

Alamo Area Society of Radiologic Technologists

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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this society shall be the **ALAMO AREA SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS** hereinafter referred to as the **AASRT**.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

SECTION 1: MISSION. The mission of the AASRT shall be to advance the profession of radiologic sciences, to assist in establishing and maintaining high standards of education and training, to elevate the quality of patient care, and to improve the welfare and socio-economics of radiologic science professional.

SECTION 2: GOALS. The goals of the AASRT shall be:

- A. To provide meeting at which to transact AASRT business, to carry on educational activities, to discuss professional problems.
- B. To publish and disseminate information pertinent to the conduct of the AASRT or the profession;
- C. To assist in establishing and enunciating high standards of education and training and to implement them through appropriate channels;
- D. To stimulate and encourage research designed to provide the knowledge needed to assure increasingly efficient patient care;
- E. To expand educational opportunities and to develop programs designed to broaden the scope of Radiologic sciences service;
- F. To advance policies concerning the professional status, legislative activity, and the welfare of its members; and
- G. To cooperate with other organizations or agencies whose policies are not in conflict with those of the AASRT as may be necessary to maintain continued progress and growth of the AASRT.

ARTICLES III - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION 1: CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

- A. The name of the AASRT or any of its Board of Directors, in their official capacities, shall not be used in connection with a corporate company for other than the regular functions of the AASRT.
- B. The AASRT 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, martial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, political belief or disability.

SECTION 2: PROFESSIONAL ETHICS.

- A. Members who are without qualifications entitling them to practice as a radiologic technologist shall not accept patients for diagnostic or therapeutic procedures except under the direct supervision of a physician or surgeon.
- B. Violation of Article III, Section 2-A will forfeit membership in AASRT.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: CLASSIFICATION. The membership of the AASRT shall consist of active members, associate members, and student members. All candidates for membership shall submit the prescribed application form properly completed, together with required fees, and shall furnish additional information as may be required.

A. Active members:

1. Shall be Radiologic Science professionals certified by and in good standing with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or its equivalent or hold a license under state statutes as a Medical Radiologic Technologist or Limited Medical Radiologic Technologist.

2. They shall have all rights, privileges and obligations of membership including the right to vote, debate, and hold office.

B. Associate members:

1. Shall be those persons who are interested in promoting the purposes and functions of the AASRT, but who are not eligible for active or student membership.

2. Shall have the obligations and privileges of active members except to vote or hold office.

C. Student members:

1. Shall be those students enrolled in an educational program accredited by JRCERT (Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology) or by the Texas Department of State Health Services education programs or recognized by the ARRT. Eligibility for this category shall terminate on conclusion of, or discontinuance of such education.

2. Shall have the obligations and privileges of active members, including the right to vote and hold office.

SECTION 2: RESIGNATION. Any member shall have the right to resign by written communication to the AASRT office.

SECTION 3: SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION. Any member may be suspended or terminated for cause. Sufficient cause for such suspension or termination of membership shall be a violation of the Bylaws or any lawful rule or practice duly adopted by the AASRT or any other conduct prejudicial to the interests of the AASRT.

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. Suspension or expulsion shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4: REINSTATEMENT. A member who resigns shall be granted reinstatement in the AASRT by making an application with appropriate dues payable to the AASRT.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP DUES

SECTION 1 VOTE. The annual dues shall be established by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: DELINQUENCY. No member who is in arrears for dues shall vote or hold office or shall be entitled to receive reports of the transactions of the AASRT. It shall be the duty of the Membership Chairman to erase from the rolls of the AASRT the name of any person who is in arrears for more than thirty (30) days. Payment of dues places the person back on the membership rolls.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTED OFFICERS

SECTION 1: ELECTED OFFICERS. Elected officers of the AASRT shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and optionally, a President-Elect.

SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS. A. The President and one other officer shall be active members of the Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists (TSRT). All officers shall be actively employed in the Radiologic Sciences and/or maintain current ARRT certification.

SECTION 3: TERM OF OFFICE. The term of the office for the officers shall be one (1) year or until their successors are elected. The officers shall assume office following meeting in which they were elected. All officers may be re-elected for a second one-year term.

SECTION 4: VACANCY IN OFFICE.

A. A vacancy in any elective office, except the office of President shall be filled by an appointment from the AASRT Board of Directors.

B. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President.

C. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall remain vacant until the next annual election meeting when a President shall be elected.

SECTION 5: DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS.

A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors shall appoint the chairpersons of all committees, who may in turn appoint members of their respective committees with the approval of the President except as otherwise prescribed in these bylaws; shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; shall represent the Society at the Annual meeting of the Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists; and shall perform such duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors. In the event that the office of the President shall become vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by the duly elected Vice-President, duly elected President-Elect, or the Immediate past President, in that order for the unexpired term.

B. The President-Elect shall preside in the absence or disability of both the President and the Vice-President; shall become President if the vacancy occurs in the office of both the President and the Vice-President; shall represent the President when necessary on occasions for Society representation; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees; and shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed by the President and/or the Board of Directors. In the event the office of the President-Elect should become vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by the Vice-President or by an appointment of the Board of Directors in that order for the unexpired term. The Board appointee shall not succeed to the office of the President; such vacancy shall be filled by the normal nomination and election procedures as defined in these Bylaws.

