

**BYLAWS**  
**FLORIDA RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Florida Radiological Society, Inc., a chapter of the American College of Radiology, hereinafter referred to as the "Chapter".

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSES**

The purposes of the Chapter shall be those of the American College of Radiology, herein after sometimes referred to as the "College"; advancing the science of radiology, improving radiologic service to patients and the medical community, and studying the economics of radiology; the encouragement of improved and continuing education for radiologists; and the establishment and maintenance of high medical and ethical standards in the practice of radiology.

**ARTICLE III - AFFILIATION**

**SECTION 1 - STATE CHAPTER**

The Chapter will be an affiliate of the American College of Radiology. The code of ethics of the American College of Radiology, as published in the College's most recent bylaws, is hereby expressly adopted as the ethics of the Chapter.

The Chapter shall include a section on radiation oncology. This section shall be composed of those members of the Chapter who practice radiation oncology. They shall elect their own officers and organize and conduct their scientific meetings in conjunction with the regular meetings of the Florida Radiological Society.

**SECTION 2 - REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS**

Regional scientific sections will be granted recognition based upon the following criteria:

1. Members shall be members of both the Florida Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology who practice in various geographic areas of the state of Florida.
2. The organization and bylaws must be consistent with those of the Florida Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology, and subject to the approval of the Florida Radiological Society.
3. The presentation and exchange of scientific information must be the primary purpose of the regional section.
4. When the membership of the regional section equals or exceeds ten percent of the active membership of the Florida Radiological Society, then the chief executive officer of the regional section shall become a voting member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Radiological Society. Any regional section not meeting the ten percent criterion shall be encouraged to send a representative to the Board of Directors as an ex-officio member.
5. Regional sections may not adopt policy or publicly endorse positions which are inconsistent with those of the Florida Radiological Society and/or the American College of Radiology.

**ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1 - CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

There shall be nine classes of members in the chapter: (1) active members, (2) associate members, (3) military/public health service members, (4) members in physics, (5) associate members in physics, (6) members in training and members in training in physics, (7) retired or inactive members, (8) affiliate members, (9) life members, and (10) allied health members. All members in each membership classification must be members of the American College of Radiology.

1. **ACTIVE MEMBERS.** An active member shall:
  - A. Be a physician certified in radiology or one of its recognized branches by the American Board of Radiology, the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; or engaged in nuclear medicine or ultrasound on a full-time basis and certified by a specialty board that is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties or its Canadian equivalent;
  - B. Be of high professional reputation;
  - C. Have the right to vote, be appointed to committees and to hold office in the chapter.
2. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.** An associate member shall:
  - A. Be a physician engaged in the practice of radiology on a full-time basis, and meet all the Requirements of active membership except requirement (1)(A) of this Section 1;
  - B. Not have the right to hold office in the Chapter;
  - C. Have the right to be appointed to committees.
  - D. Not have the right to vote
3. **MILITARY/PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE MEMBERS.** A military/public health service member shall:
  - A. Be on active status with the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Veterans Administration, a Florida state agency, or the public health service.
  - B. Meet all the requirements of either active or associate membership.
  - C. Have the right to vote.
  - D. Have the right to be appointed to committees, and chair non-standing committees.
  - E. Not have the right to hold office in the chapter.
4. **MEMBERS IN PHYSICS.** A member in physics shall:
  - A. Be certified as a physicist by the American Board of Radiology;
  - B. Have the right to be appointed to committees and to hold office in the chapter.
  - C. Have the right to vote.
5. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS IN PHYSICS.** An associate member in physics shall:
  - A. Be a physicist engaged in the practice of radiological physics on a full-time basis, but not certified by the American Board of Radiology,
  - B. Not have the right to hold office in the chapter;
  - C. Have the right to be appointed to committees.
  - D. Not have the right to vote
6. **MEMBERS IN TRAINING AND MEMBERS IN TRAINING IN PHYSICS.** A member in training or a member in training in physics shall:

- A. Occupy a student position, residency or fellowship in radiology approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association (or a formal educational program in medical physics);
- B. Not have the right to vote or to hold office in the chapter.
- C. Not be required to pay dues;
- D. Have the right to be appointed to committees;
- E. Have never been a member of the Chapter before;
- F. When members in training or members in training in physics complete training and become members of the ACR, the ACR shall transfer their records to the chapter in the state where they will conduct their principal practice. They will be granted automatic membership in the chapter on completion of their training and their dues will be assessed in accordance with article XI.

