

## Proposed SWCSNM Bylaws Revisions

Current, Relevant Bylaws Verbiage	Proposed Revision (significant changes <b>bolded</b> )
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE III, OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>The objectives of the Chapter shall be:            (1) to establish and maintain an organization of physicians, scientists and technologists, who are members in good standing of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and others with a common interest in the scientific and clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic and investigational uses of radionuclides;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE III, OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>The objectives of the Chapter shall be:            (1) to establish and maintain an organization of physicians, scientists, technologists <b>and other allied health professionals</b>, who are members in good standing of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and who share a common interest in the scientific and clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic and investigational uses of radionuclides;</p> <p><i>Comment: This revision is simply designed to include allied health professionals besides technologists.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE V, MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>(7) In addition, those persons who present letters from the directors of training programs, certifying that they are in training, and who are also qualified for a category of membership other than Affiliate, may be admitted to membership, as appropriate, as full members (in-training), associate members (in-training), or as technologist members (in-training). Such members-in-training do not have the right to vote or to hold elective office and shall pay annual dues at a reduced rate established by the Board of Trustees. This "in-training" status will terminate when annual dues next become due unless an extension is requested and a new certifying letter from the training program director is submitted. Upon termination of the "in-training" status, members-in-training will automatically become, as appropriate, full members, associate members, or technologist members.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE V, MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>(G) Members in training are those physicians, scientists, and technologists who are enrolled in accredited training programs may join the Society as Members-in-Training with all rights and privileges of membership, except the rights to vote and to be elected an Officer of the Chapter.</p> <p><b>(2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP</b>  <b>(A) General Responsibility: Each member has the responsibility to support the Mission and Objectives of the Society and to adhere to the Bylaws.</b>  <b>(B) Good Standing: A member must be in good standing to vote, hold office, or receive the benefits and services otherwise reserved for members of the Society.</b></p> <p><i>Comment: This revision simplifies "in-training" verbiage and states the responsibilities of membership (exactly as stated in SNM, Inc. bylaws).</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE IX, NATIONAL TRUSTEE</b></p> <p>The House of Delegates of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. consists, among others, of trustees who are elected by Chapters on the basis of proportional representation between House of Delegate membership and Society voting membership. Annually the members proportional representation is evaluated and, if the Chapter is underrepresented, it may be assigned one or more delegate positions for election by the Chapter. The Nominating Committee shall formulate a slate of one or more candidates for each such national delegate position. Candidates for national delegate positions shall be full members of the Chapter. Election shall be by mail ballot.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE IX, CHAPTER DELEGATES</b></p> <p>The Chapter is entitled to <b>have two (2) Chapter Delegates</b> represent the Chapter at the House of Delegates of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. <b>The Chapter Nominating Committee will appoint one (1) delegate from the Chapter and one (1) from the Technologist Section. Each Delegate will serve a three-year term.</b></p> <p><i>Comment: This revision deals with another simplification from SNM, Inc. Each chapter has two delegates (no longer proportional based on member numbers), and Chapter leadership recommends appointment instead of election to the delegate position.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE XII, COMMITTEES AND SECTIONS</b></p> <p>It shall further be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to recruit willing candidates for submission to the Committee on Nominations of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. for national office or for House of Delegates. The Nominating Committee will receive like nominations from any members of the Chapter. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee will be submitted to the President at least two (2) weeks prior to the final date set by the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. for such nominations. The President is the representative of the Chapter to the Committee on Nominations of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE XII, COMMITTEES AND SECTIONS</b></p> <p>The Nominating Committee will recruit candidates for submission to the Committee on Nominations of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. for national office The Nominating Committee will receive like nominations from any members of the Chapter. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee will be submitted to the President at least two (2) weeks prior to the final date set by the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. for such nominations. The President is the representative of the Chapter to the Committee on Nominations of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc.</p> <p>It shall further be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to appoint Chapter Delegates to the House of Delegates of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. according to the provisions of these bylaws, ARTICLE IX.</p> <p><i>Comment: The current bylaws' paragraph is only slightly reworded; the second paragraph accords with the previous change to ARTICLE IX.</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XIII, AMENDMENTS</p> <p>The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members, present and voting at any annual meeting, provided that a quorum is present and that notice and a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to all the membership, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to such annual meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XIII, AMENDMENTS</p> <p>The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members, present and voting at any annual meeting, provided that a quorum is present and that notice and a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to all the membership, <b>either by mail or any other form of transmission, electronic or otherwise</b>, at least thirty (30) days prior to such annual meeting.</p> <p><i>Comment: This revision makes it crystal clear that Chapter leadership may use mail, email, or the Web to provide amendment notification.</i></p>
<p><i>Comment: There is no indemnification verbiage in the current bylaws. The revised text is exactly what the SNM, Inc. uses.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XVI, INDEMNIFICATION</p> <p>The Society shall indemnify, as set forth below, and to the fullest extent to which it is empowered to do so by the applicable laws as may from time to time be in effect, any person who by reason of being or having been a delegate, director, officer, employee, or agent of the Society, or who is or was serving at the request of the Society as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, and who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding.</p> <p>(1) ACTIONS AGAINST THE POLICY In the event of a civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit, or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the Society), such indemnification shall extend against all expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Society, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his/her conduct was unlawful.</p> <p>(2) ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE POLICY In the event of an action or suit brought by or in a right of the Society to procure judgment in its favor, such indemnification shall extend against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Society, provided that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duty to the Society, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court shall deem proper.</p>

