s). Members joining more than one (1) Chapter may only have voting rights in one (1) Chapter.~~
- ~~B. Individuals residing outside the United States or Canada may obtain membership in existing Chapter(s). Members joining more than one (1) Chapter may only have voting rights in one (1) Chapter.~~

RATIONALE: Organization. The existing Section 2 deals only with chapter membership. All references to chapters have been moved to the Section on "Chapters" in Article V and are deleted from Article III. (2)

Section 32: RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP**A. General Responsibility**

Each member has the responsibility to support the Mission and Objectives of the Society and to adhere to the Bylaws.

RATIONALE: Better wording

B. Good Standing

A member must be in good standing to vote, hold office or receive the benefits and services otherwise reserved for Members of the Society. ~~Members in good standing are those members whose dues, service fees and other financial obligations to the Society are paid in full.~~

RATIONALE: Organization. This subsection is moved from Article III, Section 5.C.

RATIONALE: Streamlining. Exactly what constitutes "good standing" should be defined in Procedures rather than in the Bylaws.

~~Section 4~~ **Section 3: DISCIPLINE**

- A.** Members may be subject to discipline, including deprivation of membership, if they are guilty of unprofessional conduct or if they have been convicted of a felony in a court of law.
- B.** Except for provisions described in ~~Section 4:C~~; Section 3:C the Committee on Ethics shall review, either on its own initiative or on written and signed complaint, any case in which the circumstances ~~listed in Section 4:A~~; Section 3:A may lead to potential discipline; and shall forward to the House of Delegates any recommendation on possible action. Such review shall afford the accused member an opportunity for a hearing.

RATIONALE: Correct numbering

- C.** Members who have been convicted of a felony in a court of law can not hold a voting position in the House of Delegates or the Board of Directors and can not be appointed as General Program Chair, Scientific Program Chair, Editor of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, Editor of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*, or chair of a standing committee. This prohibition is lifelong unless overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the House of Delegates.
- D.** Recommendations for discipline of a member shall be referred to the House of Delegates, which will take final action by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

Section 5: DUES

- ~~A. Membership dues for each classification of Society membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors.~~
- ~~B. Dues shall be invoiced and paid in advance on an annual basis.~~

RATIONALE: Streamlining. Powers described in Sections A and B are already vested in the Board in Article X.2.C. with details described in Procedures and do not need to be repeated here.

- ~~C. A member must be in good standing to vote, hold office or receive the benefits and services otherwise reserved for Members of the Society. Members in good standing are those members whose dues, service fees and other financial obligations to the Society are paid in full.~~

RATIONALE: Organization. Moved to Section 2.B. and revised.

- ~~D. United States and Canadian Full, Associate, Affiliate and Technologist Members shall be presented a single bill which will include dues for the National and Chapter levels, payment of which will confer membership privileges and benefits at those levels.~~

RATIONALE: Streamlining. Details of how bills are prepared are addressed in Procedures and should be deleted from the Bylaws.

~~E. Individuals voluntarily joining Councils shall pay respective Council dues over and above regular Society membership dues.~~

RATIONALE: Organization. Decisions regarding dues for organizational categories should be described in those sections and/or in the Procedures of the category.

~~F. Honorary or Emeritus Members enjoy membership privileges on a complimentary basis.~~

RATIONALE: Streamlining. Setting dues and membership privileges is determined by the Board and should be described in Procedures.

**ARTICLE IV
ANNUAL MEETING**

Section 1: SCHEDULE

An annual meeting of the membership shall take place in conjunction with the Annual ~~Scientific~~ Meeting of the Society.

RATIONALE: To use the correct name of the main meeting of the Society.

**ARTICLE V
ORGANIZATIONAL CATEGORIES**

RATIONALE: In addition to changes related to Items 2 and 3 above, the descriptions of operations for the various categories have been made more standard in presentation.

