BY-LAWS FOR THE MIDWEST CHAPTER
OF THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY

(Adopted March 25, 1961)

ARTICLE I

Objectives

Section 1 The objectives of the Midwest Chapter of the Health Physics Society are to aid in the work of Health Physics, to improve dissemination of information between individuals in this field and related fields, to improve public understanding of the problems and needs in radiation protection, and to promote and improve Health Physics as a profession. These objectives shall be accomplished by meetings, conferences, and publications on any phases of Health Physics.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1 Every Member and Associate Member of the Health Physics Society residing in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin shall qualify automatically for membership in this Chapter. The membership of this Chapter shall consist of Members, Associate Members, and Affiliates. The Board of Directors may elect to membership in the Chapter reputable persons in accordance with the following principles:

MEMBERS shall be persons who have been engaged in some form of Health Physics activities for at least one year and have been graduated from an accredited school of college grade or have had equivalent training. The Board may recognize one year of experience in Health Physics as being equivalent to one year of college work, and the prospective member need not be completely versed in all phases of Health Physics but must be contributing to the general field of Health Physics at the time he applies for membership in the Chapter. Graduate study in science may be accepted in place of part, or all, of the required period of Health Physics activity.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall be persons who lack the necessary qualifications for election as Members but (a) are engaged in a field of endeavor related to Health Physics or (b) whose interests in the science would make them desirable Associate Members. Associate Members shall be elected in the same manner as Members. They may not hold elective offices, but may vote.

AFFILIATES shall be individuals or organizations approved by the affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the Board. Affiliates shall not hold elective offices or voting privileges. The membership may be withdrawn at anytime by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.
Section 2 Application for Full Membership or Associate Membership shall be made to the Chapter Secretary in writing. They shall be reviewed and approved by the affirmative vote of at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

Dues

Section 1 Dues of Members, Associate Members, and Affiliates become payable on the first day of January of each year. Any Member, Associate Member, or Affiliate whose dues are unpaid on April 1 shall not be in good standing. Voting privileges will be reinstated by payment of delinquent Chapter dues for the current year. Termination of membership becomes automatic at the end of one year of delinquency.

Section 2 Annual dues will be set by the Board of Directors and approved by the majority of the members of the Chapter present at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1 The Officers of the Chapter shall consist in order of seniority of:
1. President
2. President-Elect
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Section 2 Duties of Officers

a. The President shall preside over the meetings of the Chapter and he may appoint other individuals to assist in the conduct of meetings. He shall appoint necessary committees and automatically becomes ex-officio member of these committees. The retiring President shall submit an oral report on the "State of the Chapter" to the Membership at the Annual Meeting.

b. The President-Elect shall perform duties as delegated to him by the President and in the absence of the President will assume the duties of the President.

c. The Secretary shall keep a record of all transactions and meetings of the Chapter and Board of Directors. He shall carry out correspondence of the Chapter, keep an accurate mailing list of the Membership, and post all ballots used in election and amending procedures.

d. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies of the Chapter, shall receive all monies due the Chapter, and shall pay all authorized bills against the Chapter. He shall submit his accounts for audit at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and shall turn over to his successor all funds and properties of the Chapter. He shall pay all bills authorized
by the Board of Directors. He shall notify all members thirty (30) days before dues are payable and thirty (30) days prior to termination of membership.

e. All Officers must be Members or Associate Members of the Health Physics Society.

Section 3 The Board of Directors shall consist of current Officers and immediate past President. The current President shall be the Chairman of the Board.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1 Chapter meetings shall be held quarterly, at a time and place to be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify all members of the time and place at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2 The Annual Meeting shall be held in January unless directed otherwise by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 All business meetings of the Chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4 A quorum shall consist of at least ten (10) voting members in good standing.

ARTICLE VI

Election of Officers

Section 1 The Nominating Committee shall nominate two (2) members for each elective office. The accepted nominations shall be presented to the Chapter at the last meeting of each calendar year.

Section 2 The election of Officers shall be done by ballot. The ballots shall be prepared by the Nominating Committee appointed by the Chapter President. The ballots shall be sent to all voting Members by the Secretary and shall have provisions for write-in candidates.

Section 3 Balloting shall be conducted for a period of not less than thirty (30) days following the mailing of the last ballot to the Membership.

Section 4 The Candidate receiving the plurality of votes cast shall be elected to office. The new Officers shall take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Ties shall be settled by lottery.
ARTICLE VII

Committees

Section 1 The membership of the Standing Committees of the Chapter shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors who will be in office during the year that the Committee serves. The membership of the Standing Committees shall be named prior to the close of the Annual Meeting preceding the year in which the Committee will function.

Section 2 The names of the Standing Committees and their general duties shall be as follows:

1. ADMISSIONS - Comprised of the Board of Directors. It shall review applications for membership in the Chapter making recommendations for acceptance or rejection.

2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Comprised of not less than three (3) members, none of whom shall hold simultaneously an elective office. The Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Secretary of the Chapter not later than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the last meeting of each calendar year. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee shall include the names of the nominees and the office for which nominated.

3. PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Comprised of not less than three (3) Members or Associate Members. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to review and promote proposed agendas for the quarterly meetings and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors relative to these matters.

Section 3 There shall be no limit to the number of terms that a person may serve on a Committee. Each year the membership of all committees is dissolved with the close of the Annual Meeting, and it shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year to reconstitute committees as required.

Section 4 Committees may be formed to assist the Officers and Board of Directors as required.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Section 1 Any proposed amendment to these By-Laws, not inconsistent with the Charter, may be introduced by any voting Member at any regular meeting. Before being acted upon by the Chapter Membership, a copy of the proposed amendment must be sent to each voting Member at least ten days previous to the next meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to pass the amendment.
ARTICLE IX

Acceptance of By-Laws

Section 1 A simple majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to pass or reject each Article of the By-Laws.

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