The Southwestern Chapter Nominating Committee suggests the above changes in order to mirror changes in the SNM bylaws.

BYLAWS OF  
THE SOUTHWESTERN CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE, INC.  
REVISED APRIL 2006 (THE LAST REVISION BEFORE THE PROPOSED 2008 CHANGES)

ARTICLE I  
NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Southwestern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Chapter.

ARTICLE II  
DEFINITION

The Chapter was originally chartered by the state of Texas, April 19, 1956, Charter Number 17-132419, and reinstated in perpetuity on December 10, 1971, as the "Southwestern Society of Nuclear Medicine."

In accordance with Amendment Number 1 to the original Bylaws of this organization, defining its relationship to the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., as a regional chapter of that Society, the Chapter will extend its activities into the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma as a non-profit organization for the purpose of conducting scientific, educational and charitable activities.

ARTICLE III  
OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Chapter shall be:

- (1) to establish and maintain an organization of physicians, scientists and technologists, who are members in good standing of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and others with a common interest in the scientific and clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic and investigational uses of radionuclides;
- (2) to foster meetings of the organization for the purpose of communicating and discussing knowledge of nuclear phenomena as they apply to the better understanding and control of disease;
- (3) to disseminate information concerning nuclear medicine by sponsoring scientific and professional publications, meetings and conferences;
- (4) to strive to better the welfare of mankind by maintaining and advancing the highest possible standards of education, research and practice of nuclear medicine.

ARTICLE IV  
ORGANIZATION

- (1) The Chapter is a scientific organization composed of individuals who hold current membership in the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., and who reside within the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma or Texas, and other persons who request special dispensation in these requirements.
- (2) The membership will be of seven (7) classes, according to the provisions of these Bylaws, as specified in ARTICLE V.
- (3) There will be a governing Board of Trustees, duly elected by the membership according to the provisions of these Bylaws.
- (4) There will be an Executive Committee constituted of the duly elected officers, the immediate past President, and the President of the Technologist Section, according to the provisions of these Bylaws, ARTICLE VII, Section 4.
- (5) The membership is encouraged to form local groups or associations as Sections of the Chapter for the purpose of pursuing the activities for which this organization was chartered, or upholding the stated objectives of the Chapter. However, any such Section should be aware of the rights, restrictions and obligations to the Chapter, as set forth in ARTICLE XII, Section 5, and must comply with all these provisions.

## ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Chapter membership shall be of seven classes as detailed below. Applicants for membership in the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. who are accepted by the Committee on Credentials and Membership of the Society and who live in the geographical limits of this regional Chapter will be accepted as members of the Chapter by the membership and assigned to the appropriate class of membership, depending on the qualifications and desires of the applicant. Others may request special dispensation from the Chapter.

(1) Full members are physicians or scientists possessing an advanced degree who have presented their credentials indicating their professional interest, either medical, paramedical, investigative, or educational in the scientific or clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic, or investigational uses of radionuclides. In exceptional cases, individuals not qualifying under the above may be accepted as full members by reason of outstanding contributions to nuclear medicine, as determined by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. Full members have the right to vote and to hold elective and appointive offices.

(2) Associate members are scientists or technologists possessing a baccalaureate degree, or the equivalent qualification thereto as determined by the Membership Committee, and who have presented credentials indicating their professional interest, either paramedical, investigational, or educational, in the scientific or clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic, or investigational uses of radionuclides. Associate members have the right to vote but may not hold elective office except as otherwise provided in these bylaws. An associate member may serve on a committee upon appointment.