Section 2: ACTIVITIES

~~A. Society~~

~~Activities shall encompass activities of the House of Delegates, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.~~

B. Section 2: CHAPTERS

A. Description

Chapters shall consist of members of the Society who are organized in a geographical area.

RATIONALE: This description reflects the historical geographic nature of Chapters and does not impose any other specific criteria upon units within the Society that wish to organize as a "chapter."

~~(+)B. Mission:~~

~~The mission of chapters shall be to provide leadership and active participation by ~~N~~nuclear ~~M~~medicine professionals in ~~N~~nuclear ~~M~~medicine on the local level consistent with the goals of the Society.~~

RATIONALE: Correct capitalization

~~(2)C. Goals: Objectives:~~

- ~~(a)1. To provide continuing educational and research activities.~~
- ~~(b)2. To provide a professional networking forum for ~~C~~chapter ~~M~~members.~~
- ~~3. To provide a mechanism for encouraging and enhancing professional leadership.~~
- ~~(d)4. To monitor and to address nuclear medicine professional issues at the local level.~~

RATIONALE: Standardization of format and correct capitalization

D. Organization

~~(3)1. Charter:~~

~~Each ~~C~~chapter shall be chartered by the Society and shall actively support the Bylaws and policies of the Society.~~

RATIONALE: Standardization of format and correct capitalization

~~(4)2. Incorporation:~~

~~Chapters are separately incorporated with their own Bylaws which shall be consistent with the Bylaws of the Society and shall have their own exemption classification from taxes. The Society is not responsible for debts or obligations of the ~~C~~chapters.~~

RATIONALE: Streamlining. If separately incorporated, tax status is, necessarily, separate, and this phrase can be deleted.

3. Membership:

Each chapter is composed of Society members. ~~in all membership categories. A ~~C~~chapter may choose to organize a Technologist Section to serve the needs of its Nuclear Medicine Technologist Members.~~

RATIONALE: See Item 2

Sections referable to chapters have been moved here from Article III and revised as noted.

~~An individuals residing in the United States or Canada, joining the Society as a members, simultaneously must become a member of a at least one Chapter(s). An individual residing in Canada joining the Society as a member must become a member of the regional chapter if one exists. Individuals residing outside the United States or Canada may obtain membership in existing chapters. Members joining more than one (1) Chapter may only have voting rights in one (1) Chapter.~~

Members residing in areas without a geographic chapter may join a chapter.

RECOMMENDATION (TF): To clarify current policy. Membership in at least one chapter is required for US members and certain Canadian members (above), but optional for others. Members may join more than one chapter if they wish.

~~(6) Responsibility:~~

~~(a) Each Chapter has the responsibility to monitor and to address professional issues related to nuclear medicine on the local level in accord with the policy of the Society.~~

RATIONALE: Streamlining. Moved to Objectives above, slightly revised.

~~(b) Each Chapter shall serve as a resource for nuclear medicine on the local level.~~

RATIONALE: Streamlining. Implicit in the Objectives above.

~~(7) Funding:~~

~~Each Chapter shall receive Chapter membership dues collected by the Society for each individual Member in the Chapter.~~

RATIONALE: Streamlining. Dues collection mechanism belongs in Procedures.

~~(8) Suspension or Revocation of Charter:~~

~~The Charter for a Chapter may be suspended or revoked by the House of Delegates.~~

RATIONALE: Streamlining. This power is moved to Article VII.2.D and does not need to be repeated here.

D: Section 4. CENTERS

(1) ~~Mission:~~

Center status is reserved for nuclear medicine subspecialty or sub-disciplinary areas of interest, each approved by the Board of Directors. Centers provide professional networking and educational programs for nuclear medicine professionals in respective areas, while simultaneously serving as a resource for development and implementation of Society policy. Leadership of ~~C~~centers is composed of elected members of the ~~C~~center and appointed members from the Board of Directors. Centers will manage ~~SNM~~ Society programs and activities related to their subspecialty or sub-disciplinary areas of interest.

