

BY LAWS
For
The Florida Society of
Radiologic Technologist, Inc.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this Society shall be The Florida Society of Radiologic Technologist hereinafter referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II
GOVERNING BODY

The affairs of the Society shall be administered by a Board of Directors. Each director shall be an active member of the Society and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).

ARTICLE III
PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Society shall be to advance the professions of radiation and imaging disciplines and specialties; to maintain high standards of education; to enhance the quality of patient care; and, to further the welfare and socioeconomics of radiologic technologists.

SECTION 2: FUNCTIONS

- A. To provide meetings at which to transact Society business, to present scientific papers and posters, to carry on educational activities, to discuss professional issues; to encourage similar programs among organizations affiliated with the Society.
- B. To publish and disseminate information pertinent to the conduct of the Society or the profession.
- C. To assist in establishing and enunciating high standards of education and to implement them through appropriate channels.
- D. To expand educational opportunities and to develop programs designed to broaden the scope of technological service.
- E. To cooperate with external organizations or agencies in order to maintain continued progress and growth of the Society.
- F. Increase public awareness of issues related to radiation health and safety.
- G. Support health care initiatives and legislative activities directed at improving the standard of patient care.

ARTICLE IV POLICIES

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

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: MEMBERS

The membership of this Society shall consist of active members, associate members, student members, supporting members, life members, and honorary members.

SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS

All candidates for membership, except for life and honorary members, shall submit the prescribed application form, properly completed, together with the required fees and shall furnish any additional information as may be required

SECTION 3: CATEGORIES

A. Active members are those who are registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or its equivalent or hold an unrestricted license under state statutes, actively participating in the profession and who are also voting members of the American Society of Radiologic Technologist (ASRT). They shall have all rights, privileges and obligations of membership including the right to vote, debate, and hold office.

B. Associate members are those who are actively participating in the profession, but who do not meet the qualifications for active membership. They shall have all the rights, privileges and obligations of members except the right to hold office.

C. Supporting members are those who are interested in promoting the purpose and functions of the Society, but who are not eligible for active, student or associate membership. This category would include persons no longer working in the profession. They shall have all the rights, privileges and obligations of the members except for the right to vote or hold office.

D. Student members are those who are enrolled in a primary radiologic science program accredited by a Joint Review Committee or regional accrediting agency. Eligibility for this category shall terminate on conclusion of or discontinuation of such education. Student members shall have all the rights, privileges and obligations of members except the right to vote and hold office.

E. Life members shall have been active members who rendered exceptional service to the Society. Life members shall be selected by a majority vote at a business meeting, upon a unanimous recommendation of the Board of Directors. They shall pay no dues and shall have all the rights, privileges and obligations of members.

F. Honorary members shall those persons who, because of the interest they have evidence in the activities and aims of this Society, the Society wishes to honor. Honorary members shall be chosen by a majority vote at a business meeting of the Society upon recommendation of the Board of Directors. They shall pay no dues and shall have all the privileges and obligations of members except the right to vote and hold office.

SECTION 4: RESIGNATION

Any member may resign by written communication to the treasurer, providing all dues or other indebtedness to the Society has been paid.

SECTION 5: 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 Society or any other conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Society.

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 6: REINSTATEMENT

Any member who has resigned or whose membership has been deleted from the Society for other reasons may be reinstated only upon filing a new application and payment of the dues and application fee for the year in which he is reinstated.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP FEES

A. The application fee for active associate, supporting and student members shall be uniform and of such amount as is required by the Society and approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Student members applying for active or associate membership, upon completion of their student status, shall pay no application fee.

B. Dues for all members, established by the Board of Directors, require adoption by a majority vote of the voting members, at an annual or special meeting.. Notice of such vote shall be given to the members at least fifteen (15) days in advance.

C. Dues shall be payable annually

D. No member who is in arrears for dues shall vote or hold office or shall be entitled to receive reports or transactions of the Society. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to erase from the roles of the membership, the name of any person who is in arrears for more then **thirty (30) days..**

ARTICLE VII VOTING PROCEDURES

The Society shall establish, by a majority vote at an annual meeting or special meeting, such voting procedures as best meet the needs of the Society and are applicable to the business to be conducted.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

SECTION 1: OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Society shall be: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and such additional officers as are recommended by the Board of Directors, and ratified by the membership.

SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS

All officers shall be active members, employed in the radiologic technology profession or health care and shall either reside or be employed in the State of Florida.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY

Officers, who meet eligibility requirements at the time of assuming office, shall be permitted to complete the term, even though employment status may change.

SECTION 4: TERM

A. The Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and any other officers, shall server for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been appointed or elected.

B. The President-Elect shall serve for a term of two (2) years as President-Elect, two (2) years as President/Chairman of the Board and two (2) years as immediate Past President.

