

BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE

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At the request of President Merrill A. Bender, the Bylaws Committee (Merrill A. Bender, *ex-officio*, John S. Laughlin, Raymond L. Libby, Joseph F. Ross, *Chairman*, Asa Seeds and James J. Smith) developed this revision of the Bylaws which was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 21, 1968, reapproved on June 27, 1968, and, by a vote of 374 to 5, adopted by the membership of the Society of Nuclear Medicine on June 29, 1968.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Society is the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

ARTICLE II

The Society of Nuclear Medicine, hereinafter called the Society, is incorporated as a non-profit corporation for scientific, educational and philanthropic purposes under the laws of the State of Washington. The corporate office is located in the City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington.

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society are to establish and maintain an organization of physicians and scientists of high standing and with a common interest in the scientific and clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic and investigational use of radionuclides, who will meet from time to time for the purpose of communicating and discussing knowledge of nuclear phenomena as it applies to the better understanding and control of disease; and who through their organization will disseminate information concerning nuclear medicine by sponsoring scientific and professional publications, and will attempt to better the welfare of mankind by maintaining and advancing the highest possible standards of education, research and practice of nuclear medicine.

ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION

1. The Society of Nuclear Medicine is a scientific organization composed of individuals who are members of regional chapters or are members-at-large as defined in Sections 2 and 3 of this Article.

2. **Regional Chapters** are established by the Board of Trustees on the basis of designated geographical areas.
3. **Members-at-large** are persons who by reason of geographical location are not members of an established Regional Chapter.
4. **Admission of new Regional Chapters:** A regional group may apply for membership as a Regional Chapter by submitting to the Executive Committee of the Society a list of its members, their qualifications, and a copy of its proposed Constitution and Bylaws. The Executive Committee, after consultation with the Chairman of the Membership Committee, will submit its recommendation to the Board. On approval by a majority vote of the Board, the proposed Regional Chapter will be admitted.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Society are of five classes:

1. **Members** are persons possessing an advanced degree who have an interest and competence in the diagnostic, therapeutic or investigational use of radionuclides. In exceptional cases individuals not qualifying under the above may be accepted as members by reason of outstanding contributions to nuclear medicine, as determined by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. Applicants who file an official application form and who are duly recommended to the Board by a majority vote of the Committee on Credentials and Membership will become members upon approval by a majority vote of the Board. Members have all privileges of membership including the right to vote and hold office. By payment of a life membership fee as stipulated by the Trustees (Article VI), a member becomes a life member and is exempted from further payment of dues.

2. **Associate Members** are persons possessing an undergraduate degree, or the equivalent qualification thereof, as determined by the Committee on Credentials and Membership, and who have an active interest in the objectives of this Society. Applications for associate membership will be processed in the manner specified in Section 1 of this Article. Associate members have all privileges of members except the right to hold an elective office. They may hold committee appointments.
3. **Emeritus Members:** Any member of the Society at age sixty-five, with ten years active membership, or any member who by reason of permanent disability or undue hardship has been rendered unable to continue active membership, may apply for Emeritus Membership by written application to the Secretary of the Society. The Emeritus classification will be awarded by a majority vote of the Board. Emeritus members have all privileges except the right to hold office.
4. **Honorary Members** are persons proposed for this distinction by the Executive Committee or the Board, and who are accepted by a two-thirds vote of the membership attending an annual business meeting. Honorary members have the privilege of attending meetings and will receive the Journal of Nuclear Medicine.
5. **Technical Affiliates** are persons who by virtue of working with physicians or other scientists engaged in any aspect of nuclear medicine have become proficient in this field. Applications for membership as a technical affiliate will be processed in the same manner as those of members and associate members. Technical affiliates have all privileges of members except the right to vote or hold elective office.
6. Members in all classes will be issued an appropriate certificate upon election to membership and except in the case of emeritus or honorary members the payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE VI DUES

1. The Board will establish annual dues and may establish initiation fees, life membership fees and assessments. Members, associate members, and technical affiliates pay annual dues. Emeritus and honorary members will not be required to pay annual dues.
2. Dues are payable from January first of the year elected and become due and payable on January first of each year thereafter.
3. Unpaid dues become delinquent on March first.