(2) ~~Membership:~~

Center membership is voluntary. Society members are eligible for center membership.

(3) ~~Organization:~~

Centers adhere to Society bylaws and policies, while operating under their own Operating Procedures and budget process, approved by the Board of Directors.

E: Section 5. TECHNOLOGIST SECTION

(1) ~~The Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section is the organizational component of the Society specifically addressing N nuclear M medicine T technologists' issues and interests.~~

(2) ~~The Technologist Section adheres to Society Bylaws and policies, while operating under its own Operating Procedures and budget process, approved by the Board of Directors.~~

(3) ~~Members of the Technologist Section have the right to vote and to hold office within the Section.~~

RATIONALE: To correct the official name of the Technologist Section

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

~~Officers have the right to vote on the Executive Committee and on the Board of Directors. Officers are not voting members of the House of Delegates, but may be recognized to speak at the discretion of the Speaker of the House. The responsibilities for each Officer are specified in common law and in Procedures.~~

RATIONALE: Deletions in this section will streamline the Bylaws. *Robert's Rules of Order* establishes that all members of a committee or other such entity have the right to speak and to vote, unless specifically prohibited. Voting privileges in the House are not changed, but are described in Article VII.

Section 3: TERM OF OFFICE

A. The President, Vice President (~~President-Elect~~), and Vice President-Elect serve for a one (1) year term.

RATIONALE: It is not necessary to designate the Vice President also as “President-Elect” every time the title appears.

B. The Secretary/Treasurer serves for a single term of three (3) years except that the Secretary/Treasurer may serve out a vacancy of the office plus a full term, if elected.

C. Except for the Secretary/Treasurer who shall serve for three (3) consecutive years, and except for an Officer who assumes office due to a vacancy as described in these Bylaws, the term of office for each Officer shall commence with the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Society and terminate at the conclusion of the subsequent annual meeting.

D. At the conclusion of the terms of office of the President, ~~the Vice President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of Vice President, and~~ the Vice President (~~President-Elect~~) shall automatically succeed to the office of President, and the Vice President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of Vice President.

RATIONALE: Only the order of listing the progression for VP and VP-E are reversed for clarity.

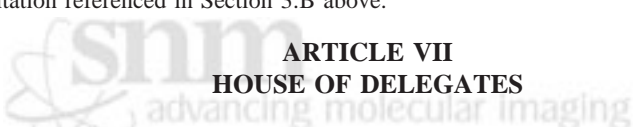
Section 5: VACANCIES

A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the office of President for the unexpired term in addition to the term for which elected.

B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, the Vice President-Elect shall assume the ~~Office~~ of Vice President for the unexpired term in addition to the term for which elected.

C. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President-Elect, the position shall remain vacant until the next annual election.

D. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary/Treasurer, the Board of Directors shall appoint an individual to serve until the next annual election. The individual filling a vacancy for the Secretary/Treasurer shall not be held to the term limitation referenced in Section 3:B above.



**ARTICLE VII
HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

Section 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

A. To develop and recommend to the Board of Directors, Society policies and programs regarding professional issues affecting ~~N~~nuclear ~~M~~medicine.

B. To ~~elect~~ provide the seven (7) Directors-At-Large, the majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: Accuracy. The HOD as an entity does not elect the TS Directors-at-Large, but they must come from its ranks.

C. To approve amendments ~~and revisions~~ to the Bylaws in accord with the Bylaws and Procedures.

RATIONALE: Streamlining. The only revisions to the Bylaws are amendments. This is redundant.

D. To approve establishment, suspension, and dissolution of ~~C~~hapters and Councils.

RATIONALE: “Suspension” is moved here from Article V.

E. To review the strategic plan annually.

F. To oversee and monitor the work of the committees of the House of Delegates.

G. To elect the Speaker of the House, the Vice Speaker of the House, and the Historian.

H. To elect the members-at-large of the ~~Nominating~~ Committee on Nominations.

RATIONALE: Conformity: All other committees are listed as “Committee on . . .”