**7. RETIRED OR INACTIVE MEMBERS**

- A. Temporarily inactive members shall be those from the above memberships who, for reasons acceptable to the Chapter's Executive Committee, are temporarily unable to continue their practice. Temporarily inactive members shall not have the right to vote or to hold committee appointment and shall not be required to pay dues.
- B. Retired members shall be those active members, members in physics, associate members, and associate members in physics who have retired from active practice. The right to vote, be appointed to committees and hold office will remain the same as it was prior to retirement. Retired members will not be required to pay dues.
- C. Inactive members shall also be those members and fellows of the Council of Affiliated Regional Radiation Oncology Societies (CARROS) chapter of the American College of Radiology, who, by their own choice, elect not to participate in the activities of the chapter. They are liable for chapter dues, adjusted for deduction for CARROS dues, and are counted for Councilor allocation purposes, but shall not have the right to vote, hold office in the chapter, or hold committee appointment.

**8. AFFILIATE MEMBERS.** An affiliate member shall:

- A. Be a member in one of the above membership categories who maintains active membership in another chapter that is not in the state where his or her principal practice is conducted, but chooses to have membership in this state chapter;
- B. Pay dues to both chapters;
- C. Have the right to vote;
- D. Have the right to be appointed to committees; and
- E. Have the right to hold office in the Chapter.

The Chapter has the discretion in drafting bylaws to provide whether or not an affiliate member has the right to vote, serve on committees, or hold office in the Chapter of which he or she is an affiliate member.

**9. LIFE MEMBERS.** A life member shall:

- A. Have been a dues paying member of the Florida Radiological Society for forty (40) years;
- B. Be of high professional reputation;

- C. Have the right to vote, to be appointed to committees and to hold office in the Chapter.
- D. A life member will pay no membership dues.

**10. ALLIED HEALTH MEMBERS**

- A. Non-physician medical professionals, such as MRI scientists and radiologist assistants, whose special qualifications are deemed valuable to the FRS.
- B. Radiologist assistants must be certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) as a Registered Radiologist Assistant.
- C. An Allied Health Member shall have the right to be appointed to committees but shall not have the right to vote, hold elective office or to be a member of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 2.**

Application for any of the classes of membership established in Section 1 of this article shall be in writing on a form provided by the Secretary. Application for all classes of membership, except retired or temporarily inactive status, shall include an agreement to abide by the bylaws of the chapter including the code of ethics of the American College of Radiology. An application must be endorsed by two active members of the Chapter who shall certify the applicant's qualifications for membership.

If an applicant is refused membership and requests a hearing on the denial of the application, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in article IV, Section 6, of these bylaws, including a possible report on the action to the National Practitioner data bank if the membership denial is based on reasons relating to professional competence or conduct that affects patient health or welfare.

When a member in good standing transfers or desires to transfer from this Chapter ("old Chapter") to a Chapter in another state ("the new Chapter"), we will notify the ACR. Once we are notified by the ACR that the transfer is complete, we will list the member in our database as transferred and notify the member that the transfer has been completed.

When a member in good standing of another Chapter transfers to this Chapter, the ACR sends the member's file to this Chapter. The Secretary of this Chapter shall notify the new member in writing when the transfer process has been completed. Chapter dues shall be assessed on a pro-rata basis for the year in which the transfer occurs.