(3) Technologist members are technologists or technicians who have presented credentials indicating their professional interest, either paramedical, investigational, or educational, in the scientific or clinical disciplines concerned with the diagnostic, therapeutic, or investigational uses of radionuclides. Technologist members do not have the right to vote or to hold elective office except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, but may be appointed to committees.

(4) Emeritus members shall be those persons who have passed the age of sixty-five (65) years and have been active members of the Society for ten (10) years. Other members who have reached a state of retirement, but who continue their interest in the objectives of the chapter may become Emeritus members. Any Emeritus member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine may be granted Emeritus membership in the Chapter. Emeritus classification of Members Emeritus, Associate Emeritus, Technologist Emeritus, or Affiliate Emeritus will be awarded by majority vote of the Board of Trustees of the Chapter. An Emeritus member has all the rights of members of the Chapter except that he pays no dues, may not vote and may hold only the elective office of Historian.

(5) Honorary members are those persons who have been proposed for this distinction by the Executive Committee and who are accepted by the Board of Trustees. Honorary members may attend Chapter functions without payment of dues. Reciprocity within the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. for honorary members is encouraged. Honorary members may not vote or hold elective office.

(6) Affiliate members are those persons who have an active interest in the objectives of this Chapter and who are not qualified for other categories of membership. Affiliate members do not have the right to vote or hold elective office.

(7) In addition, those persons who present letters from the directors of training programs, certifying that they are in training, and who are also qualified for a category of membership other than Affiliate, may be admitted to membership, as appropriate, as full members (in-training), associate members (in-training), or as technologist members (in-training). Such members-in-training do not have the right to vote or to hold elective office and shall pay annual dues at a reduced rate established by the Board of Trustees. This "in-training" status will terminate when annual dues next become due unless an extension is requested and a new certifying letter from the training program director is submitted. Upon termination of the "in-training" status, members-in-training will automatically become, as appropriate, full members, associate members, or technologist members.

## ARTICLE VI DUES

- (1) Dues shall be paid by all classes of members except Honorary members and Emeritus members. The dues shall be in the amount and collected in the manner specified by the Board of Trustees.
- (2) Annual dues for all membership classes shall be payable on the first day of each year, but prorated dues shall be levied on new members from the date of approval.
- (3) The rights and prerogatives of all classes of members shall cease automatically upon delinquency of dues, such delinquency being defined as those dues not paid within ninety (90) days of the due date. Reinstatement from delinquent status shall be automatic upon payment of such dues within the fiscal year. After expiration of the fiscal year for such delinquency, reinstatement can be accomplished only by reapplication for membership as provided in ARTICLE V.

## ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

- (1) The officers of this Chapter shall be President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. The President-Elect shall be elected annually by the membership. The Secretary, Treasurer and the Historian shall be elected every third year by the membership. Candidates will be those presented by the Nominating Committee, as set forth in ARTICLE XII, Section 4(e). One person will be elected by the voting full and associate members to each open office by a plurality vote by secret ballot. Such elected officers will hold office from the conclusion of the regular annual meeting at which their election is certified by the Board of Trustees until such time as their successors are duly elected.
- (2) No officer shall serve more than three consecutive elective terms in the same office.
- (3) Duties of officers are those that their titles reasonably indicate as qualified by the laws of the state of Texas, the Charter of the Southwestern Society of Nuclear Medicine, these Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, in that order of precedence.
- (4) The officers designated in the first paragraph of this Article together with the immediate Past President and the President of the Technologist Section shall constitute an Executive Committee. The President shall be chairperson of the Executive Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to act with all the powers of the Board of Trustees between meetings of the Board, but without the power to modify any action taken by the Board of Trustees.

It shall be their further duty to act as:

- (a) the Board of Censors of the Chapter,
- (b) the Grievance Committee,
- (c) the Mediation Board, and
- (d) to act in an emergency without a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

These officers shall be ex officio voting members of the Board of Trustees during the terms of their several offices.

- (5) The President will preside at meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, the annual business meeting and special meetings of the Chapter. In consultation with the Executive Committee, the President will appoint members and chairpersons to the standing committees and special committees when such appointments are not otherwise delineated in these Bylaws. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Chapter committees except for the Chapter Nominating Committee. The President is a voting member of the Committee on Nominations, Commission on Chapters and House of Delegates of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. During his tenure in office, the President may act, in an emergency, without a meeting of the Board of Trustees; but only with the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee; and only in matters upholding the welfare of the Chapter.
- (6) The President-Elect will initiate such preparatory measures as are implied by his office. In the case of temporary or permanent absence or disability of the President, the President-Elect will function in that capacity. The President-Elect will succeed to the office of President at the next annual business meeting of the Chapter.