I. To approve the selection of the Editor of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*.

Section 3: COMPOSITION, SELECTION AND TERM

A. The House of Delegates shall be composed of voting and nonvoting members:

- (1) ~~The House of Delegates is composed of the following Voting Members:~~
 - (a) Chapter Delegates: two (2) Delegates from each geographical ~~C~~hapter region
 - (b) Council Delegates: two (2) Delegates from each ~~C~~council

- (c) Center Delegates: two (2) Delegates from each ~~C~~center
 - (d) Technologist Section Delegates: eight (8) Delegates
 - (e) The Historian of the Society
- (2) ~~The House of Delegates is composed of the following~~ **Non-voting Members:**
- (a) The Officers of the ~~SNM Society and SNMTS~~ the Technologist Section President
 - (b) The last five (5) past presidents of the Society.

RATIONALE: Clarity. The voting and nonvoting members are not being changed. The wording is adjusted for clarity and conformity between articles. The proper name of the TS is used.

B. Selection of Voting Members:

- (1) Delegates from ~~C~~hapters, ~~C~~ouncils, ~~C~~enters, and the Technologist Section may be selected by various methods devised by each of those bodies.
- (2) The Historian is shall be elected by the House of Delegates and is an ~~O~~fficer of the House of Delegates.

C. Term:

- (1) Delegates from ~~C~~hapters, ~~C~~ouncils, ~~C~~enters, and the Technologist Section may serve for such terms as those bodies may provide, but a Delegate may serve for a maximum of six (6) consecutive years; following service as a voting Delegate, at least three (3) years must elapse before service as a voting Delegate is again permitted. However, a Delegate elected as a Director-At-Large shall remain a voting Delegate for the duration of the term as Director-At-Large, even if by doing so the Delegate exceeds either the term as Delegate or term limit. Any three (3)-year absence as a voting delegate in from the House may be followed by service as a voting Delegate for up to six (6) years.
- (2) The Historian shall serve a three-year term and may be elected to one consecutive term. The Historian can exceed the six (6)-year term limit to complete the term as Historian.

~~**E. Invited Representatives:**~~

~~Representatives of other organizations identified by the House of Delegates may be invited to meetings of the House of Delegates with the right to speak.~~

Section 4: MEETINGS

A. Regular and Annual Meetings

- (1) The House of Delegates shall have at least two regular meetings each year. One of the regular meetings shall be designated as the Annual Meeting and shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society.
- (2) Formal notice of regular and annual meetings of the House of Delegates shall be published.

B. Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the House of Delegates shall be summoned by the Board of Directors or the Speaker of the House, as circumstances warrant.

C. Notification

Delegates shall be given at least sixty (60) days advance notice of ~~any Meeting~~ the two regularly scheduled meetings of the House of Delegates and five (5) working days notice of a special meeting of the House of Delegates.

D. Quorum

A quorum for all meetings of the House of Delegates is a majority of the total voting Delegates.

ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS

Section 1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations and Elections will be held annually for open Officer positions.

Section 2: ~~NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS~~

- A.** ~~The House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting shall elect a Nominating Committee of six (6) members from among those who will continue to serve on the House the following year. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of a Chair plus six additional members. The House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting shall elect the members of the committee, except the Chair, from among those who will continue to serve as voting members in the House the following year.~~
- B.** ~~The Nominating Committee on Nominations shall be chaired by the Past President-once removed, who shall vote only in the case of a tie vote on the committee. If the Past President-once removed is not able to serve, the next most recent available past president shall chair the committee.~~

- C. The term of the ~~Nominating~~ Committee on Nominations shall commence at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which it is elected and terminate at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.
- D. The ~~Nominating~~ Committee on Nominations will solicit, verify and submit to the membership a slate of candidates for Society Officers.
- E. The ~~Nominating~~ Committee on Nominations shall solicit, verify and submit to the House of Delegates a slate of candidates for Vice Speaker of the House, Historian and Directors-At-Large (other than Directors-at-Large chosen by the Technologist Section ~~Directors-At-Large~~).