**SECTION 3.**

Members shall seek retired or temporarily inactive membership status by written request, which may be granted by the Executive Committee.

**SECTION 4.**

The Chapter will act upon applications for Chapter membership by mailing a list of qualified applicants to the entire membership at least four times annually at three-month intervals or by publishing this list on a monthly basis in the ACR bulletin. Applicants who have not generated comment submitted in writing to the Chapter Secretary within 90 days of the mailing shall be accepted as members of the Chapter. Those generating unresolved comment will be nominated for membership at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter, and shall, by secret ballot, be elected to membership by a two-thirds majority of those present.

**SECTION 5.**

Any member of the Chapter may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Chapter Secretary.

**SECTION 6.**

1. The Executive Committee may censure, suspend, or expel any member of the Chapter for violation of its rules, resolutions, or principles, in accordance with the procedures outlined below.
2. Disciplinary questions related to such violations shall be initially referred, in writing, to the President of the Chapter. The matter shall be referred to the Chapter's Committee on Judicial Affairs, which shall investigate the merits of the charges. On the basis of the findings of this investigation, the Committee on Judicial Affairs shall recommend to the President either that disciplinary action be taken or that no such action be taken. Its recommendation shall be submitted to the President in writing.
3. If disciplinary action is recommended by the Committee on Judicial Affairs, the member shall be notified in writing that a professional review action may be taken against him or her and the reasons for the proposed action. The member shall be informed that he or she has the right to request a hearing on the proposed action at any time within 60 calendar days. The member shall be provided with a written summary of his or her right during the hearing. A member who does not request a hearing within the 60-day period waives the right to such a hearing and shall be deemed to have accepted the recommendation of the committee. The committee's report shall then be forwarded to the Chapter's Executive Committee for ratification, in accordance with Section 9 of this article. If the disciplinary action is based on professional conduct or competence that affects or could affect patient health or welfare, the final decision of the Chapter shall be reported to the National Practitioner data bank within 15 days. A failure to request a hearing after complaint has been filed and found to be meritorious may also result in loss of membership in the Chapter.
4. If the member requests a hearing on a timely basis, the President of the Chapter must give him or her written notice of the time, place, and date of the hearing. The hearing shall take place no earlier than 30 calendar days after the date notice has been sent. Postponements and extensions of the hearing date may be granted by the hearing officer on a showing of good cause. The notice of the hearing shall include the names of witnesses expected to testify.
5. The hearing shall be held before an arbitrator mutually acceptable to the physician and the Chapter, a hearing officer appointed by the chapter who is not in direct economic competition with the member involved, or a panel of three active members of the Chapter appointed by its Executive Committee who are not in direct economic competition with the member involved. The right to a hearing may be forfeited if the member fails to appear without good cause, and the member shall be deemed to have accepted the disciplinary action involved. If the right is forfeited without good cause, membership in the Chapter may be terminated, and a report on the action may be forwarded to the National Practitioner data bank.
6. During the hearing, the member has the right to be represented by an attorney or other person of his or her choice; the right to have a record made of the proceedings, copies of which may be obtained by the physician on payment of any reasonable charges associated with its preparation; the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses; the right to present evidence determined to be relevant by the arbitrator, hearing officer, or panel, regardless of its admissibility in a court of law; and the right to submit a written statement at the close of the hearing.
7. Evidence at the hearing should be presented first by the Chapter Executive Committee and then by the member. The Executive Committee may then introduce evidence to rebut the member's evidence but may not introduce evidence or issues not previously raised either by the committee or by the member. The complainant shall be entitled to attend the hearing and may be required to testify. Judicial rules of evidence and procedure relating to the conduct of the hearing, the examination of witnesses, and the presentation of evidence shall not apply to a hearing conducted under the terms of these bylaws. The Executive Committee shall bear the burden of persuading the hearing officer or panel by a preponderance of the evidence that the action or recommendation is reasonable and warranted.
8. At the end of the hearing, the member has a right to receive the written recommendation of the arbitrator, hearing officer, or panel, including the basis for the recommendation. He or she also has the right to receive the written decision of the Chapter, including the basis for the decision.
9. Ratification of disciplinary action against any member of the Chapter shall require the affirmative vote of no fewer than three-fourths of the membership of the Executive Committee present at the meeting when the action is taken. On ratification by the Executive Committee, the disciplinary action shall be effective and be