(7) The Secretary will be responsible for keeping minutes, preserving records, compiling membership rosters, arranging for printing and mailing, distributing notices of meetings and other Chapter business, and all other functions normally implied by this office. In addition, the Secretary serves as a minute recorder for the Board of Trustees and as Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

(8) The Treasurer will be responsible for the receipt, custody and disbursement of all funds and securities of the Chapter. The Treasurer will serve as Chairperson of the Finance Committee. At each business meeting of the Board of Trustees, and of the Chapter, the Treasurer will make an oral report and submit a detailed statement of the financial condition of the Chapter. No bond shall be required.

(9) The Historian will preserve documents and mementos of the Chapter and of the Southwestern Society of Nuclear Medicine. He will accumulate historical data, and when appropriate, compile it into a formal treatise. The Historian will chair the Bylaws Committee.

(10) The Board of Trustees may name an Administrative Officer, either from within or without the membership of this Chapter. The Board may confer upon this person such title, remuneration, responsibilities, budget restrictions and other requirements as it may deem appropriate for the betterment of the Chapter and its functions.

#### ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(1) The Board of Trustees of the Chapter, hereinafter called the Board, shall consist of:

- (a) the twelve elected trustees, and
- (b) the members of the Executive Committee, and
- (c) the President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and National Council Delegate of the Chapter's Technologist Section, and
- (d) the Chairperson of the Past Presidents Committee, and
- (e) the Past Presidents of the Chapter who are ex-officio members of the Board for life, but whose voting privileges are limited to the five years immediately following their presidency.

(2) Each year four (4) Trustees shall be elected to replace the four elected Trustees whose terms are expiring. Each trustee shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. Nominations and elections of Trustees shall be accomplished according to the procedure detailed in ARTICLE XII, Section 4, Nominating Committee.

(3) The Board of Trustees shall meet in a regular meeting at the annual meeting of the Chapter, the date and place of which will have been determined by the Board previously and additionally, at a time and at a location selected by the President of the Chapter, and, as necessary, in specially called meetings. A notice of each meeting and an agenda will be sent to all members of the Board at least ten (10) days in advance. The President of the Chapter will be the presiding officer and the Secretary will be the recorder for each meeting of the Board of Trustees. In the absence of the President, the President-Elect, the Treasurer, or the immediate Past President shall preside, in that order.

(4) A quorum of the Board shall consist of eight (8) voting members of the Board. A special meeting of the Board of Trustees may be called by petition of any eight members of the Board. In the event of a vacancy occurring among the Trustees, the remaining members of the Board of Trustees may fill such a vacancy by electing a member of the Chapter to fill the unexpired vacant term.

(5) Decisions of the Board shall be made by affirmative vote of the majority of the members present and voting (unless otherwise required elsewhere in these Bylaws or the Articles of Agreement but then only if a quorum is present).

(6) The Board of Trustees shall have the power to fill any vacancies in any of the offices of the chapter by electing a member of the Chapter to fill the unexpired term of said office, unless otherwise provided. Such election shall be by an affirmative vote equal to or exceeding two-thirds of the number of members of the Board of Trustees eligible to vote, whether present or not. Any elected officer may be removed from office as specified in ARTICLE XV, removal of Officers.

(7) The Board of Trustees shall have general charge of the business affairs and the property of the Chapter; may make such rules and regulations as it shall from time to time deem necessary for the management and well being of the Chapter and for carrying out its objectives; set the rules and methods for membership examinations for full members, associate

members, and other classes of membership; and may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its functions and powers upon terms specified in a resolution to that effect adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board attending, a quorum being present, except in cases where the Articles of Agreement or the Bylaws specify otherwise.

#### ARTICLE IX NATIONAL TRUSTEE

The House of Delegates of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. consists, among others, of trustees who are elected by Chapters on the basis of proportional representation between House of Delegate membership and Society voting membership. Annually the members proportional representation is evaluated and, if the Chapter is underrepresented, it may be assigned one or more delegate positions for election by the Chapter. The Nominating Committee shall formulate a slate of one or more candidates for each such national delegate position. Candidates for national delegate positions shall be full members of the Chapter. Election shall be by mail ballot.