The rights and privileges of membership, including voting, the holding of office, committee membership, and the participation in meetings are suspended during the period of delinquency. Rights and privileges will be reinstated upon payment of delinquent dues within the annual year. After this period reinstatement can be made only by reapplication for membership as provided in Article V.

4. Regional Chapter dues will be included in the annual dues rendered by the Society. Regional Chapter dues will be forwarded to each Chapter on or about March 15 of each year along with a list of delinquent members.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

1. One or more candidates for each elective office will be offered at the annual business meeting by the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be called for from the floor. One person will be elected to each office by a plurality vote of the members by secret ballot. If it is the desire of the majority of the members present, the election may be conducted by a voice vote.
2. The elective offices are President, President-Elect, Vice President, Vice President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. The President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Vice President-Elect may serve only one term in each such office. The Secretary or Treasurer may serve three terms. The Historian may serve without limitation of terms. A term of elective office is defined as the period between the installation of an officer at one annual business meeting of the Society until his successor is installed at the next annual business meeting.
3. **Duties of Officers:**
 - a. **President:** The duties of President are as his title reasonably indicates or as specified in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. He presides at meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, the annual business meeting of the Society and at any special meetings that may be called. With the advice of the Executive Committee, he appoints the members and chairmen of all special committees. He is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He will be responsible in all matters, stated or implied, that are related to the safety, stature, and proper operation of the Society. With the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee, he may act in an

emergency without a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

- b. **Vice President:** The duties of Vice President are as his title reasonably indicates. In the case of temporary or permanent absence or disability of the President, he will fill the immediate functions of the President.
 - c. **President-Elect:** The President-Elect sits with the Board of Trustees and other official groups and initiates such preparatory measures as are implied by his office. The President-Elect will be installed as President at the next annual meeting of the Society where he would regularly be so installed. With the advice of the Executive Committee he nominates for election by the Board at its annual meeting immediately preceding his installation as President candidates for the elective memberships and elective chairmanships of the standing committees. The order of succession to the Presidency, in case of need, is Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, President-Elect, Vice President-Elect.
 - d. **Secretary:** The Secretary is responsible for the keeping of minutes, the preservation of records, the compilation of membership rosters, the notification of meetings and all functions ordinarily implied by his office. The Secretary, in addition, serves as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and as Recorder for the Nominating Committee without the right to vote unless otherwise specified.
 - e. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer is responsible for the receipt, custody and disbursement of all funds and securities of the Society; he acts as fiscal consultant to the Committee on Finance and Budgets, to the Executive Committee and to the Board; and carries out all functions ordinarily implied by his office. At each business meeting of the Board and of the Society he will make a report in writing and orally of the moneys received and expended, and a detailed statement of the financial condition of the Society. The Treasurer will be bonded in such sum as may be designated and determined by the Board, premium for same to be paid by the Society.
 - f. **Historian:** The Historian will preserve appropriate documents and mementos of this Society and will accumulate historical data which upon occasion he will record in formal writing.
4. **Administrative Officer:**
The Board will appoint an Administrative Officer, with such assistants as the Board may deem

advisable and by whatever title or titles the Board may designate. Under the direction of the Executive Committee, the Administrative Officer will supervise the activities and business affairs of the Society. The Administrative Officer or a designated assistant will:

- a. Direct the executive offices of the Society, maintaining all records such as those of membership, inventories and accounting.
- b. Collect initiation fees and dues.
- c. Prepare a budget covering all expenditures for the organization, said budget to be reviewed by the Treasurer and by the Committee on Finance and Budgets and then be submitted to the Executive Committee and to the Board.
- d. Issue all vouchers for payment of bills on budget authorizations.
- e. Assist in the auditing of the Treasurer's accounts.
- f. Mail notices, announcements, etc., of all regular or special meetings of the Society to all members of record.
- g. Under the direction of the Executive Committee arrange for annual and special meetings of the Society and of the Trustees.
- h. Perform such other duties as are assigned to him by the Board.
- i. Report to the Board at its regular sessions or whenever requested by the Board.