promptly reported to the Judiciary Committee of the American College of Radiology by the Secretary of the Chapter. Members against whom disciplinary actions are taken by the Chapter may appeal the decision to the judiciary committee of the ACR.

10. If no appeal is made within 30 days, a letter containing the final decision shall be prepared by the arbitrator, officer, or panel, with a copy going to the member who is the subject of the disciplinary action. A waiver of the right to appeal shall be deemed to mean that the member has accepted the decision of the Chapter. If the disciplinary action is based on professional conduct or competence that affects or could affect patient health or welfare, the final decision of the Chapter shall be reported to the National Practitioner data bank within 15 days.
11. Before the ACR's Judiciary Committee hears an appeal, it shall notify, by registered or certified mail, the member in question no fewer than 30 calendar days before its meeting that the member may appear in person or be represented by an attorney or other person of his or her choice to present any arguments that the member believes will show that the disciplinary action should be reversed. If the member fails to appear or send his or her representative to the appeal hearing, then a final report of the Chapter's decision shall be sent to the member and forwarded to the State Medical Board or licensing authority within 15 days in accordance with the regulations of the National Practitioner data bank.
12. If a majority of the Judiciary Committee determines that the disciplinary action taken by the Chapter against one of its members is supported by the evidence and is the result of fair procedures that are consistent with the bylaws of the ACR and of the Chapter, the Judiciary Committee shall affirm the disciplinary action. If a majority of the judiciary committee reverses the disciplinary action, the matter may be remanded in whole or in part for further proceedings or may be completely or partially dismissed.
13. The Chapter's Executive Committee and the ACR's Judiciary Committee shall comply with all procedures for reporting adverse professional review actions based on professional conduct or competence that affects or could affect patient health or welfare to the National Practitioner data bank.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1**

The officers of the Chapter shall be the President, the President-Elect, the Treasurer, and the Secretary .

### **SECTION 2**

An annual election will be held by electronic mail for the position of Secretary of the Chapter. Eligible ballots must be returned by electronic mail not less than forty (40) days prior to the annual meeting and ballots from at least ten percent of the voting members are required for a valid election. The candidate's term of office will commence at the annual meeting of the Chapter. After serving as Secretary of the Chapter, that individual shall ascend annually to the positions of Treasurer, President-Elect, and President, respectively, over the subsequent three years, with each term commencing at the annual meeting of the Chapter.

If ballots from at least ten percent of the voting members are not received by forty (40) days prior to the annual meeting, the candidate must be approved at any Annual Business Meeting of the Chapter by a simple majority of the voting members present, provided there is a quorum. Written notice of the proposed voting shall have been transmitted to the voting members no less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

## **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, the Immediate Past President, the President-Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chair of the Radiation Oncology section, the Councilors and Alternate Councilors, the Chair of all standing committees and the functioning special committees, and representatives of the regional scientific sections who meet the standards of article III, section 2. The Executive Director, Legal Counsel, Editor of FRS newsletter, Delegate to the Florida Medical Association, Delegate to the Florida Medical Association Council on Specialty Medicine, President of the FRBMA or their designee, Program Chair, and Florida Radiological Society spokesperson shall be ex-officio members without vote.

## **ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Chair of the section of Radiation Oncology and the Executive Director who is an ex-officio member without vote.

The Executive Committee shall meet and prepare an agenda prior to all meetings of the Board of Directors. The committee shall meet at such times deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Chapter. All actions taken on the part of the Executive Committee shall be subject to review and ratification by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1 - PRESIDENT**

The President shall be the presiding officer of the Chapter and shall perform all the duties which custom and parliamentary practice associate with the office of the President. The President act as a Chair of the Board of Directors and of its Executive Committee.

