

BYLAWS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN-IRANIAN RADIOLOGIC SOCIETY
(NAIRS)

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ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1 There is organization shall be known as the North American-Iranian Radiological Society (NAIRS).

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1 To advance the science and art of radiology through a professional non-profit Society of radiologists and individuals in related fields of medicine and science.

Section 2 To bring together radiologists and individuals in related fields to improve the understanding, research and teaching of radiology, and to promote closer fellowship and exchange of ideas.

Section 3 To provide a meeting for the presentation and discussion of research papers and dissemination of knowledge.

Section 4 To provide educational endeavors for the members.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership in the Society shall be restricted to eligible radiologists and physicians or scientists working in related fields.

Section 2 The categories of membership shall be:

1. Active members (either full or trainee members - only full members will have voting powers)
2. Honorary members.

ACTIVE MEMBERS: Radiologists engaged in the practice, teaching or research of Radiology, and physicians or scientists working in related fields.

HONORARY MEMBERS: Physicians or scientists who have made outstanding contribution to the science and art of Radiology or related disciplines. Honorary members shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers of the Society shall be the President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer. One member may be elected Secretary and Treasurer or one member may be elected as Secretary and another as Treasurer. The term of office shall be two (2) years for President

and President-elect, and four (4) years for the Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary, Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer may be elected for two (2) terms. Each officer shall be an active member in good standing.

Section 2 The President shall be presiding officer of the Society, Chairperson of the Executive Committee, and an ex-officio member of all committees. She/he shall perform all the duties which are custom and parliamentary practice commonly associate with the office of President. Her/his term of office as President shall begin at the adjournment of the annual meeting which she/he was elected. The President shall serve on the Executive Committee for 2 years after his/her term of office expires; exceptionally, this period may be extended at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 3 The President-elect shall succeed the President. If the President is unable to act, she/he shall perform the duties of the President. The President-elect shall be a member of the executive committee.

Section 4 The Secretary shall perform the duties of the President if both the President and President-elect are unavailable to act; she/he shall be a member of the Executive Committee and a member ex-officio of all other committees.

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a correct and permanent record of the proceedings of the Society. She/he shall keep a current alphabetical list of the members specifying there current addresses, and classification of their membership. She/he shall provide safe keeping for all records and transactions of the Society which possess

historical value, not later than three (3) months after each annual meeting of the Society.

Section 5 The Treasurer shall collect and be accountable for all funds of the Society and shall disperse from the treasury such funds only upon order of the Executive Committee. She/he shall keep the complete and permanent record of the financial transactions of the Society. She/he shall make a full financial report and present a budget for the following year to full members not later than 60 days after the annual meeting of the Society. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall provide, upon request, the Executive Committee with quarterly finance reports of the Society.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

Section 1 Standing committees of the Society shall be as follows: Executive Committee, Membership Committee, Education Committee, Communication Committee, and Rules Committee. Committee chairs shall be selected by the Executed Committee. Each committee chair oversees recruitment of committee members and provide semi-annual reports to the Executed Committee. Action of all committees shall be reported to the membership and are subject to review and approval unless otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 2 The Executive Committee shall consists of the President, the President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, two (2) members-at-large. Their terms are described in Article IV, Section

I. The members-at-large shall each serve for a period of two (2) years and shall not be eligible for consecutive reappointment. The President shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to carry out the business of the Society between meetings of the membership and to manage the funds and expenditure of the Society. No money or other valuable property of the Society shall be expended or otherwise disbursed without the sanction of the majority of the Executive Committee. Any amount over 20% of the total reserve should be approved by a three fourth majority of voting members.

Section 3 The Executive Committee shall fix the time and place of meetings, as well as dues for the ensuing year which shall be consistent with the operational needs of the Society. Surplus funds shall be applied to the general treasury funds. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society not otherwise provided for.

Section 4 The Education Committee shall consist of the chair of the committee and up to four (4) additional active members, each of whom shall serve for two (2) years. A Chairperson will be appointed, exceptionally, the tenure of appointment may be extended at the discretion of the President. In addition to these, the President may appoint one or more active members to serve for one year in order to help with the arrangements for a particular meeting. It shall be the duty of the committee to determine the character and scope of the scientific proceedings of the membership meeting of the Society at each annual meeting. It shall have the right to accept or reject papers for presentation at the meeting and shall exercise proper control over the format, time allotment, including discussions, and the arrangement of the presentations. The Secretary must receive

the program from the Education Community Chairperson at a reasonable time prior to the annual meeting. A program shall be sent to each member of the Society at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 5 The Communication committee shall have four (4) members including the Chairperson. Each committee member shall serve for two (2) years. This committee will ensure periodic communication of both Society's business and news to the members.

