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WSRT Bylaws

Article I Name

The name of the Society shall be the Wisconsin Society of Radiologic Technologists, hereinafter referred to as the WSRT.

Article II Purpose and Definition

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of the WSRT shall be to advance the profession of medical imaging and radiation therapy, maintain high standards of education, enhance the quality of patient care, and further the welfare and socioeconomics of radiologic technologists.

Section 2. Definition

Radiologic technologist shall be the term used to define radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, radiation therapist, sonographer, and magnetic resonance technologist and shall be used to describe the areas of certification and licensure.

Section 3. Policy

- A. The WSRT 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 WSRT shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. The name of the WSRT or any of its officers, Board of Directors or its staff, in their official capacities, shall not be used in connection with a corporate company for other than regular functions of the WSRT.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Qualifications

- A. Membership shall be open to those individuals associated with the practice, education, or administration of radiation and imaging specialties.
- **B.** A candidate for membership shall submit a properly completed application along with the required fees and shall furnish any additional information as may be required to the WSRT membership Chair. A qualified candidate shall be issued a certificate of membership.

Section 2. Categories Voting

A. Active members shall be those who are registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or credentialed in a primary modality by certification agencies recognized by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists

- (ASRT), or hold an unrestricted license under state statutes, and are practicing in medical imaging and radiation therapy. They shall have all rights, privileges, and obligations of membership, including the right to vote and hold office.
- B. Student members shall be those who are enrolled in primary medical imaging or radiation therapy programs. Eligibility for this category shall terminate upon initial certification. Student members shall have the rights, privileges, and obligations of active members, except the right to hold office.
- C. Life members shall be members who have rendered exceptional service to the WSRT. They shall have all rights, privileges, and obligations of active members except the right to hold office. They shall pay no membership dues. No new members shall be added to this category after January 1, 1996.
- D. State fellowship members shall be members who have rendered exceptional service to the WSRT. State fellowship members shall be recommended by the Fellowship Committee and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. They shall have all rights, privileges, and obligations of active members except the right to hold office. They shall pay no membership dues.

Nonvoting

- A. Associate members shall be those who are or have been employed in the technical, educational, managerial, or corporate aspects of the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession and do not qualify for active membership. They shall have all rights, privileges, and obligations of active members except the right to vote and hold office.
- B. Limited X-Ray Machine Operators (LXMO) shall be those who perform diagnostic x-ray procedures on selected anatomical sites and are not registered radiologic technologists. They shall

have all rights, privileges, and obligations of active members except the right to vote and hold office.

Section 3. Resignation

Any member may resign from membership in the WSRT by written communication to the WSRT.

Section 4. Reinstatement

A member who has resigned or whose membership has been deleted from the WSRT for other reasons may be reinstated only upon filing a new application properly completed, together with the required fees and any additional information that may be required.

Section 5. Membership Fees

A. The application fee for active, associate, and student members shall be uniform and of such an amount as is required by the WSRT. In the case of student members, the fee may be waived by a majority vote from the Board of Directors.

- **B**. Dues and application fees for all members, established by the Board of Directors, require adoption by a majority vote of the votes cast by the voting members at an annual meeting. Notice of such vote shall be given to the members at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- C. No member who is in arrears of dues shall vote or hold office or shall be entitled to receive reports of the transactions of the WSRT. It shall be the duty of member services to erase from the rolls of the membership the name of any person who is in arrears for more than ninety (90) days.
- D. All fees and dues are non-refundable.

Article IV Board of Directors Officers

Section 1. Positions

The elected officers of the WSRT Board of Directors shall be the Chair of the Board, President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Members at Large from the WSRT membership.

Section 2. Qualifications

All officers shall be members of both the WSRT and the ASRT.

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. Terms

A. The President-Elect shall serve for a term of one (1) year as President-Elect, one (1) year as President, and one (1) year as Chair of the Board.

- **B.** The Vice President shall serve for a term of two (2) years. C. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The election of the Treasurer shall be in even years. The election of the Secretary shall be in odd years.
- D. The Members at Large shall serve a term of two (2) years. Two (2) Members at Large shall be elected in even years, and one (1) shall be elected in odd years.