#### ARTICLE X BALLOTING

Elections of offices and trustees will be conducted by mail ballot or by any other form of transmission, electronic or otherwise, as may be permitted by law, with provisions for write-in nominations. Ballots will be tallied by a committee or person to be appointed each year by the President. The results of the election will be certified by the Board of Trustees at its next annual meeting following the closing of balloting.

#### ARTICLE XI MEETINGS

(1) The Chapter shall meet once annually at a location, and on a date, which shall be predetermined by the Board. The means of selecting the meeting site and dates shall be determined by the Board. A chairperson for the Local Arrangements Committee shall also be named by the Board in the same action. Exceptions to these rules shall be the prerogative of the Board of Trustees.

(2) Each annual meeting shall provide a format for (A) the annual business meeting of the membership, (B) an annual meeting of the Board, (C) such scientific programming as seems appropriate to the education and edification of the membership, and (D) any other functions for the general benefit of the Chapter, which have been previously approved by the Board.

(3) Special meetings of the Chapter shall be called by the Board on the will of the majority of its voting members, or upon the petition of the President, or the Executive Committee, or any five (5) percent of the total of the full and associate members of the Chapter, who represent any two (2) of its five (5) states.

(4) A quorum for the legal conduct of any business meeting of the membership of the Chapter shall be those members present at the meeting, but every agenda will provide an opportunity for input from the floor into the transaction of business.

(5) Notice of any business meeting of the membership of the Chapter will be circulated to the membership at least sixty (60) days in advance.

#### ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES AND SECTIONS

(1) There will be standing committees and sections as defined in this article. The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may appoint members and chairpersons for special committees, to serve various terms and functions, as necessary.

(2) Committee members may be selected from among all classes of membership in the Chapter, giving due consideration to appointments representing all five states on any committee. Final consideration for selection must relate to the appointee's effective service to the committee.

(3) Except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, the President will make appointments to standing committees, and the President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Chapter.

(4) Standing Committees

(a) The Program Committee will consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, the chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee, and the program chairperson of the Technologist Section. It shall be the duty of this committee to plan, coordinate, promote and conduct the programs of the annual meeting for the Chapter. The Chairman, in consultation with the other committee members, may appoint as many members to the Program Committee, as are deemed necessary. The Vice-Chairman will be appointed each year by the President-Elect and will succeed to the chairmanship the following year.

(b) The Membership Committee will be composed of the Secretary, who will chair the Committee, and two members from each state. One member from each state will be a Technologist member, appointed as specified in the Bylaws of the Technologist Section of the Chapter, the other, a member from any other class of membership appointed by the President of the Chapter. The prerequisite for appointees will be an enthusiasm for membership work. They will establish and maintain a close liaison with the Membership Committee of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., to facilitate the receiving and enrollment of new members into the Chapter. They will promote programs to recruit new members from the unorganized ranks and to nurture members whose continued membership is in question.

(c) The Finance Committee will include the Treasurer, as chairperson, the immediate Past Treasurer for one year following his term as Treasurer, the Technologist Section Secretary-Treasurer, and three additional members appointed by the President. The three additional members shall serve for three years each, on staggered terms, so that, normally, only one member will be appointed each year. The Committee will regularly review the receipts, disbursements, cash flow, and investments of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Board concerning more appropriate financial arrangements, when such seem advisable. The Committee will recommend a budget for the coming year to the Board at its spring meeting. Initial appointments will be made to one, two- or three-year terms to provide such staggering.

(d) The Bylaws Committee will be chaired by the historian, who will regularly review the content of these Bylaws for possible revision to better conform to the functions of the Chapter and the Articles of Agreement, and to avoid conflict with the Bylaws of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. The Historian or any other member, may recommend amendments to the Board. In that event, the President will appoint two additional members to assist the Historian to formulate the amendments for presentation to the membership at the next annual meeting. This shall be accomplished as defined in ARTICLE XIII.

(e) The Nominating Committee will be chaired by the most recent available Past President. The incumbent President will appoint one member from each of the five (5) states to serve with the Past President to formulate a slate for presentation to the membership. Annually the slate shall contain one or more names recommended for the office of President-Elect. The Nominating Committee will recommend one or more candidates for the office to be filled at the forthcoming election among the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

The Nominating Committee will recommend at least six (6) candidates for the four (4) trustee positions which will be open. There will also be at least one (1) additional candidate recommended for the vacant unexpired terms of each office of trustee.

The consent of each nominee will be obtained prior to the submission of the nomination.

The membership will elect one person to each position on the ballot by a plurality vote. Officers shall not be nominated for another position unless they are in the last year of their term of office.