The Administrative Officers will be bonded in such sum as may be designated and determined by the Board, premium for same to be paid by the Society.

ARTICLE VIII

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 1. The Board of Trustees herein called the Board consists of not less than three nor more than sixty regular members of the Society. Past Presidents of the Society will become ex-officio members of the Board for life with a voting membership limited to the subsequent five years following their incumbency. The number of Trustees to serve for each succeeding year will be fixed by resolution to be adopted at each annual meeting and there will be appropriate chapter and geographical distribution. In the event of the failure of the annual meeting to prescribe the number of Trustees to serve for the ensuing year, the number last previously fixed will continue to be the number.
- 2. A number of candidates, equal to the number of Trustees retiring, will be offered at the annual

business meeting by the Nominating Committee. If the total number of Trustees on the Board is increased, the Nominating Committee will present an appropriate number of candidates for approval.

3. The term of office for a Trustee will be three years, and he may be reelected for additional terms.
4. In addition to the Board of Trustees, as specified in Article VIII, 1., the members of the Executive Committee, and the Presidents of the Regional Chapters, or a member appointed as his delegate will be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees and will have the right to vote. The chairman of the special committees will be ex-officio members of the Board with voting privileges at the discretion of the Board. The editor of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine and the Society's delegate for international affairs will be ex-officio members of the Board without vote.
5. Twelve members of the Board will constitute a quorum. A notice and the agenda of the meeting will be sent to all Trustees not less than ten days prior to the meeting. A quorum must be present in order that business legally can be transacted.
6. Decisions of the Board will be determined only by an affirmative vote of the majority of those present, and then only if a quorum be present.
7. The Board may fill any permanent vacancy on the Board by electing a member of the Society to complete the unexpired term. The Board will have the power to fill vacancies in any elective office for the period intervening until the next annual meeting, except as provided in Article VII, 3. c.
8. The Board has general charge of the business affairs and the property of the Society; may make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the management and well-being of the Society and for carrying out its objectives; and may delegate to the Executive Committee or to a standing committee any of its functions and powers upon terms specified in a resolution to that effect adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at a business meeting.
9. Contracts, signatures, the acceptance of gifts and bequests and matters dealing with the routine operations of the Society and not specifically controlled by these Bylaws, are functions of the Board or its designees.
10. The Board will meet during the annual meeting of the Society and at an interim meeting, the

time and place of the latter being designated by the Board.

- a. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by petition of any ten Trustees on approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. In the presence of an emergency, a special meeting will be called, the reason and the agenda being stated by air mail to all Trustees at least ten days before the proposed meeting.
11. The Board at its annual business meeting will approve by majority vote the candidates for elective office presented by the Committee on Nominations.
12. **The Order of Business** for a regular meeting of the Board will be as indicated below unless specifically suspended by a majority vote of the Board.
 - a. Call to order by the President or his designee.
 - b. Opening remarks by the presiding officer.
 - c. Reading of the minutes by the Secretary or his designee.
 - d. Treasurer's report by the Treasurer or his designee.
 - e. Report of committees.
 - f. Election of new members of the Society.
 - g. Nominating Committee report.
 - h. Election of new members and chairmen of standing committees.
 - i. Old business.
 - j. New business.
 - k. Announcements.
 - l. Adjournment.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

1. The Society will meet annually on a date and in a city proposed to the Board by:
 - a. The Council of Past Presidents.
 - b. By direct petition presented by any Regional Chapter.
 - c. By any member of the Board.
2. The Board, on the basis of these proposals and by majority vote, will determine at least four years in advance the date and city in which the annual meeting will be held, and similarly will determine at least three years in advance the official meeting place within that city.
3. A quorum for the annual business meeting of the Society will be one hundred members, excluding all elected officers, with no less than eight Regional Chapters being represented.
4. Special meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the President on motion of the

Executive Committee or by petition of ten per cent of the voting membership of the Society representing at least one-half of the Regional Chapters. Written notice of the agenda will be sent to the membership sixty days in advance.