### **SECTION 2 - SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Chapter, the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee and shall forward promptly to the executive director of the American College of Radiology a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Chapter. The Secretary shall notify all members of the Chapter of their appointments. The Secretary shall keep a record of the membership of the Chapter, and shall notify all members as to time and place of meetings and of any special business to be brought before the Chapter.

### **SECTION 3 - TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the conduct of all monetary transactions of the Chapter, including but not limited to the billing and collection of all dues and assessments. The Treasurer shall present an accounting of all funds at each regular meeting of the Chapter.

### **SECTION 4 - PRESIDENT-ELECT**

The President-Elect shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The President-Elect shall succeed the President after the annual meeting or at such time a vacancy exists in the office of the President. The President-Elect will serve as a member of the membership committee.

### **SECTION 5 - IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

The Immediate Past President shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. The Immediate Past President shall be a member of the Chapter legislative committee. Should a vacancy exist in this office the President shall appoint a member of the Chapter who has served as President in the past to fill the unexpired term.

### **SECTION 6 - SUCCESSION**

In the absence of the President, or his or her inability to act, the order of succession to his or her duties shall be as follows: President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary. Vacancies occurring in any office shall be filled by action of the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 7 - STANDING COMMITTEES**

The President shall appoint all standing and special committees as are necessary for the proper functioning of the Chapter during his or her term of office. All committees are directly responsible to the Board of Directors through their Chair. No committee or any one of its members may publicly represent the interests of the Chapter without the express consent of the President subject to the future ratification by the Board of Directors. Each standing committee shall present a written report at the annual meeting if that committee has had any activity since the previous annual meeting.

**1. LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

This committee should anticipate and review legislation proposed in the state that affects the practice of radiology. This should include monitoring activities of the legislature and regulatory agencies.

**2. INSURANCE AND MEDICAL ECONOMICS COMMITTEE**

This committee shall represent the Florida Radiological Society on the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee, the Medical Liaison Committee, and any other temporary or permanent committees that may be needed to represent the society with any other governmental or private health or regulatory insurance agencies. The committee shall include representatives and alternate representatives to the medicare carrier advisory committee and the representatives to the medicare liaison committee. This committee will monitor the activities of governmental and private and regulatory insurance agencies and, when appropriate, recommend legislative action to the committee on legislation and public policy and also to the executive committee.

**3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee shall select a candidate for Secretary of the Chapter and submit the nomination to the Board of Directors for approval prior to the mid-winter board meeting. After Board approval, the Nominating Committee will then present the ballot for Secretary of the Chapter to the voting membership by electronic mail not less than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, with a deadline for return of valid ballots.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past President, two other past Presidents appointed by the President, and, when possible, up to three members elected from the membership at large. Election of nominating committee members will be done at the Board of Directors meeting during the FRS annual meeting. The Immediate Past President will serve a two year term. The other committee members will serve a one-year term and cannot serve consecutive terms.

**4. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL AFFAIRS**

This committee shall consider charges of unethical conduct involving a member of the Chapter and shall transmit its recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Chapter. The judicial affairs committee shall be composed of three members appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. Where possible, except for the Chair, members of the Executive Committee shall not be appointed to the committee on judicial affairs.

**5. COMMITTEE ON RADIATION ONCOLOGY**

The officers of the Section shall become the Radiation Oncology committee of the Chapter and the Chair shall sit on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. They shall not adopt a policy or take public positions inconsistent with those of the Florida Radiological Society or of the American College of Radiology. This committee shall be comprised of members whose professional interest and expertise is in the field of radiation oncology. The committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the practice within the sub specialty of Radiation Oncology as well as assisting the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee with its presentations before regulatory, legislative and educational agencies under the direction of the President, the Executive Committee, and the Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Medical Economics.