C. The Vice President shall: assume the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President-Elect in the absence or incapacity of that officer. In addition, may serve on any committee at the discretion of the President. In the event the office of Vice-President should become vacant, such vacancy should be filled by an appointment of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term. The Board appointee shall not succeed to the office of the President. Such office shall be filled by the normal

nomination and election procedures defined by these Bylaws.

D. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Society and the Board of Directors; shall keep on file all reports as presented by the Board of Directors; shall have custody of secretarial records, and shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors, and any additional duties, if applicable, listed in "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised."

E. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, and make bank deposits of same in the name of the Society; shall give receipts for all dues paid by cash (and to others upon request); shall pay by check, bills approved by the President and the Board of Directors; shall submit a report when requested by the Board; and shall present a full financial report at the monthly meeting of the Society.

SECTION 6: CENSURE, REPRIMAND, AND REMOVAL.

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

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 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, reprimand or removal shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining membership of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: NOMINATIONS.

A. The nominating committee shall be appointed sixty (60) prior to the date of the annual election.

B. The nominating committee shall consist of the President-Elect or alternately, the Vice President as Chairman and two other AASRT active members.

C. The committee shall satisfy itself that all candidates have the proper credentials and are willing to serve if elected.

D. The committee shall prepare a ballot listing of one or more candidates for each office, the consent of the nominees having been given.

E. The ballot shall be published and/or announced at least 30 days prior to the date on which the Elections are to be held.

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS.

A. The nominating committee shall prepare a ballot including all qualified nominees.

B. The newly elected officers shall be installed into office under the direction of the Executive Committee.

C. A plurality vote shall elect.

D. A tie vote on the ballot shall be broken by the Executive Committee.

E. No person shall hold more than one (1) elected office simultaneously.

F. Ballots shall be counted by the Nominating Committee Chairman, and at least one other officer not on the ballot.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be composed of three members. At each annual meeting where a new president has been elected, the senior Executive Committee members shall retire his/her position. The retiring President shall then become the junior member of the Executive Committee to serve a period of three years. The member of the board with the longest standing Board service shall become the Executive Committee Chairperson. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the property; shall have the authority to manage the affairs and funds of the Society.

ARTICLE IX - AASRT BOARD

SECTION 1: The AASRT Board shall consist of the Executive Committee and Officers. Responsibilities/duties shall be:

- A. To establish committees and to prescribe regulations and procedures for such committee.
- B. To fill any vacancy in elective office except as otherwise prescribed in these bylaws.
- C. To adopt administrative policies.
- D. To accept on behalf of the Society, contributions, gifts, or devices to further the objectives of the Society.
- E. To select the dates and location of meetings of the Society, which may be changed, if advisable, to cancel the meetings, and to provide for the election of officers.
- F. To adopt rules concerning admission of members and the advancement of nominees and members, and to approve recommendations of the Membership Committee concerning admissions, advancements, and reinstatements.
- G. To discipline members for unbecoming conduct, violation of the Code of Ethics, or for nonconformance with the provisions of the Bylaws.
- H. To authorize any officer or agent of the Society to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and/or on behalf of the Society, and all checks, drafts, and orders for the payment of money, notes, or other indebtedness to be signed by such officer, or officers, agent, or agents of the Society and in such manner as shall be determined and authorized from time to time.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

SECTION 1: Meetings shall be held at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors which shall notify the membership not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 2: Number of meetings in a year shall be the number to provide a member who attended all to earn 12 CE credits.

SECTION 3: Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors which shall notify the membership not less than seven (7) days prior to the designated date, the date, time, and place to be determined by the Board.

SECTION 4: A plurality of active members present at a regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum provided that the meeting includes no less than two (2) officers.

ARTICLE XI - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: COMMITTEES. The Board shall establish committees as deemed necessary to aid the AASRT in carrying on its activities. Such committees shall be responsible to the Board.

- A. The President shall serve as Ex Officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

- B. All Committee Chairmen and members shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board unless otherwise stated in the By-Laws.
- C. The term for the Committees shall be one (1) year unless otherwise approved.

SECTION 2: VACANCIES. A vacancy in any committee, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, shall be filled by appointment by the President with approval of the AASRT Board.

ARTICLE XII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current section of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the AASRT in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS.

- A. These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members voting. Notice of the amendments shall be provided to the membership in *AASRT TIMES* electronically and/or available on the website, www.aasrt.org at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which they will be voted on; or
- B. These bylaws may be amended with less than thirty (30) day notice but with a minimum of a forty-eight (48) hour notice by a four-fifths vote.

SECTION 2: REVISIONS. These By-Laws may be completely revised only upon authorization by the AASRT Board.

ARTICLE XIV - INDEMNIFICATION

Every officer, representative of the AASRT shall be indemnified by the AASRT against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, in connection with any threatened, pending or completed proceeding in which the above named individual is involved by reason of his being or having been an officer or representative of the AASRT 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 interests of the AASRT. 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 or representative may be entitled.

ARTICLE XV - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the AASRT, all of its assets remaining, after payment of its obligation shall have been made or provided 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 AASRT, as designated by the AASRT Board of Directors.

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