- E. All officers shall surrender to their successors all records and properties belonging to the WSRT.
- **F.** All officers, except the President-Elect, may be re-elected for consecutive terms.
- **G.** All officers shall serve until their successor has been appointed or elected.
- H. The newly elected officers shall be installed into office under the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Nominations

- **A.** A nominating committee of at least three members shall be led by the President-Elect, with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- **B.** The committee shall satisfy itself that all candidates have the proper credentials and are willing to serve if elected. If candidates are not present at the time of voting, they must indicate, in writing, their willingness to serve if elected.
- C. The report of the nominating committee shall be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to the mid-year Board of Directors meeting. The nominating committee shall submit its final report at the annual conference.
- D. Nominations may be submitted by any WSRT voting member to the nominations committee chairperson. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during an annual conference business meeting.

Section 6. Balloting

The President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any

other elected position shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting members present at an annual conference business meeting. Proxy voting is not allowed.

Section 7. Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall be:

- **A.** Vested with the responsibility of the management of the business of the corporation.
- **B.** Provide for the audit of the books and accounts of the WSRT.
- C. Control all funds and/or properties of the WSRT.
- **D.** Change the dates or location of the annual conference and provide for the election of officers.
- E. Employ and/or appoint such personnel as may be necessary to conduct the business of the WSRT.
- F. Approve the President's selection for the nominating committee
- G. Fill officer and Board of Directors vacancies
- H. Fulfill the requirements of ASRT regarding annual renewal.

Section 8. Duties of the Officers

A. A. The Chair of the Board shall preside over meetings of the Board of Directors. The Chair of the Board of Directors shall be the immediate past president and shall have voting privileges. In the event of an even number of voting members on the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board would abstain from voting.

- B. The President shall preside at all meetings of the WSRT and perform all duties consistent with the office. In the absence or inability of the Chair of the Board to serve, the President shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. The President shall appoint committees unless otherwise provided in the bylaws.
- C. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President when necessary.
- **D.** The President-Elect shall become familiar with the activities of the WSRT and shall make the preparations necessary for elevation to the office of President.
- E. The Secretary shall keep a correct and permanent record of the proceedings of the WSRT, conduct correspondence, and perform all duties that usually and customarily pertain to that office.
- F. The Treasurer shall receive and keep funds of the WSRT and pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Directors, and perform all duties that usually and customarily pertain to the office. At the time of the annual conference, the Treasurer shall make a full financial report, which shall be incorporated into the minutes.
- G. The Members at Large shall take on the responsibility of a member of the Board of Directors. They shall assist in educational opportunities as assigned by the President or Chair of the Board.

Section 9. Vacancies

- **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 conference, when a President shall be elected in the manner provided in the bylaws for the election of officers.
- C. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by a unanimous appointment by the remaining members of the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term.
- **D.** In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Chair of the Board shall conduct the business until a temporary President can be appointed.

Section 10. Meetings

- **A.** The Board of Directors shall meet at least four (4) times a year, which includes Spring, Pre Annual Conference, Annual Conference, and Fall.
- **B.** The President, or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, upon request to the Chair of the Board, may call a special meeting, provided a fifteen- (15-) day notice to all Board members is given.
- C. The Board of Directors and all committees and subcommittees shall be authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.

Members shall each pay their own costs associated with participating in such electronic meetings, although the Affiliate may pay set-up costs or other administrative costs of holding an electronic meeting. Standing rules specific to such meetings may be adopted by the Board, and shall apply to all electronic meetings held by the Affiliate, the Board of Directors, and committees and subcommittees.

D. All communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent electronically.

Section 11. Quorum

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

Article V WSRT Delegates to the ASRT House of Delegates

Section 1. Delegates

A. Two delegates will be chosen to represent the WSRT affiliate in the House of Delegates. One of the delegates will be the President-elect, and the other will be selected from the remaining Board of Directors members. Additionally, at least two alternate delegates will be appointed to take the place of the primary delegates if they are unable to attend. The first alternate delegate will be the Vice President unless chosen to be the second delegate, while the second alternate will be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

B. The WSRT Board of Directors shall submit to the ASRT the names of the WSRT delegates and alternate delegates per the ASRT bylaws.