**ARTICLE X
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1: DESCRIPTION

The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Society and shall serve as its ~~T~~rustees.

Section 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. To perform fiduciary duties traditionally entrusted to ~~D~~irectors and ~~T~~rustees of a not-for-profit corporation, to include strategic planning, retention and oversight of the Executive Director, and related responsibilities.
- B. To develop, approve, and implement the ~~P~~olicies and ~~P~~rocedures of the Society.
- C. To manage the business and financial affairs of the Society, to include the development and implementation of an annual budget for the Society, in a manner consistent with the strategic and operational interests of the Society and its membership.
- D. To develop, monitor, and approve programs which implement Society policies.
- E. To identify relevant professional issues for presentation to and action by the House of Delegates, either directly or by appropriate ~~Councils~~ or committees.
- F. To coordinate the activities of the organizational components within the Society.

Section 3: COMPOSITION

The Board of Directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) voting members and five (5) non-voting members.

A. Voting Members

- (1) Society Officers
The President, Vice President (~~President Elect~~), Vice President-Elect and the Secretary/Treasurer. The President shall serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
- (2) Immediate Past President.
- (3) President of the Technologist Section.
- (4) Seven (7) Directors-At-Large
 - (a) Directors-At-Large shall serve for a three (3) year term, which shall commence at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected and terminate at the conclusion of the third subsequent Annual Meeting following the election. A Director-At-Large chosen by the Technologist Section may serve for a term of less than three years at the discretion of the Technologist Section. Directors-At-Large may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms, following which at least three years must elapse before service as a Director-At-Large is again permitted.
 - (b) Candidates for Directors-At-Large must have been a member of the Society for at least three (3) years to be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.
 - (c) Four (4) Directors-At-Large shall be elected by the House of Delegates from the voting Delegates of the House. Three (3) of the Directors-At-Large shall be elected by the Technologist Section from the eight (8) Technologist Section delegates in accordance with procedures established by the Technologist Section.
 - (d) ~~Election of Directors At Large shall be staggered to the extent practical such that two or three Directors At Large are elected each year.~~

B. ~~Advisory~~ Non-Voting Members

There shall be five (5) non-voting members on the Board of Directors:

- (1) Chairperson, Committee on Finance
- (2) Chairperson, Committee on Government Relations
- (3) General Program Chairperson

- (4) Chairperson, Committee on Publications
- (5) Executive Director

Section 4: MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall ~~endeavor to meet quarterly or more frequently as circumstances warrant.~~ meet at least three times per year.

RATIONALE: Three meetings is a realistic minimum.

Section 5: QUORUM

A majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for all meetings. All ~~decisions~~ motions of the Board of Directors shall require a majority vote.

Section 6: VACANCIES

Vacancies of a voting member of the Board of Directors shall be ~~processed~~ handled in accord with Bylaws and Procedures. Vacancies of Officer positions shall be handled as described in Article VI. In the event of a vacancy in a Director-at-Large position, the Speaker of the House shall appoint an interim Director to serve until the next annual election.

ARTICLE XI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: DESCRIPTION

The Executive Committee manages the affairs of the Society ~~in~~ between official meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall have those powers and duties delegated by the Board.

RATIONALE: Grammar

Section 2: COMPOSITION

A. Voting Members

The President, Vice President ~~(President-Elect)~~, the Vice President-Elect, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, and the President of the Technologist Section shall constitute the voting members of the Executive Committee. If the President-Elect of the Technologist Section is a member of the Board of Directors, he/she will also serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee.

B. Non-Voting Members

The Executive Director serves without the right to vote.

ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 1: DESCRIPTION

A. The House of Delegates shall have the following Standing Committees, as well as such additional ~~Special~~ committees or subcommittees as may be required by the House ~~to address special topics or subjects:~~

RATIONALE: (here and in subsection "B" below): Conformity and clarity. The House (or Board) should be able to create whatever *ad hoc* committees it needs to carry out any of its objectives.

