

Charter of the Columbia Chapter of the Health Physics Society

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of the Chapter shall be the Columbia Chapter.

ARTICLE II - JURISDICTION

Section 1. The Chapter headquarters shall be located in the vicinity of Richland, Washington and the Chapter membership is not limited to a specific geographical area.

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the Chapter are to aid in the work of health physics and the dissemination of information between individuals in this field and related fields, to improve public understanding of the problems and needs in radiation protection, to promote health physics as a profession, and to promote within the Chapter's jurisdiction the activities of the Health Physics Society.

ARTICLE IV - CHAPTER SOCIETY RELATIONSHIP

Section 1. The Chapter shall function under the direct sponsorship of the Health Physics Society and shall be governed by the provisions of its Chapter and Chapter Bylaws.

Section 2. The Charter shall be prepared in duplicate form. The original shall be in the custody of the Officers of the Chapter; the duplicate copy shall be retained by the Secretary of the Health Physics Society. The duly authorized signatures of the officers of the Chapter and the officers of the Society appearing on the Charter over the seal of the Society bind the Chapter to the Society and obligate the officers of both the Chapter and the Society in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

Section 3. The Chapter shall not use the name of the Health Physics Society, nor obligate in any way the officers or members of the Health Physics Society, without first obtaining the written approval of the President of the Health Physics Society.

- Section 4.** Any conflict requiring an interpretation of the provisions of the Charter shall be resolved by the Board of Directors of the Health Physics Society.
- Section 5.** The Chapter shall submit to the Secretary of the Society, and in a form approved by the Secretary of the Society, an annual report concerning the activities of the Chapter.
- Section 6.** The Board of Directors of the Society may, at its discretion, discontinue the Chapter when, in its opinion, the Chapter has ceased to exist or its actions are considered detrimental to the objectives of the Society.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1.** Members of the Chapter shall be persons who are members of the Health Physics Society and such other persons as may be provided for in the Bylaws of the Chapter.
- Section 2.** Every member of the Health Physics Society who applies for membership in the Chapter, shall automatically become a member of the Chapter upon presentation to the Chapter proof of membership in the Society and following payment of Chapter dues where dues are a condition of membership in the Chapter.
- Section 3.** Applications for membership involving persons who are not members of the Health Physics Society shall be processed in accordance with the Bylaws of the Chapter.
- Section 4.** Membership dues for all grades of membership within the Chapter shall be established in accordance with provisions set forth in the Bylaws of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND TENURE

- Section 1.** The officers shall administer the affairs of the Chapter in accordance with its objectives, performing those functions as may be customary to the office, and as further defined in the Bylaws of the Chapter.
- Section 2.** The President and President-Elect shall be persons who are members of any class of the Health Physics Society.
- Section 3.** The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, President-Elect, and such other officers as may be provided for in the Bylaws of the Chapter.
- Section 4.** The President-Elect shall be chosen by vote of the membership for a chapter term at the conclusion of which his ascension to the office of President for the next chapter term becomes automatic.

Section 5. The chapter term shall not exceed eighteen (18) calendar months and shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting of the Chapter. In the event of war or other catastrophe, the chapter term may be extended on the written approval of the Board of Directors of the sponsoring body.

Section 6. The Bylaws of the Chapter shall provide for the election or appointment of persons and committees to assist in the administration of the affairs of the Chapter.

Section 7. An office shall be declared vacant in the event that an officer resigns. The office of President or President-Elect shall be declared vacant in the event either officer ceases to be a member of the Health Physics Society. The vacated office may be filled as provided for in the Bylaws of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1. Nominations for all elective offices shall be made by a Nominating Committee consisting of the chairman and at least two other members appointed by the President. No officer shall be eligible to serve on this Committee.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall select a minimum of two nominees for each elective office. Further nominations by the membership shall be allowed according to the Chapter Bylaws. No member shall have his name placed in nomination without his consent.

Section 3. The polling of the membership shall be done either: by means of a letter ballot, and/or by secure electronic voting system, with provisions for write-in candidates; or by sealed written ballots collected at a regular Chapter meeting. Balloting shall be concluded not less than thirty (30) days following the mailing of the list of nominees to the membership. A majority vote of the membership voting shall constitute election. Ties shall be settled as provided in the Bylaws of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Chapter shall hold at least two (2) meetings each calendar year and one meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting of the Chapter. Meetings of the Chapter shall be held at such time and place as may be provided for in the Bylaws of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX - CHAPTER BYLAWS

Section 1. The administration of the activities of the Chapter shall be performed in accordance with the Bylaws established by the Chapter and in accordance with the provisions of the Chapter.

Section 2. The Bylaws of the Chapter shall in no way conflict with the provisions of the rules of the Health Physics Society, the Bylaws of the Health Physics Society, or the Charter of the Chapter.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER

Section 1. Amendments to the Charter may be made by the Board of Directors of the Health Physics Society.

ARTICLE XI - ATTESTATION

The Columbia Chapter of the Health Physics Society is duly authorized by the Board of Directors of the Health Physics Society to function as a Chapter of the Society in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing this 29th day of June, 1960, as witnessed by the signatures below:

Original Officers of the Chapter:

Officers of the Society:

Edwin C. Watson
President

Elda E. Anderson
President

John G. Myers
President-Elect

John W. McCaslin
Secretary

Wallace P. Howell
Secretary-Treasurer

On August 17, 2005, the membership approved a change to the Charter to allow for electronic balloting, as shown in Article VII, Section 3. The following officers attest to the veracity of this copy of the Columbia Chapter of the Health Physics Society, as witnessed by the signatures below:

(on file)
Eugene H. Carbaugh, President

(on file)
Mickey Hunacek, Secretary