C. The WSRT Board of Directors has the power to remove delegates.

Section 2. Qualifications

A. WSRT Delegates shall meet the ASRT bylaw qualifications.

Section 3. Responsibilities

A. The WSRT delegates shall attend the ASRT House of Delegates meeting and all meetings required of delegates.

B. The WSRT delegates shall respond to communications from the ASRT Office, ASRT Board of Directors, or from the ASRT House of Delegates.

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Section 4. Absence

Refer to the ASRT Bylaws.

Section 5. Vacancies

Refer to the ASRT Bylaws.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1. Annual Conference

A. The WSRT shall hold a conference on an annual basis for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports, amending Bylaws, and conducting such other business as may arise, and presenting educational programs.

B. The site of the next Annual Conference shall be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors members during a business session.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the WSRT may be called at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute sufficient authority to call such a meeting. Members shall be notified at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meetings, together with the statement of the business to be transacted. No essential business other than that specified shall be transacted at a special meeting.

Section 3. Quorum

A quorum for a business meeting or any special meeting shall consist of not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members registered at the annual conference or special meeting, including two or more officers.

Article VII Committees

A. The Board of Directors shall establish committees as deemed necessary to aid the WSRT 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 appoint the members of the committees unless in conflict with other sections of the bylaws.
- C. A vacancy in any committee shall be filled by appointment by the President.

Article VIII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the WSRT in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these bylaws.

Article IX Censure, Reprimand, and Removal

Any WSRT member, delegate, or board member may be censured, reprimanded, or removed from the position for dereliction of duty or conduct detrimental to the ASRT or the WSRT. Such action may be initiated when the Board of Directors receives formal and specific charges against the WSRT member, delegate, or 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 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 a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the respective Board of Directors.

Article X Affiliate Subordinates

Section 1. Establishment and Maintenance-of Affiliate Subordinates

- **A.** The number of affiliate subordinates shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- **B.** Affiliate subordinates, being subservient to the WSRT and ASRT, shall comply with the requirements of these bylaws as well as policies established by the WSRT Board of Directors and ASRT compliance regulations for the operation of the subordinates.

Section 2. Reporting

The subordinate President or representative shall ensure that reports of subordinate activities are furnished to the WSRT and that an annual report is submitted at the time of the Annual Conference.

Such annual reporting shall include but is not limited to:

- **A.** Verification from the president of the active ASRT affiliate that the ASRT affiliate recognizes the organization as a subordinate.
- **B.** Proof of current Employer Identification Number from the IRS.
- C. Proof of current, active incorporation in good standing.
- **D.**Proof of current filing of appropriate tax returns with the IRS.
- E. A copy of the current bylaws.
- F. A copy of the current articles of incorporation.
- G. Report of yearly meeting dates
- H.Report of annual budget information
- I. Updated officers' contact information
- J. Verification from the affiliate that the officers are members of the main affiliate.
- K. Confirmation that officers are members of the ASRT.

Section 3. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution or inactivity of a subordinate, subordinate records shall be transferred to the WSRT. Subordinates will no longer be recognized by the ASRT. Dissolution of a subordinate may be voluntary, due to the subordinate being inactive for more than one (1) year or by a vote of its membership, involuntarily by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the WSRT Board of Directors, or by the ASRT as a result of a subordinate's failure to meet their requirements of this Article X. Any such vote for involuntary dissolution will not occur prior to notice by the WSRT to the subordinate and the subordinate being given an opportunity to respond and/or given thirty (30) days to remedy the deficiency.

Article XI Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by members present and voting at any WSRT business meeting. Notice of such amendments shall be sent to all voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the day of voting. Amendments shall be effective at the conclusion of the business meeting unless otherwise specified.

Article XII Indemnification

Every officer, director, or employee, or delegate of the WSRT shall be indemnified by the WSRT 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 WSRT 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 WSRT. 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 the 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 XIII Dissolution

In the event of the WSRT's dissolution or final liquidation of the WSRT's, the remaining assets, after settling all obligations, shall

be distributed among corporations, foundations, or other organizations organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes, in line with the objectives of the WSRT.