



Appendix A: ANS NATIONAL BYLAWS AND RULES

ANS National Bylaws

ARTICLE B9 - CONSTITUENT UNITS

B9.1 - Authorization

The Board of Directors may authorize the organization of Local Sections, Technical Groups and Professional Divisions, and Student Sections within the Society, inside the U.S. It may also authorize the organization of Local Sections outside the U.S.

In addition, the Board may designate national societies outside the U.S. as Affiliated National Societies.

- (a) Each constituent units of the Society located inside the U.S. shall be governed by the Society's Standard Bylaws appropriate to that constituent unit, and by the rules of the constituent unit, which shall be in accord with the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and the Society bylaws and rules.
- (b) Local Sections of the Society outside the U.S. and Affiliated National Societies shall be governed by their bylaws and rules which shall be in accord with the Society bylaws and rules, unless otherwise explicitly agreed by the Board of Directors notably for specific points involving the National Laws of these Local Foreign Sections or Affiliated National Societies.

B9.2 – Objectives

- (a) The objective of each Local Section shall be to further the mission and goals of the Society in its locality.
- (b) The objective of each Technical Group and Professional Division shall be to provide Members particularly interested in a specific area of nuclear science or technology the means for promoting the sciences and arts of that area.
- (c) The objective of each Student Section shall be to further the mission and goals of the Society at its educational institution by providing students a means for professional development and a focal point for the interchange of information in nuclear science and technology.

- (d) The object of each Affiliated National Society shall be to promote in that country the advancement of science and engineering relating to the atomic nucleus, and of allied sciences and arts.

B9.3 - Records

Minutes of the business meetings of constituent units of the Society shall be recorded. Copies of these minutes for units within the U.S. shall be filed with the Executive Director. Units outside the U.S. shall file annual reports in the English language, in lieu of minutes, with the Executive Director.

B9.4 - Limitation of Authority

No action, obligation, or expression of a constituent unit shall be considered an action, obligation, or expression of the Society as a whole. Any publication issued by a constituent unit shall be imprinted with a statement that the constituent unit assumes sole responsibility regarding an action, obligation, or expression with respect to the Society

B9.5 - Dissolution

Any constituent unit may be dissolved at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Society.

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ARTICLE B7.1 - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- (e) **Local Sections Committee** - The Local Sections Committee shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the Local Sections. The committee shall cooperate with individuals and groups interested in the formation of Local Sections, assisting them in the preparation of a petition, and in other organizational and operating procedures.

This committee shall be composed of at least six (6) but no more than twelve (12) ANS Members, each appointed to a three (3)-year term, with the terms of approximately one-third (1/3) of the members expiring at the close of each Annual Meeting. In addition, the Chair of each Local Section, or a representative designated by the Chair, shall be an ex officio member of this committee. At least one appointed member of the committee shall be on the Board of Directors. At least one (1) of the appointed members shall be a Student Member. At least one (1) of the appointed members shall be a non-U.S. resident. A quorum shall consist of appointed and/or ex officio members equal to a majority of the appointed members.

R17 - LOCAL SECTIONS

R17.1 - Organization

A Local Section may be organized upon acceptance by the Board of Directors of a petition in writing submitted in prescribed form signed by no fewer than twenty (20) individuals who are Members.

R17.2 - Initial Executive Committee

An initial Executive Committee composed of not fewer than six (6) Members of the Society shall be elected by the petitioners. This committee shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors at the time of petition acceptance. The terms of approximately one third (1/3) of the members shall be designated to expire at the close of each Annual Meeting, and their successors shall be elected from among the members of the section in accordance with the Local Section's bylaws and rules.

R17.3 - Official Designation

The official designation shall be: (Name of place or region) Section of the American Nuclear Society.

R17.4 - Membership

R17.4.1 - Society Members

Society Members in good standing shall be eligible to become and remain Local Section members with right to vote and to hold office. Society members shall be entitled to hold office in no more than one (1) Local Section at any time.

