



# STANDARD BYLAWS AND RULES FOR LOCAL SECTIONS PROCEDURE

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As Local Sections of the American Nuclear Society came into being they developed their own individual set of Bylaws, consistent with the Bylaws and Rules of the Society. Then about 20 years ago, an effort was started to normalize Section Bylaws, and a uniform set of Model Bylaws for Sections was developed and, over time, most Sections adopted the Model Bylaws. A few years ago it became evident that the Model Bylaws, as good as they were, had some major flaws. They did not recognize the advances in electronic communication used by many Sections; they were very detailed in their provisions- far more than needed by some small Sections; they required ANS Board of Directors action to be revised and finally it was evident that many of their provisions were simply being ignored by many Sections.

As a result of a great deal of effort by the Local Sections, and Bylaws and Rules Committees of the Society, a new set of Standard Bylaws for Sections was created, and in November of 2001, approved by the Board of Directors. The Standard Bylaws are minimal in their scope and include only those provisions governing Section activities that are expressly found in, or derived from, the Bylaws, Rules and Procedures of the Society. In promulgating these Bylaws, it was the Board's intention and expectation that the individual Sections, having adopted the Standard Bylaws would then develop a set of Section Rules to govern their own day-to-day operations. The Section Rules and any revisions to them would then only have to be reviewed by the Bylaws and Rules Committee, for consistency with Society Bylaws and Rules.

## **Requirement**

Every local section (U.S. and International) must adopt the standard bylaws and rules at least once. This must be completed within six (6) months of receiving their charter. The standard [Local Section Bylaws and Rules Template](#) can be found on the ANS website. To adopt the bylaws and rules, a section must vote on them, submit their approved bylaws and rules to the ANS Bylaws and Rules Committee, who then forwards them to the ANS Board of Directors for final approval.

Sections may add additional bylaws and rules to the standard template, but they cannot delete any of the required bylaws and rules.

Samples of what other sections have done are included in this section.