- (1) Committee on Chapters
- (2) Committee on Councils
- (3) Committee on Ethics
- (4) Committee on Nominations
- (5) Committee on Bylaws

~~The Chairpersons of all Committees of the House of Delegates shall serve as Consultants to the House of Delegates and to the Board of Directors.~~

RATIONALE: (here and in subsection "B" below) Streamlining. As committees of the Society, all committees are responsible to the leadership.

B. The Board of Directors shall have the following Standing Committees, as well as ~~Subcommittees established, as circumstances warrant:~~ such additional committees or subcommittees as may be required by the Board:

- (1) Committee on Awards
- (2) Committee on Audit
- (3) Committee on Commercial Affairs

- (4) Committee on Finance
- (5) Committee on the Annual Meeting
- (6) Committee on Government Relations
- (7) Committee on Membership
- (8) Committee on Publications
- (9) Committee on Education
- (10) Committee on Health Care Policy and Practice
- (11) Committee on Radiopharmaceuticals

RATIONALE: Committees on Audit and Membership, are added as standing committees.

~~The Chairpersons of all Standing Committees and all Subcommittees of the Board of Directors shall serve as consultants to the Board of Directors and to the House of Delegates.~~

Section 2: APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to all committees shall be recommended by the Vice President ~~(President-Elect)~~ and approved by the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting. Appointments to all Standing Committees of the Board of Directors shall be nominated by the Vice President ~~(President-Elect)~~ and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

- A. The President, or a Liaison from the Board of Directors appointed by the President, shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio ~~M~~member of all ~~C~~committees, except the Committee on Nominations.
- B. The Executive Director shall serve as a non-voting member of all ~~C~~committees, except the Committee on Nominations.

**ARTICLE XIII
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION**

Section 2: APPOINTMENT OF JNM EDITOR

The JNM Editor is a ~~M~~member of the Society nominated by the ~~Publication~~ Committee on Publications and approved by the House of Delegates for a five (5)-year term, with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.

**ARTICLE XIV
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY AND SOCIETY PROCEDURES**

Section 1: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current ~~1990~~ edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and Procedures of the Society and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

RATIONALE: Convenience. This change allows the most current version of "Robert's Rules" to be used without the need for amendment of the Bylaws each time a new edition is published.

Section 2: SOCIETY PROCEDURES

Unless otherwise specifically stated in these Bylaws, whenever a subject is covered by or necessitates the development of procedures, the Board of Directors shall develop ~~and~~ or amend procedures by a majority vote. The rules set forth therein shall be binding on the Society unless inconsistent with the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XV
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: ELIGIBILITY

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by any Society organizational component or Society ~~M~~member.

Section 2: SUBMISSION POLICY

Proposals to amend the Bylaws must be submitted to the Society's national office one hundred eighty (180) days prior to a meeting of the House of Delegates. The national office shall forward a copy of the proposed amendment to the ~~Bylaws~~ Committee on Bylaws which shall review the proposal and report to the House of Delegates as in Procedures.

Section 3: MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Proposals to amend the Bylaws which are in accord with the Society's philosophy, purpose, and objectives, as well as Federal and State Laws, shall be submitted to the membership at least sixty (60) days prior to a House of Delegates Meeting. Publication of the amendments in one of the regular Society publications or the direct mailing of the amendments to the individual ~~M~~members shall constitute notice of any amendments of these Bylaws to be considered for approval.

**ARTICLE XVII
DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of the Society, the net assets of the corporation shall be applied and distributed as follows:

Section 2: DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

After payment of all liabilities and obligations under Section 1 of this Article XVII, all remaining assets shall be distributed to an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, scholastic or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any subsequent law of the United States of America.

RATIONALE: Accuracy. The Article number (XV) is no longer correct, due to previous changes in the Bylaws.

