

CHARTER
of the
SIERRA NEVADA CHAPTER
of the
HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY
Established September 16, 1992

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of the Chapter shall be the Sierra Nevada Chapter (hereinafter designated as the Chapter) of the Health Physics Society (hereinafter designated as the Society).

ARTICLE II

Jurisdiction

Section 1. The Chapter headquarters shall be located in the vicinity of Sacramento, California and the Chapter membership is not limited to a specific geographical area.

ARTICLE III

Objectives

Section 1. The objectives and purposes of the Chapter shall coincide with the objectives and purposes of the Society as set out in the BYLAWS of the Society.

ARTICLE IV

Chapter—Society Relationship

Section 1. The Chapter operates in affiliation with the Society. It is governed by the provisions of its CHARTER, BYLAWS, and RULES. The Chapter-Society relationship shall not be placed in jeopardy so long as

- (i) the Chapter complies with the provisions of its Charter as augmented by those parts of the bylaws of the Society which deal with the Chapter-Society relationship, and
- (ii) the Society fulfills its stated objectives maintaining a balance as to the mutual interests of the two.

Section 2. The Charter shall be placed in the custody of the Chapter with a duplicate copy kept on file at the business office of the Society. The signatures of the duly authorized officers of the Chapter and the Society affixed at the time of chartering and appearing on the Charter over the seal of the Society signify the Chapter—Society relationship in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

Section 3. Any conflict requiring an interpretation of the provisions of the Charter shall be resolved by the Board of Directors of the Society.

Section 4. The responsibility for determining Chapter policy is set out in the BYLAWS of the Chapter. The Chapter may designate spokesmen to represent the Chapter in carrying out such policies BUT no person shall presume to speak for the Chapter or the Society on matters of Chapter policy or Society policy without appropriate authorization. However, these provisions shall not be construed so as to limit a member of a Chapter from expressing his personal views either publicly or privately.

Section 5. The Chapter shall submit to the business office of the Society, and in a form approved by the Society, regular reports concerning the activities of the Chapter.

Section 6. The Chapter may be dissolved and its Charter revoked by the Board of Directors of the Society for good cause shown in accordance with the RULES of the Society.

ARTICLE V

Membership

- Section 1. Members of the Chapter shall be persons who are members of the Society and such other persons as may be provided for in the BYLAWS of the Chapter.
- Section 2. Any person who is a member of the Society becomes a member of the Chapter upon presenting proof of membership in the Society and the payment of dues appropriate to the membership class sought in the Chapter.
- Section 3. Applications for membership in the Chapter involving persons who are not members of the Society shall be processed in accordance with procedures set out in the BYLAWS of the Chapter.
- Section 4. Membership dues for all grades of membership within the Chapter shall be established in accordance with provisions set out in the BYLAWS of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI

Administration

- Section 1. The Chapter shall have Officers. The Officers administer the affairs of the Chapter in accordance with its objectives, performing those functions as may be customary to the office, and as further defined in the BYLAWS or RULES of the Chapter.
- Section 2. The Officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a President-Elect, and such others as may be provided for in the BYLAWS of the Chapter.
- Section 3. The President and the President-Elect of the Chapter shall be persons who have membership in the Society.
- Section 4. The President-Elect shall be chosen by vote of the Membership for a Chapter Term at the conclusion of which his ascension to the office of President for the next Chapter Term becomes automatic.
- Section 5. The BYLAWS of the Chapter may vest control over the affairs of the Chapter in a board of directors, executive council, or some other type of governing body. Where such is provided: the Officers of the Chapter are *ex officio* members of the designated governing body with voting rights and privileges accorded any other member of that body.
- Section 6. The BYLAWS of the Chapter shall provide for the establishment of committees and other administrative posts as *may* be considered essential for the administration of the affairs of the Chapter.
- Section 7. Vacancies occurring in an elective office or an appointive post shall be filled in accordance with provisions set out in the BYLAWS of the Chapter.
- Section 8. The Chapter Term shall not exceed thirty-six (36) calendar months. In the event of war or other catastrophe, the Chapter Term may be extended in accordance with the RULES of the Society.

ARTICLE VII

Election Procedures

- Section 1. Nominations for all elective offices that are to be filled by a poll of the membership of the Chapter shall be made by a Nominating Committee consisting of a chairman and at least two other members chosen in accordance with procedures set out in the BYLAWS of the Chapter. No Officer or member of the governing body shall be eligible to serve on this committee.
- Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall select two nominees for each elective office to be filled and no person shall have his name placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee without his consent.
- Section 3. The polling of the membership shall be done by secret ballot with provisions for write—in candidates. The procedure may be
- (i) by means of a letter ballot or
 - (ii) by sealed written ballots collected at a regular Chapter meeting. Other matters governing polling procedures shall be set out in the BYLAWS of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

- Section 1. The Chapter shall hold at least two meetings each calendar year and one meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting of the Chapter. Meetings of the Chapter shall be held at such time and place as may be provided for in the BYLAWS or RULES of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX

Chapter BYLAWS and RULES

- Section 1. The BYLAWS of the Chapter shall be adopted by the voting membership of the Chapter before they become effective. A BYLAW is adopted, rejected, or amended on the basis of a majority of the votes cast on the issue designated in a particular poll.
- Section 2. RULES for handling administrative matters may be promulgated by the Officers and/or governing body of the Chapter if, and as, provided for in the BYLAWS.

ARTICLE X

Amendments to the Charter

- Section 1. Amendments to the Charter are made by the Board of Directors of the Society.

ARTICLE XI

Attestations

- Section 1. The Society shall provide the Chapter with
- (i) a CERTIFICATE OF AFFILIATION plaque and
 - (ii) a CHAPTER BANNER which bears the NAME OF THE CHAPTER along with the OFFICIAL SEAL of the Society. Either of the two emblems, when properly displayed shall be construed as evidence that the Chapter-Society affiliation relationship is in effect.
- Section 2. The Chapter may use the OFFICIAL SEAL of the Society, in part, modified, or in the whole, on Chapter stationery, and/or for other legitimate purposes so long as the use of the seal is such as to guarantee that an observer will recognize that he is dealing with the Chapter and not the Society.