C. All officers shall surrender to their successors all records and properties belonging to the Society.

D. All officers except the President and President-Elect may be re-elected.

E. The newly elected officers shall be installed into office under the direction of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5: NOMINATIONS

A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the immediate Past President and three other members. The committee will follow guidelines established by the Society for selecting candidates and will ensure itself that all candidates have the proper credentials and are willing to serve if elected.

B. Nominations may be submitted to the committee by any voting member

SECTION 6: ELECTIONS

The officers shall be elected by a plurality ballot. In the event of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held at a business session at the annual meeting. The results of the balloting shall be announced at a business session during the annual meeting.

SECTION 7: DUTIES

The duties of officers shall be outlined in the Society's Policy and Procedure Manual. These duties shall be consistent with the requirements of each office and shall include any additional duties as necessary to meet the needs of the organization.

SECTION 8: VACANCY

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

B. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall remain vacant until the next annual meeting when a President shall be elected in the manner provided in the Bylaws of the Society.

C. A vacancy in any other elective office shall be filled by an appointment unanimously agreed upon by the remaining members of the Board of Directors

SECTION 9: CENSURE, REPRIMAND AND REMOVAL

Any officer may be censured, reprimanded or removed from the office for dereliction of duty or conduct detrimental to the Society. Such action may be initiated when the Board of Directors receives formal and 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 IX THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: COMPOSITION

A. The Board of Directors shall be composed of six (6) members to include the five (5) officers and the immediate Past President. The President shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

B. Additional directorships may be established by a ballot of the voting members. Such directors shall serve for a period of one (1) year and shall not succeed to the chairmanship.

SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS

Members of the Board of Directors shall be active members, employed in the radiologic technology profession and shall either reside or be employed in the State of Florida.

SECTION 3: RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Directors shall be:

A. Vested with the management of the business of the corporation.

B. To provide for the audit of the books and accounts of the Society.

C. To control all funds and/or properties of the Society.

D. To change the dates or location of the annual meeting in found advisable and, in the case of state or national emergency, to cancel the annual meeting and to provide the election of officers.

E. To employ and/or contract with such personnel as may be necessary to conduct the business of the Society.

F. To determine the number and boundaries of the affiliated districts.

G. To fill officer and Board vacancies.

H. To establish the fiscal year.

SECTION 5: VACANCY

A vacancy in the Board of Directors, except for President and President-Elect, shall be filled by an appointment agreed upon by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. to complete the unexpired term.

SECTION 6: MEETINGS

A. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year.

B. The president, or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, may call a special meeting, provided a fifteen- (15-) day notice to all Board members is given.

SECTION 7: QUORUM

A majority of the Board of Directors' members shall constitute a quorum for all meetings.

SECTION 8: CENSURE, REPRIMAND AND REMOVAL

Any Board member may be censured, reprimanded or removed from the position for dereliction of duty or conduct detrimental to the Society. Such action may be initiated when the Board of Directors receives formal and specific charges against a Board member.

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

ARTICLE X

SOCIETY DELEGATES TO THE ASRT HOUSE OF DELEGATES

SECTION 1: DELEGATES

- A. The two (2) Society delegates shall be the President and the immediate past President. The Board of Directors shall elect, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, alternate delegate(s).
- B. The Society shall submit to ASRT the names of the Society delegates and alternate delegate by the first business day of April or the Society delegate positions shall remain open until after the ASRT House of Delegates' meeting.
- C. The Society has the power to remove delegates.

SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS

- A. A delegate shall show proof of continuing education.
- B. A delegate shall be a voting member of the ASRT and the Society for two (2) years immediately preceding nomination.
- C. A delegate shall have served as an officer, or on the Board of Directors or as a committee member in the Society.
- D. A delegate shall practice in the radiologic science profession or health care.
- E. A delegate may serve concurrently on the board of any national radiologic science certification or national accreditation agency.
- F. A delegate shall have the time and availability for necessary travel to represent the ASRT

SECTION 3: RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Society delegates shall attend the ASRT House of Delegates' meeting and all meetings required of delegates.
- B. Respond to communications from the ASRT Office, ASRT Board of Directors or from the ASRT House of Delegates.
- C. Disseminate information to the Society

SECTION 4: TERM

A Society delegate may serve for a term of two years; and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 5: ABSENCE

An absence exists when an appointed Society delegate is unable to fulfill the duties of the position during the ASRT House of Delegates' meeting. The delegate shall be considered absent for the purpose of that meeting only. It is the responsibility of the Society delegate to notify the ASRT, the Speaker of the House, and the alternate delegate of the delegate's inability to attend the conference, as soon as possible. The alternate delegate shall be seated for that meeting only. Any delegate position or alternate delegate position not filled by the appointment process remains open. There shall be no on-site credentialing of delegates.