5. Presentation of scientific papers at the annual meeting of the Society by non-members will be by invitation of the Scientific Program Committee only.
6. Unless suspended by action of the Board, the *Order of Business* at the annual business meeting will be as follows:
 - a. Call to order by the President.
 - b. Remarks of the President.
 - c. Reading of minutes by the Secretary.
 - d. Treasurer's report by the Treasurer.
 - e. Report of committees.
 - f. Report of Nominating Committee.
 - g. Election of officers and Trustees.
 - h. Old business.
 - i. Installation as President of the current President-Elect and the introduction of newly elected officers and members of the Board.
 - j. New business.
 - k. Announcements.
 - l. Adjournment.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

1. There are standing committees, special committees and councils.
2. **Standing Committees**
 - a. Standing committees are elected by the Board with power to accomplish the functions specified in the Bylaws.
 - b. Composition of standing committees and the selection of members and chairmen.
 - 1) **Members:** Unless otherwise specified.
 - a) Standing committees consist of eight members including the chairman.
 - b) Nominations of candidates for election to standing committees will be made by the President-Elect and additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Board by members of the Board.
 - c) Election of members will be by majority vote of the Board at its annual meeting. If there is more than one nominee for an office, election will be determined by the highest number of votes, but nonetheless a majority is required to elect.
 - d) The term of office of elected mem-

bers will be four years, except for the initial election which will be as follows: upon adoption of this amendment the Board will elect two members for a term of four years, two for a term of three years, two for a term of two years, and two for a term of one year. Thereafter the Board will elect two members each year. A member may be elected for an additional four year term.

- 2) **Chairmen:** Unless otherwise specified.
 - a) Chairmen of standing committees will be selected from the membership of the Board.
 - b) A nomination of a candidate for election as chairman of a standing committee will be made by the President-Elect and additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Board by members of the Board.
 - c) The election of the Chairman of a standing committee will be by majority vote of the Board at its annual meeting. If there is more than one nominee for the office, election will be determined by the highest number of votes, but nonetheless a majority is required to elect.
 - d) He will serve as Chairman for a term of three years or until termination of his membership on the committee or his membership on the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs first. He may be elected for a second term.
- c. The standing committees are:
 - 1) The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees
 - 2) The Committee on Finance and Budgets
 - 3) The Committee on Publications
 - 4) The Nominating Committee
 - 5) The Committee on Credentials and Membership
 - 6) The Committee on Scientific Affairs and Research
 - 7) The Committee on Education and Training in Nuclear Medicine
 - 8) The Committee on Awards
- d. The membership and functions of the standing committees.
 - 1) **The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees**
 - a) **Membership:** The membership of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees consists of the duly elected

officers of the Society, the immediate past President, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Budgets, and the Chairman of the Publications Committee. The President will serve as Chairman.

b) **Functions:** The functions of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees are:

- (1) To facilitate the business of the Society, and to administer the policies and directives of the Board.
- (2) To act as an advisory body to the President.
- (3) To keep a record of its proceedings, and to report the same to the Board at the next succeeding meeting for its approval or disapproval.
- (4) To act as a board of censors and as a grievance committee.

