A. Membership
As of December 1, 1999, the RSO Section had a membership of 599. Of these 62 were RSO Section-only members.

B. Executive Board Members and Actions
• At the annual HPS meeting in Philadelphia, Kelly Classic became the Section President and Sean Austin the President-Elect.
• At the Executive Board meeting in Philadelphia, two Board members’ terms were extended to meet the requirements in Section bylaws.
• A Nominations Committee was formed in December 1999 to organize a ballot to elect the 2000-2001 President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and two Board members. Ballots will be distributed in March 2000. Members are Augustinus Ong, David Collins, David Norman and Venkata Lanka.
• At the Executive Board meeting in Philadelphia, the Board agreed to organize an RSO Section Web Committee. Sean Austin was appointed Board Liaison to the committee and solicitations were sent to Section members. The committee is composed of seven Section members (includes Mr. Austin).

C. Oral Session in Virginia Beach
An RSO Section sponsored presentation session at Virginia Beach was not pursued due to the lack of abstracts submitted by Section members. Section member abstracts were combined with others received for the Midyear program.

D. RSO Magazine Acquisition
This issue was discussed at the RSO Section Executive Board meeting in Philadelphia (June 1999). There was general support although a number of issues to be dealt with if acquisition occurred were raised. The RSO Section was notified after the HPS meeting that the HPS Board has voted the acquisition down.

The issue was resurrected at the October HPS Executive Board meeting and the RSO Section was again asked whether acquisition was supported. The following question was posed to the RSO Section Executive Board and received a vote of 7 nay, 1 aye, 1 abstention (R. Johnson): “Does the RSO Section support continued pursuit of the acquisition of RSO Magazine?” Reasons for the negative vote include:

• Historically, RSO Magazine acquisition was supported by the RSO Section because this was the only truly operationally based radiation safety publication making it a plausible match. However, with the advent of Operational Radiation Safety, acquisition is more difficult to justify. The Section will continue to work with Ken Miller to assist him on making ORS available to Section-only members and to maintain it’s operational orientation.
• With an additional publication or two (*RPM Magazine*), there would be greater competition amongst HPS publications for the same advertising dollar.

• At the Business Meeting following the RSO Section session in Philadelphia, RSO Section members were principally interested in the organization of an RSO Section website rather than acquisition of another magazine. The website would be the tool for some Section communications, to post procedures, etc.

D. **RSO Section Website**

The RSO Section formed a committee to oversee and develop the Section’s Web site. This web site will contain information about the section, its leadership, section activities, and function as a repository of information useful to individuals involved in executing an operational radiation safety program.

Sean M. Austin, of the National Institutes of Health, is Chair. Committee members include Ken Smith, Mike Grogan, Debbie Robinson, Andy Miller, Tom Conley, Esmeralda Party, and Mike Pirrello.

The committee plans to have the basic structure of the web site completed in early 2000. The site will then be made available to the membership and the public as further development and refinement continues.