SECTION 6: VACANCY

A vacancy exists when a delegate has submitted a written letter of resignation or when a delegate position has not been filled by the appointment process. A delegate vacancy caused by the written resignation of a delegate shall be filled by the appointed alternate delegate.

SECTION 7: CENSURE, REPRIMAND AND REMOVAL

Any Society delegate may be censured, reprimanded or removed from the position for dereliction of duty or conduct detrimental to the ASRT or the Society. Such action may be initiated when either Board of Directors receives formal and specific charges against the delegate.

- 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 delegate 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 delegate 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 respective Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI MEETINGS

SECTION 1: ANNUAL MEETING

The Society shall hold an annual meeting each year for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports, amending Bylaws, and conducting such other business as may arise; and for presenting educational programs.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Society may be called at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. A majority of this group shall constitute sufficient authority. Members shall be notified at least fifteen (15) days in advance of such meetings, together with a statement of the business to be transacted. No essential business other than that specified shall be transacted at a special meeting.

ARTICLE XII QUORUM

A quorum for any business meeting shall consist of twenty five percent (25%) of the voting member registered at the meeting, and includes no less than two (2) officers.

ARTICLE XIII COMMITTEES

A. The Board of Directors shall establish committees as deemed necessary to aid the Society in carrying on its activities. Such committees shall be responsible to the Board of Directors and may be altered or eliminated at any time by the Board of Directors.

B. The President shall make all committee appointments unless in conflict with the Bylaws.

C. A vacancy in any committee shall be filled by appointment by the President.

ARTICLE XIV ARTICLE PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this Society in all cases to which they are consistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XV DISTRICT/Affiliate ORGANIZATIONS POWERS AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT

A. The number of district organizations and the boundaries thereof shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Society.

B. Specific organizations of Radiologic Technologist within certain geographic boundaries may be granted a charter as a district society of the Florida Society of Radiologic Technologists.

C. Organizations of technologist engaged in a specialized discipline of Radiologic Technology or other medical Imaging modality may be granted status as a district society at the discretion of the Board of Directors. These organizations are not required to have specific geographic boundaries.

D. Each organization holding district society status in the Florida Society of Radiologic Technologist shall establish bylaws and/or standing rules approved by the Florida Society Board of Directors. These bylaws and /or standing rules can not be in conflict with the Florida Society of Radiologic Technologists or the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Section 2: Officers

- A. A President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the membership of each district. The office of secretary and treasure maybe combined into one office.. There may be an office of President-Elect if necessary or applicable.
- B. All officers shall hold membership in the Society and members of the ASRT
- C. Election of officers shall be by a majority vote at a business meeting.
- D. All officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors have been appointed or elected and assumed office.
- E. They shall surrender to their successors all records and properties belonging to the district.
- F. All officers shall be free from any pecuniary charges on the books of the Society.

Section 3: Membership

- A. Membership in the district shall be active, associate and student.
- B. Associate and student members may have the privilege of voting at the district meetings and may hold office, other than the office of President and Vice-President.

Section 4: Dues and Fees

Districts may establish additional membership and/or attendance fees. The method of payment of dues may be decided by the officers of that district.

Section 5: Treasury

The district organization shall have control over its treasury. Disbursements from the district treasury shall be made upon the authority of the majority of the district officers.

Section 6: Board of Directors

A district Board of Directors may be established by a vote of the district membership. Its composition and duties shall be consistent with, but not necessarily identical to; those specified for the Society Board of Directors.

Section 7: Duties of a District

The district shall work in conjunction with the needs and philosophies of the Society..

Section 8: Committees

The District President may appoint such committees as are necessary to promote the activities of the district.

Section 9: Meetings

- A. Districts shall hold at least four meetings, but preferably eight, each year.
- B. A quorum for any meeting shall consist of not less than twenty percent (20%) of the voting members registered at the meeting; including two (2) officers.

Section 10: Voting Procedures

The district shall establish by a majority vote at a regular meeting such voting procedures as best meet the needs of the district and are applicable to the business conducted.

Section 11: Indemnification

The Society shall not be responsible for any debts or public statements made by any of its districts.

ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present at any business meeting of this Society in accordance with the voting procedure adopted.. Notice of such amendments shall be sent to all members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time of voting. Amendments shall be effective at the conclusion of the business meeting unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE XVII INDEMNIFICATION

Every officer, director, or employee or delegate of the Society shall be indemnified by the Society 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, director, delegate or employee of the Society if the above-named individual acted in good faith and within the scope of the above-named individual authority and in a manner reasonably believed to be not opposed to the best interest of the Society. 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 Bylaws. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such officer, director, delegate or employee may be entitled.

ARTICLE XVIII DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Society, all of its assets remaining, after payment of its obligations 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 Society, as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIX
BYLAWS PROVISION

All provisions of these Bylaws shall apply except when in conflict with State or Federal laws respecting nonprofit corporations.