2) **The Committee on Finance and Budgets**

a) **Membership:** The membership of the Committee on Finance and Budgets consists of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past Treasurer, the Chairman of the Publications Committee, and three members each serving a term of three years, the terms so arranged that one will expire each year; nominations and elections will be as specified in Article X, Section 2. b. Members may be reelected. The Chairman will be nominated and elected for a term of three years as specified in Article X, Section 2. b.

b) **Functions:** The functions of the Committee on Finance and Budgets are:

- (1) To report to the Board at each meeting regarding the financial affairs, assets and liabilities of the Society.
- (2) To make recommendations regarding fiscal policy to the Board.
- (3) To review and to make recommendations concerning proposed expenditures for the next succeeding year.
- (4) To prepare and submit the proposed budget of the Society for the following budget year to the

Board for its approval at its annual meeting.

- (5) The committee has the power to invest and reinvest the funds of the Society to sell, transfer and convey any securities and property and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board all necessary and proper instruments of transfer and conveyance.
- (6) After the close of each fiscal year the Committee will have the books of the Society audited by a certified public accountant, and will furnish the Board in connection with the report of the Treasurer a certificate of its findings.

3) **The Publications Committee**

a) **Membership:** The composition, nomination, election and tenure of office of the members and Chairman of the Publications Committee are as specified in Article X, Section 2. b.

b) **Functions:** The functions of the Publications Committee will include:

- (1) The development of the general publication policies of the Society for approval by the Board.
- (2) Oversight of the publication and editorial policies of the Society, including the business and advertising operations, policy, distribution, format and content of all Society publications including the Journal of Nuclear Medicine and its supplements; directories; monographs; books; charts; programs; pamphlets, etc.
- (3) The nomination of the editor of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine for approval by a majority vote of those Board members present at an annual meeting. The Editor will serve for a five year term, and may be elected for one additional five year term.
 - (a) The Editor will have responsibility under the oversight of the Publications Committee for the editorial operations of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine.

- (4) The approval of the appointments by the Editor of the associate editors and members of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine, who will serve for terms of one year with no limit on the number of subsequent terms.
 - (5) The selection, appointment and supervision of the Managing Editor of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine and of other Society publications; and the development, implementation and oversight of any contractual arrangements necessary to carry out the publication policies of the Society, subject to the approval of the Board.
 - (6) The annual presentation to the Board for its approval or disapproval of a report summarizing publication policies, the status of Society publications, a financial statement, and a proposed budget for the next year of all publication activities of the Society.
- 4) **The Nominating Committee**
- a) **Membership:** The members of the Nominating Committee are the immediate Past President who will serve as Chairman, the immediate past Chairman of this Committee, the President of each Regional Chapter or his designee, and one member at large appointed by the Chairman. The Chairman and members serve for one year. The President is not a member.
 - b) **Functions:**
 - (1) The Nominating Committee will present nominations of at least one candidate for each elective office at the annual business meeting of the Society.
 - (2) The Committee will meet and consider nominations at the place and during the time of the interim meeting of the Board, and will present a slate to the annual meeting of the Board and of the Society.
- 5) **The Committee on Credentials and Membership**
- a) **Membership:** The Committee on Credentials and Membership consists of eight members including a Chairman who are nominated and elected for terms as specified in Article X, Section 2. b.
 - b) **Functions:**
 - (1) To pass upon the qualifications of candidates for election to the several classes of membership in the Society as provided in Article V.
 - (2) To develop and recommend for approval by the Board policies and criteria for the selection of members and the procedures for processing and selection of candidates for election, which are in the best interests of the Society.
- 6) **The Committee on Scientific Affairs and Research**
- a) **Membership:** The membership of the Committee on Scientific Affairs and Research will consist of eight members including the Chairman, who are nominated and elected to serve terms as specified in Article X, Section 2. b., except that only one new member will be elected each year to replace one retiring member, and the other retiring member will be replaced for a four year term by the Chairman of the Special Committee on Scientific Programs, who will be appointed by the President-Elect at the annual meeting of the Board immediately preceding his installation as President, and who will serve as Chairman of the Special Committee on Scientific Programs for one year.
 - b) **Functions:** The duties of the Committee on Scientific Affairs and Research will include:
 - (1) The development and recommendation to the Board for approval of policy and budgets relating to the annual scientific meeting, including the scientific sessions, the scientific exhibits, the technical exhibits, symposia, lectures and special events.