Section 6 The Membership Committee shall consist of five (5) active members, one of whom shall be the Chairperson, each of whom shall serve for two (2) years. It shall be the responsibility of the Membership Committee to ensure a satisfactory balance of membership in the Society between radiologists and other scientists, such that the Society shall maintain a primary interest in diagnostic radiology.

Section 7 The Rules committee shall consist of the President, the immediate Past-President and the Secretary. The Rules committee shall be responsible for the bylaws and may be called upon to interpret bylaws when questions arise. It shall on the order of the Executive Committee prepare and submit amendments to the bylaws, edit and present to the members any amendments proposed by members of the Society, and may on its own motion prepare and present to the members of any amendments which it deems necessary. It shall receive all resolutions introduced by members; it may reword them or combine those having the same intent to prepare for presentation. It shall present such amendments to the members accompanied by the recommendation of that Committee. To change

the bylaws a minimum of 51% of members of votes should be present, and the majority vote will be deemed as final.

Section 8 All other necessary committees and representatives not specifically mentioned previously shall be appointed by the President.

Section 9 Where committee appointments are for more than one year, the principle of overlapping tenure should be applied when possible.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1 The Society shall meet at least once annually and such meetings shall consist of business and scientific/educational sessions.

ARTICLE VII

PROCEDURES

Section 1 The membership year shall begin on the 15th of October and shall end on the 14th of October.

Section 2 In the absence of contrary statements in the bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedure.

Section 3 Order of business:

1. Call to order
2. Report of Communication Committee
3. Report of Membership Committee
4. Report of Rules Committee
5. Report of Education Committee
6. Installation of Society Officers
7. Adjournment

ARTICLES VIII

ELECTIONS

Section 1 Officers (except founding officers) of the society shall be elected by voting members to serve for a period as indicated in the bylaws.

Section 2 The procedure for election of officers of the society shall be as follows: the Executive Committee shall nominate one candidate for each of the offices of the Society (President, President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer) and for the two (2) Members-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee. Having obtained the candidates consent, they shall report the names to the Society. The President shall give opportunity for other nominations to be made from the membership, after which all nominations shall be closed.

Section 3 In all cases where more than one person shall be nominated for the same office, votes shall be cast by secret ballot.

Section 4 In case of a tie ballot, the presiding officer shall declare the election for that position void. Additional nominations shall be called for before another vote is taken. If more than two (2) candidates are nominated and there is a tie between two (2) of these candidates, then the candidate with the lesser number of votes shall be dropped and the election performed again.

ARTICLE IX

PROCEUERS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Application for membership in the Society may be made by the radiologists and physicians or scientists working in related fields.

Section 2 Applications must be made, in writing, to the Secretary of the Society, and must be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the applicant. Supporting communication from one active member of the Society should be sent directly to the Secretary.

Section 3 Those applicants received three months in advance of the annual meeting of the Society will be considered by the Membership Committee, who will make recommendations to the Executive Committee. The names of persons whose recommendations are endorsed by the Executive Committee will propose for the election as members of the Society by the membership.

Section 4 A list of approved candidates shall be presented at the annual meeting for approval by the Society. The 51% vote of the attending full members shall be necessary for election. All those elected shall be members of the Society immediately following the vote.

Section 5 The Membership election procedure may be reviewed and modified annually by the Executive Committee to fit the Society's needs.

ARTICLE X

MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND FEES

Section 1 The dues of the society shall be due and payable on October 15th. Dues so paid shall cover the fiscal year beginning on January 1st, of the next year. Subject to the approval of the membership, the dues shall be set annually by the Executive Committee and shall be consistent with the needs of the Society.

Section 2 The dues shall be delinquent on December 31st of each year and delinquent members shall be notified by that date. Failure to pay the dues shall result in dropping off the delinquent members from the Society unless there are extenuating circumstances.

ARTICLE XI

BALLOTING

Section 1 Voting at meetings shall be in the usual manner of other balloting except as otherwise specified in the bylaws.

Section 2 If the Executive Committee so decides, an Email ballot may be conducted. Such votes shall have the same effect as those of any meeting.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1 These bylaws may be amended by the Rules Committee and the approved by two-third (2/3) vote of active full members. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be circulated via electronic communication at least 30 days before voting.

ARTICLE XIII

DISSOLUTION

Section 1 In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all real assets and remaining monies shall be donated to charitable organizations.