R17.4.2 - Non-Society Members

Local Section participants shall be non-Society Members whose qualifications for participating in Local Section activities have been approved by majority vote of the Section Executive Committee, and whose interest in the activities of the Local Section is evidenced by payment of a contribution, or mailing fee, not less than Local Section annual dues. Local Section participants shall be entitled to receive notice of, and to attend, meetings, and other privileges specifically granted by the Section. At the option of the Local Section, participants may have the right to vote in all Local Section matters but not for national officers or on national matters. They shall not be eligible to hold the positions of Chair or Vice-Chair of Local Sections, and, at the option of the Local Section, may be eligible to hold a minority of the positions on the Executive Committee with all committee rights in no more than one (1) Local Section at any time. Participants shall be encouraged to apply for Society membership.

R17.5 - Bylaws and Rules

R17.5.1 - Bylaws

Following the Board of Directors approval for organization, the Executive Director of the Society shall forward a copy of the Board-approved Local Section Bylaws and Rules Template ("Standard Bylaws for Local Sections") to the Initial Executive Committee according to which the Local Section shall operate.

The Standard Bylaws include Society requirements for Local Sections and deliberately avoid prescriptive governance provisions. Each proposed Local Section shall adopt rules for the routine operations of their Section. The proposed Local Section shall become a Local Section of the Society upon adopting these rules. Adoption by a Local Section of the Standard Bylaws for Local Sections and any subsequent modifications that are approved by the Local Sections Committee, the Bylaws and Rules Committee, and the Board of Directors, does not require approval by the full membership of the Local Section.

Adoption of the Standard Bylaws by a Local Section is indicated by the filing of an approved set of Local Section rules with ANS Headquarters. Each Local Section Executive Committee can implement its own approval process for its rules (consistent with the Society bylaws and rules and the Standard Bylaws for Local Sections), but explicit full-membership approval of the Standard Bylaws is unnecessary.

Existing Local Sections may continue to operate under their old bylaws until they adopt rules reviewed by the Bylaws and Rules Committee of the Society. New Local Sections, or Local Sections reestablishing themselves after dormancy, shall automatically be governed by the Standard Bylaws for Local Sections but must prepare rules for prompt review and adoption. While the rule review is underway, Local Sections may operate under their proposed rules.

Amendments to the Standard Bylaws for Local Sections are subject to approval by the Board of Directors and, if approved, are applicable to all Local Sections. Proposed amendments must be endorsed by the Local Sections Committee by two thirds (2/3) of the voting members present and forwarded to the Bylaws and Rules Committee. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall, if necessary, draft corresponding changes to the Society bylaws and/or rules to accommodate the proposed amendments to the Standard Bylaws. Such corresponding amendments to the Society bylaws and/or rules shall be subject to the usual approval processes.

R17.5.2 - Rules

In order to provide for handling the affairs of the Section, the Executive Committee shall prepare and adopt suitable rules, in conjunction with the Standard Bylaws. Section rules, and proposed changes to them, must be reviewed by the Bylaws and Rules Committee of the Society for consistency with the Society bylaws and rules. A copy of such rules, and rule changes, when endorsed by the Bylaws and Rules Committee, shall be filed with the Executive Director of the Society

R17.5.3 - Conflict with Society Bylaws, Rules, Procedures and Policies

In the event of a conflict, the Society bylaws, rules, and policies shall take precedence over the bylaws and rules of the Local Section.

R17.5.4 - Executive Committee and Officers

The Local Section bylaws shall provide for the establishment of an Executive Committee and for officers comprising a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer to conduct the affairs of the Local Section. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer can be combined into a single office. Eligibility shall be as stipulated in the bylaws.

R17.5.5 - Meetings

The principal activity of a Local Section shall be the holding of regular meetings for the presentation of papers, for the promotion of the awareness and understanding of nuclear science and engineering and allied arts and sciences, and for discussion of matters relating to nuclear science and engineering and to allied arts and sciences.