- (2) Provide guidance and assistance to the special Committees on Program, scientific exhibits, technical exhibits and local arrangements; and to the administrator in regard to activities relating to the annual scientific meeting.
- (3) Cooperate with the Publications Committee in regard to the publication of the program and abstracts of the annual scientific meeting.
- (4) Cooperate with the Committee on Education and Training in regard to instructional endeavors held at the annual meeting.
- (5) Formulate policy in regard to the furtherance of research in nuclear medicine; and the implementation of such policy for presentation to and approval by the Board.

7) The Committee on Education and Training in Nuclear Medicine

- a) **Membership:** The composition, nomination, election and term of office of the members and Chairman of the Committee on Education and Training in Nuclear Medicine are as specified in Article X, Section 2. b.
- b) **Functions:** The functions of the Committee on Education and Training in Nuclear Medicine include:
 - (1) The study and consideration in their broadest aspects of all educational functions of the Society, including the annual meeting, post graduate courses, meetings of Regional Chapters, fellowship programs, and publications of the Society.
 - (2) The recommendation to the Board of educational policies which will make most effective all educational functions of the Society.
 - (3) The implementation and administration of those policies related to education which are approved by the Board.
 - (4) The development of criteria of the optimal characteristics of education and training in nuclear medicine.
 - (5) The evaluation of the adequacy

of undergraduate, graduate and post doctoral education and training in nuclear medicine in North America as these relate to the present and projected needs for specialists in this field; and the recommendation to the Board of ways in which recognized inadequacies may be ameliorated.

8) The Committee on Awards

- a) **Membership:** The composition, nomination, election and terms of office of the members and Chairman of this Committee are as specified in Article X, Section 2. b.
- b) **Functions:** The function of this Committee is:
 - (1) To develop for approval by the Board policies in regard to the special recognition of outstanding accomplishment and distinction in nuclear medicine.
 - (2) The Committee also will recommend to the Board policies in regard to the acceptance by the Society of gifts and subsidy for use in awards, special recognitions, special lectureships, etc.
 - (3) The selection of scientific exhibits to be honored with special awards will be the responsibility of this committee.

3. Special Committees

- a. Special committees may be authorized by the Board in accordance with procedures specified in Article XIV, "Standing Rules". The number of members, function and duration of existence of such committees will be determined by the Board. The members and Chairmen of these committees will be appointed by the President.
- b. The President also may appoint special committees at his pleasure for purposes he may deem necessary.

4. The Council of Past Presidents

- a. **Membership:** The Council of Past Presidents consists of all Past Presidents. They automatically become members of the Council upon termination of their term of office as President. Each immediate Past President serves as Chairman for the ensuing year. Membership will be perpetual.
- b. **Function:** The function of the Council is deliberative and advisory. It is concerned with

the long range development of the Society; with broad and continuing policies; directional trends; unity of effort in the multiple interests of the Society; and with measures that will increase the effectiveness and excellence of the Society. It has no voting power outside itself and its judgments will not be mandatory upon the Society. It reports annually to the Board, and at its discretion to any and all branches of the Society.

**ARTICLE XI
PUBLICATIONS**

1. The Board will publish a journal devoted to the advancement of nuclear medicine. Other publications may be authorized by the Board.
2. The Board will elect the Chairman and the members of the Publications Committee in accordance with Article X, Section 2. b. The Board controls the publications of the Society through the Publications Committee as specified in Article X, Section 2. b.

