

Western Slope Society of Radiologic Technologists Bylaws

Article I:

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Western Slope Society of Radiologic Technologists, hereinafter referred to as THE SOCIETY, affiliated with the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Article II:

Purpose, Policy, Function, and Definition

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of THE SOCIETY shall be to advance the profession of radiation and imaging disciplines and specialties; to maintain high standards of education; to enhance the quality of patient care; and to further the welfare and socio-economics of Radiologic Technologists.

Section 2: Policy

A. THE SOCIETY is committed to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in all programs and activities. No one shall be denied opportunities or benefits on the basis of age, sex, color, race, creed, national origin, religious persuasion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, political belief or disability.

B. No commercial enterprises shall be endorsed by THE SOCIETY. The name of THE SOCIETY or any member of its Board of Directors or its staff, in their official capacities, shall not be used in connection with a commercial company for other than the regular functions of THE SOCIETY.

Section 3: Functions of THE SOCIETY shall be to:

- A. Encourage quality patient care.
- B. Promote high standards of education and continuing professional development.
- C. Promote a forum to transact THE SOCIETY business.
- D. Disseminate information pertinent to the profession.
- E. Establish and promote policies relevant to the profession.
- F. Encourage scientific research.
- G. Establish membership eligibility and define membership categories

Section 4: Definition

Radiologic Technologists shall be the term used to define individuals certified or licensed in any of the areas listed in the category code of the ARRT, or equivalent.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Qualifications

A. Membership in THE SOCIETY shall be available to those individuals associated with the practice, education, administration, or commercial representation of the radiation and imaging disciplines and specialties.

B. All candidates for membership shall submit the prescribed application form properly completed, together with the required fees, and shall furnish any additional information as may be required.

Section 2: Categories

The membership of THE SOCIETY shall consist of active members, associate members, student members, life members, and inactive members.

A. Active members are those who are registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or its equivalent or hold an unrestricted license under state statutes. They shall have all rights, privileges, and obligations of membership including the right to vote, debate, and hold office.

B. Associate members shall be those persons who support the aims of THE SOCIETY, but who do not qualify for active membership. They shall have the rights, privileges, and obligations of active members except the right to vote or hold office.

C. Student members shall be those students enrolled in an accredited radiologic science educational program. Eligibility for this category shall terminate upon completion of, or discontinuation in, the educational program. They shall have the rights, privileges, and obligations of active members except the right to vote or hold office.

D. Life members shall be active members who have rendered exceptional service to THE SOCIETY. Life members shall be selected by a majority vote at an annual meeting upon a unanimous recommendation of the Board of Directors. Life members shall pay no dues and have all other rights, privileges, and obligations of active members.

E. Inactive members shall be technologists who have been registered by the ARRT, but who are no longer actively engaged in the field of radiologic technology and who have applied for inactive status. They shall have the rights, privileges, and obligations of active members except the right to vote or hold office.

Section 3: Resignation of Membership

Any member shall have the right to resign by written communication to THE SOCIETY office.

Section 4: Censure, Reprimand, and Removal

Any member may be censured, reprimanded, or removed for cause. Sufficient cause includes a violation of the bylaws or any lawful rule or practice duly adopted by THE SOCIETY or any other conduct prejudicial to the interests of THE SOCIETY.

A. If the Board of Directors deems the charges to be sufficient; the person charged shall be advised in writing of the charges.

B. A statement of the charges shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the last recorded address of the member at least twenty (20) days before final action is taken.

C. The statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the charges shall be considered.

D. The member shall have the opportunity to appear in person and be represented by counsel to present any defense to such charges before action is taken.

E. Censure or reprimand of a member shall be by majority vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors.

F. Removal of a member shall be by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Reinstatement

A member who has resigned or whose membership has been deleted from THE SOCIETY for other reasons may be reinstated only after filing a new application and paying the fees as a new member.

Section 6: Membership Dues

A. Dues for all members, established by the Board of Directors, shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members at the annual meeting.

B. Any intent by the Board of Directors to change the dues structure shall be communicated, to the membership, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

C. Dues shall be paid within sixty (60) days of the renewal date. The name of any member in arrears after (60) days shall be deleted from membership.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: Officers

The officers of THE SOCIETY shall be the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2: General Qualifications for THE SOCIETY Officers

The officers shall:

A. Be voting members with THE SOCIETY, the Colorado Society of Radiologic Technologists, and the American Society of Radiologic Technologist (ASRT).

B. Show proof of continuing education.

Section 3: Duties of the Officers of THE SOCIETY

A. The President shall:

1. Preside at the annual meetings of THE SOCIETY and perform all duties consistent with the office.

2. Be an ex-officio member of all committees, with the exception of the nominating committee.

3. Appoint committees unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws.

4. Preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors.

B. The Vice President shall:

1. Become acquainted with all the duties of the president.

2. Assume the duties of the President, in the absence of the President.

3. Assist the President with committees.

C. The Secretary/ Treasurer shall:

1. Keep minutes.

2. Conduct correspondence.

3. Perform all duties that usually and customarily pertain to the office.

4. Keep an accurate record of the financials of THE SOCIETY.

Section 4: Term

A. The president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been elected.

B. The term shall begin at the close of each Annual Meeting.

Section 5: Nominations

A. Nominations can be made at any time including from the floor of the annual meeting business meeting prior to elections.

B. The committee on nominations shall consist of three (3) members and shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 6: Election of Officers

A. The president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer shall be elected by majority vote of the voting members present and voting at the business session of the annual meeting.