R17.5.6 - Dues

A Local Section may collect dues from its members as provided in its bylaws, rules or other policies. A Local Section may levy special and reasonable assessments when

authorized by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a regular or special meeting called as provided by the Section bylaws. A Local Section may also accept local non-compulsory financial contributions, but solicitation and acceptance of such contributions shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) limited to solicitation for those activities consistent with the objectives of the Society.
- (b) notification of the intent and purpose of the solicitation shall be given the President of the Society in writing, and he may disapprove of such solicitation within thirty (30) days of this notification.

Local Sections outside of the United States shall not be subject to these conditions. The affairs of the Local Section shall be conducted in such manner that the Local Section shall be financially independent and shall not rely on support from the funds of the Society.

R17.6 - Cooperative Agreements

A Local Section may enter into cooperative agreements with local scientific and engineering societies, or with local units of such national societies, in accordance with the bylaws and rules of the Society.

R17.7 -Reports

Each year the Local Section Secretary shall provide the Society with a report on Local Section activities, membership details, names of Officers and Executive Committee members and copies of meeting minutes. Other information may be requested from time to time by the Executive Director of the Society or the Chair of the Local Sections Committee. The report shall be filed annually with the Executive Director no later than August 31.

R17.8 - Dissolution

R17.8.1 - Initiation of Dissolution

Dissolution of a Local Section may be initiated by petition of the membership to the Board of Directors or by action originating with the Board of Directors.

- (a) A petition for dissolution addressed to the Board of Directors shall include the reasons(s) for the petition, the effective date of dissolution requested, and signatures of two-thirds (2/3) of the Section members, or certification by the Secretary, countersigned by the Chairman, to the effect that two-thirds (2/3) of the Section members have by secret ballot voted to request dissolution.

- (b) The Board of Directors may initiate the dissolution of a Local Section by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the Board.

R17.8.2 – Local Section Dissolution Proceedings

Upon receipt of a dissolution petition, or upon passage by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a dissolution resolution, the Board shall direct the Executive Directors to cause the publication of a notice of such prospective dissolution, in a Society publication distributed to all members, or by such other means as deemed appropriate to insure notice to the membership. This notice shall include the reasons for prospective dissolution, the means by which the dissolution was proposed, and shall invite any member of the Society to show cause to the Board of Directors, by a specific date at least sixty (60) days after publication, why the proposed action should not be implemented. The Executive Director shall immediately obtain a financial statement from the Treasurer of the Local Section.

In the event no member in good standing responds to the published notice to show cause before the specified date, the Board of Directors shall dissolve the Local Section upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the Board.

In the event a member in good standing shows apparent good cause that the Section should not be dissolved to the Board of Directors, the Board shall:

- (a) direct the Executive Director to stay the prospective dissolution until after the next regular meeting of the Board, unless circumstances indicate the need for a special Board meeting to hear this subject, in which case the Executive Director with the concurrence of the President shall call a special meeting of the Board.
- (b) invite, through the Executive Director, the member or members contesting the dissolution to present their case at the next regular, or if indicated special, meeting of the Board of Directors.
- (c) hear the member's or members' case, and in executive session decide on its merits. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Board members present at the hearing, but no fewer than a quorum of all Board members, is required to sustain and proceed with the proposed dissolution.
- (d) in the event such a majority vote is not achieved, further proceedings shall not be undertaken, and the Executive Director shall be directed to publish notice of cessation of the dissolution proceedings using the same means as used to publish the original dissolution proposal.
- (e) in the event a majority is achieved, declare the Local Section dissolved, and notify the President and Executive Director of this action. The Executive

Director shall be directed to publish the notice of dissolution in a Society publication distributed to all members or by such other means as deemed adequate to insure the membership is informed.

R17.8.3 - Disposal of Assets

Upon the dissolution of the Local Section, assets shall be distributed first in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation of the Section. If no such Articles exist, or potential recipients are not named specifically, then the Society, an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, shall take possession of assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of that Section of the Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or they shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.