**ARTICLE XII
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

1. An Administrative Office and an Administrator will be procured at the discretion of the Board and the control of these functions will be continued on the basis of broad powers as herein assigned to the Board. The duties of the Administrator are as specified in Article VII, Section 4.
2. The fiscal year of this Society will begin on October first of each year.

**ARTICLE XIII
REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

1. Any elected officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board, a quorum being present. Formal charges will be made and circulated to all members of the Board and to the officer charged at least thirty days before the meeting. The officer charged will have the right to personal appearance and defense before the Board at any regular or special meeting.
2. A committee Chairman or committee member may be removed from office by the appointing authority, with approval of the majority of the Executive Committee after due and good reason has been presented to the Executive Committee. Such a charged individual will have the right of appeal to the Board. This paragraph does not

apply to the Nominating, Publications, or Finance Committees.

**ARTICLE XIV
STANDING RULES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. The Board may adopt standing rules without previous notice by majority vote of those members in attendance at a business meeting. At any meeting these rules may be suspended by a majority vote, or they may be amended or rescinded by a two-thirds vote. If notice of the proposed action was given at a previous meeting or in the call for this meeting, they may be amended or rescinded by a majority vote.
2. The standing rules of the Board will be published with the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XV
AMENDMENTS**

1. The Bylaws of the Society may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members in good standing, present and voting at any annual meeting, provided a quorum be present and provided that a copy of the proposed amendment has been issued and sent to all members of the Society not less than thirty days prior to said meeting.
2. Any person classified as a member of the Society may initiate a proposal for an amendment to the Bylaws. Such a proposal will be presented to the President of the Society in writing, who will submit it to the Bylaws Committee for their consideration, and report to the Board of Trustees. On approval by a majority vote of the Board the amendment will be presented at the annual meeting of the Society after proper classification of the membership as provided in Article XV, Section 1.

**ARTICLE XVI
TERMINATION OF THE SOCIETY OF
NUCLEAR MEDICINE, INC.**

1. In the event that the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Incorporated, will ever cease to exist, it is hereby resolved that all minutes, books, and pertinent documents will be donated to the National Medical Library for their disposition.
2. It is hereby further resolved, if the Corporation ceases to exist, that all monies in the Treasury of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Incorporated, after payment of all outstanding debts, will be contributed to the National Society of

Medical Research to carry out their many worthwhile programs.

**STANDING RULES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Special Committees

a. The following special committees are authorized by the Board.

- 1) Scientific Program
- 2) Scientific Exhibits
- 3) Technical Exhibits
- 4) Local Arrangements
- 5) Bylaws
- 6) Legislation
- 7) International Affairs
- 8) Technologists
- 9) Radiation Protection
- 10) Medical Internal Radiation Dose
- 11) Committee on Competence and Certification

2. Traditional Activities

a. At each annual meeting of the Society there may be an address honoring a pioneer scientist in the area of nuclear medicine. The address will be titled the first, second, third, etc., annual *Nuclear Pioneer Lecture*. The speaker will be designated by the President-Elect with the approval of the Scientific Program Committee for the meeting at which he will be President.

- 1) The remuneration for the speaker and the limits of expenditure for the *Nuclear Pioneer Lecture* will be determined by

the Executive Committee, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Budgets.

- 2) A certificate will be issued to the lecturer and, where appropriate to the family of the honoree.

b. An award for meritorious service may be given to a member of the Society at an annual meeting. The member to be honored will be recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

3. Seal and Gavel

a. The seal of the corporation will be as adopted at the first annual meeting.

b. The official gavel of the Society will be inscribed with the name of each President of the Society.

c. An appropriate certificate will be issued to the outgoing President and officers of the Society.

4. Necrology

a. It will be the duty of the Secretary to assume the functions of necrologist for the Society; however, this duty may be assigned to a committee at the discretion of the President.

b. Appropriate announcement of the death of any member of the Society will be noted in the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*.

c. Special announcement and a moment of silent prayer will be observed at the annual meeting for those members who have died during the past year.