B. The method of voting shall be by ballot, unless a single candidate is nominated for office, in which case the vote may be held *viva voce*.

C. If a tie occurs, the president shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 7: Eligibility

An officer who meets eligibility requirements at the time of nomination shall be permitted to complete the term, even though employment status changes.

Section 8: Vacancies

A. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the vice president.

B. A vacancy in any elective office, except the office of President shall be filled by a unanimous ballot of the remaining members of THE SOCIETY Board of Directors.

Section 9: Censure, Reprimand, and Removal

Any officer may be censured, reprimanded, or removed from the office for dereliction of duty or conduct detrimental to THE SOCIETY. Such action may be initiated when the Board of Directors receives formal and specific charges against an officer.

A. If the Board of Directors deems the charges sufficient, the person charged shall be advised in writing of the charges.

B. A statement of the charges shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the last recorded address of the officer at least twenty (20) days before final action is taken.

C. The statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the charges shall be considered.

D. The officer shall have the opportunity to appear in person and be represented by counsel to present any defense to such charges before action is taken

E. Censure or reprimand shall be by majority vote of the entire remaining membership of the Board of Directors.

F. Removal of an officer shall be by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the entire remaining membership of the Board of Directors.

Article V: Board of Directors

Section 1: Composition

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2: Duties

A. The Board of Directors shall be vested with the responsibility of the management of the business of the corporation and carry out the policies and procedures established by the members and shall represent THE SOCIETY when the membership is not in session.

B. The Board of Directors shall:

1. Control funds and property owned by THE SOCIETY
2. Provide annually for the audit of the books and the accounts of THE SOCIETY.
3. Establish committees.
4. Temporarily suspend action adopted by the membership, if such policy is found to be contrary to Federal, State or Local Laws, THE SOCIETY Bylaws or to be financially infeasible. Such action shall be ratified by the membership at the next annual meeting.
5. Change dates or location of the annual meeting if found advisable. In the case of a state or national emergency, the Board may cancel the annual meeting and will provide for the election of officers.
6. Appoint qualified members to vacant offices until elections can occur.
7. Appoint or nominate representatives to external organizations.

Section 3: Meetings

A. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of two (2) times annually.

B. Special meetings: The president, or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, upon written request to the president, may call a special meeting, provided a fifteen (15) day notice to all Board members is given.

Section 4: Censure, Reprimand, and Removal

Any Board member may be censured, reprimanded, or removed from the position for dereliction of duty or conduct detrimental to THE SOCIETY. Such action may be initiated when the Board of Directors receives formal and specific charges against a Board member.

- A. If the Board of Directors deems the charges sufficient, the person charged shall be advised, in writing, of the charges.
- B. A statement of the charges shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the last recorded address of the Board member at least twenty (20) days before final action is taken.
- C. The statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the charges shall be considered.
- D. The Board member shall have the opportunity to appear in person and be represented by counsel to present any defense to such charges before action is taken.
- E. Censure or reprimand of a Board member shall be by majority vote of the entire remaining membership of the Board of Directors.
- F. Removal of a Board member shall be by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the entire remaining membership of the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Quorum

A majority of the Board of Directors' members shall constitute a quorum for all meetings.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Annual Meeting

- A. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held in the fall of each year and shall include the business session of the Society.
- B. The site of the annual conference shall be decided by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Special Meeting

Special meetings of the Society may be called at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute sufficient authority to call a special meeting. The membership shall be notified of the business to be transacted. No business other than that specified shall be transacted.

Section 3: Parliamentarian

A parliamentarian, selected by the President, shall be in attendance at each business session during the annual meeting or special meeting of THE SOCIETY.

Section 4: Quorum A quorum for a business meeting or any special Society meeting shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members in attendance and includes not less than two (2) officers. No business can be conducted with less than five (5) voting members present.

Article VII: Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees

- A. The Board of Directors shall establish standing committees as deemed necessary to carry out the activities of THE SOCIETY. Such committees shall be responsible to the Board of Directors and may be altered or eliminated at any time by the Board of Directors.
- B. The President shall appoint the committees unless in conflict with other sections of the bylaws.

Section 2: Vacancies

A. A vacancy in any Board of Directors' committee shall be filled by an appointment of the Board of Directors.

B. A vacancy in a presidential committee shall be filled by an appointment by the president.

Article VIII: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern THE SOCIETY in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these bylaws.

Article IX: Bylaw Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws may be made by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present at the annual meeting business session. Notice of the proposed Bylaws amendments shall be provided to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Amendments shall be effective at the conclusion of the business meeting unless otherwise specified.

Article XI: Indemnification

Every officer, employee, or delegate of THE SOCIETY shall be indemnified by THE SOCIETY against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fee in connection with any threatened, pending, or completed proceeding in which the above-named individual is involved by reason of the above-named individual being or having been an officer, employee, or delegate of THE SOCIETY if the above-named individual acted in good faith and within the scope of the above-named individual's authority and in a manner reasonably believed to be not opposed to the best interest of THE SOCIETY. In no event shall indemnification be paid to or on behalf of any above-named individual going beyond or acting beyond the powers granted by authority of this organization or bylaw. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such officer, employee, or delegate may be entitled.

Article XII: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of THE SOCIETY, all of its assets remaining after the payment of its obligations shall have been made or proved for, shall be distributed to and among such corporations, foundations, or other organizations organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes, consistent with those of THE SOCIETY, as designated by the Board of Directors.