It shall further be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to recruit willing candidates for submission to the Committee on Nominations of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. for national office or for House of Delegates. The Nominating Committee will receive like nominations from any members of the Chapter. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee will be submitted to the President at least two (2) weeks prior to the final date set by the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. for such nominations. The President is the representative of the Chapter to the Committee on Nominations of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc.

(f) The Past Presidents Committee shall be composed of all Past Presidents of the Chapter. The Committee shall be represented on the Board of Trustees by a Chairperson who shall serve as the spokesperson for the Past Presidents Committee with the right to vote. The Chairperson will be appointed annually by the President from among the Past Presidents of the Chapter for a one-year term. A quorum of the Past Presidents Committee shall consist of the Chairperson and two Past Presidents. A vacancy in the office of Chairperson may be filled by appointment of the President from among the Past Presidents. Duties of the Committee shall include but not be limited to: a) making recommendations to the Board of Trustees for special recognition those members of the Chapter who have made outstanding contributions to the field of Nuclear Medicine and b) advising Chapter Leadership on matters assigned by the President or as deemed appropriate by the committee.

(5) Sections:

(a) A Section should constitute a group of Chapter members with clearly identifiable career or professional interests in a special aspect of nuclear medicine. The Section should advance the scientific and educational aspects of nuclear medicine, and provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas. The Section will conduct itself according to the rights, restrictions and obligations set forth below.

1. Rights
  - a. Establishment of proper name
  - b. Election of officers
  - c. Establishment of nominal dues
  - d. Holding meetings
  - e. Petition the Chapter on matters of mutual interest of welfare
2. Prerequisites
  - a. Proposed section's Bylaws must state that the actions of the group are bound by the Bylaws of the Chapter, and by rules and actions of the Chapter's Board of Trustees and Executive Committee.
  - b. Initial meetings may be held upon the written consent of the president of the Chapter.
  - c. Claimed status of affiliation with the Chapter can be approved only by the Board of Trustees, meeting in regular session, and this privilege may be withdrawn by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.
3. Restrictions
  - a. May not obligate the Chapter in any way
  - b. May not speak for the Chapter
  - c. May not include members who are not members in good standing of the Chapter
  - d. May not write Bylaws in conflict with the Bylaws of the Chapter
4. Obligations
  - a. Must submit minutes, membership rosters and proposed Bylaws changes to the President of the Chapter for approval and transmission to the Board of Trustees
  - b. Enact no Bylaws, or changes in Bylaws, without prior approval of the Board of Trustees of the Chapter
5. Termination of Affiliation
  - a. Automatic, if no meeting is held within one (1) calendar year
  - b. Automatic, upon receiving a member who is not a Chapter member (90-day grace period)
  - c. Upon majority vote of the Board of Trustees of the Chapter
  - d. Upon termination, clear title to all assets, property and records reverts to the Chapter

(b) The Chapter has already recognized the Technologist Section, and commends that group for the valuable contributions it continues to make to the general welfare. The Technologist Section is hereby advised that it should review its Bylaws and operating policies for conformity to the revisions in these Bylaws.

(c) Other groups interested in development of sections are encouraged to pursue their interests through the proper mechanisms.

### ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members, present and voting at any annual meeting, provided that a quorum is present and that notice and a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to all the membership, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to such annual meeting.

Any class of member of the Chapter may initiate a proposal for an amendment to the Bylaws by presentation, in writing, of a draft of such amendment to the President who will then activate the Bylaws Committee as specified in ARTICLE XII. Upon approval of the Bylaws Committee draft by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees, the amendment will be presented to the membership at the next annual meeting of the Chapter.

Amendments to the Bylaws will take effect immediately upon their approval at an annual business meeting.

### ARTICLE XIV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Questions of the parliamentary authority will be determined at all meetings of the Chapter by provisions of the Charter of the Southwestern Society of Nuclear Medicine, these Bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, in that order.

### ARTICLE XV REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Any elected officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all voting members of the Board of Trustees. Formal charges shall be made and circulated to all members of the Board of Trustees and to the officer charged at least thirty (30) days before the meeting. The officer charged shall have the right to personal appearance and defense before the Board at any regular or special meeting at which this matter is discussed. The vote shall be taken by roll call and so recorded in the minutes.

### ARTICLE XVI TERMINATION OF THE CHAPTER

In the event the Chapter shall cease to exist, all documents, money, and other property of the Chapter shall become property of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc.

These are the current bylaws as amended at the 51st Annual Meeting, April 8, 2006.