**6. BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

This committee shall be responsible for a periodic review of the bylaws and provide recommended revisions when necessary.

**7. PROGRAM AND EDUCATION**

This committee will prepare programs for the Chapter meetings, and socioeconomic workshops for residents.

**8. FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

This committee shall be composed exclusively of fellows of the American College of Radiology who shall annually review the membership of the Chapter for the purpose of nominating members to fellowship in the College. All nominations shall be approved by the Board of Directors and their applications signed by the President or the Secretary of the Chapter.

**9. COMMITTEE ON GENERAL BODY IMAGING**

This committee shall be composed of members whose professional interest and expertise is in the field of general body imaging. The committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high quality of practice within the subspecialty of diagnostic radiology as well as assisting the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee with its presentations before regulatory, legislative and educational agencies under the direction of the President and the Executive Committee, and the Chair of the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee.

**10. COMMITTEE ON MUSCULOSKELETAL RADIOLOGY**

This committee shall be composed of members whose professional interest and expertise is in the field of musculoskeletal radiology. The committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high quality of practice within the subspecialty of diagnostic radiology as well as assisting the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee with its presentations before regulatory, legislative, and educational agencies under the direction of the President, the Executive Committee, and the Chair of the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee.

**11. COMMITTEE ON NEURORADIOLOGY**

The committee on Neuroradiology shall be composed of members whose professional interest and expertise is in the field of neuroradiology. The committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high quality of practice within the subspecialty of diagnostic radiology as well as assisting the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee with its presentations before regulatory, legislative, and educational agencies under the direction of the President, the Executive Committee, and the Chair of the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee.

**12. COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR MEDICINE**

This committee shall be composed of members whose professional interest and expertise are in the field of nuclear medicine. The committee shall be charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high quality of practice within this subspecialty of diagnostic radiology, representing the Chapter before regulatory, legislative and educational agencies, as well as assisting the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee with its presentations before regulatory, legislative, and insurance agencies under the direction of the President, the Executive Committee, and the Chair of the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee.

**13. COMMITTEE ON ULTRASOUND**

This committee shall be composed of members whose professional interest and expertise is in the field of diagnostic ultrasound. The committee shall be charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high quality of practice within this subspecialty of diagnostic radiology as well as representing the interest of the Chapter in this field before regulatory, legislative and educational agencies under the direction of the President and the Executive Committee.

**14. RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This committee shall assist organizations and individuals in projects and programs undertaken to advance radiologist assistants as well as radiologic technology after such have been approved by the Board of Directors. It will also be responsible for furnishing names of radiologists to survey educational programs of radiologic technology to the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiology Technology.

**15. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

This committee shall review applications for all classes of membership in the Chapter and shall report its recommendations to the Board of Directors at any regular meeting. Recruitment activities shall be generated by this committee. The President-Elect of the Chapter shall serve as chair of this committee.

**16. COMMITTEE ON PHYSICS**

This committee shall make available to the membership the names of individuals qualified in radiation facility surveys, facilities planning, radiation disaster planning, and other consultative services associated with the physics of diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology, and shall advise the Board of Directors of the Chapter on such matters.

**17. COMMITTEE ON INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY**

This committee shall be composed of members whose professional interest and expertise are in the field of interventional radiology. The committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high quality of practice within this sub-specialty of diagnostic radiology, representing the interest of the Chapter before regulatory legislative and educational agencies, as well as assisting the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee with its presentations before regulatory, legislative, and insurance agencies under the direction of the President, the Executive Committee and the Chair of the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee.

**18. LEGAL COUNSEL**

The legal counsel shall serve as ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

**19. COMMITTEE ON BREAST IMAGING**

This committee shall be composed of members whose professional interest and expertise is in the field of breast imaging. The committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high quality of practice within this subspecialty of diagnostic radiology, representing the Chapter before regulatory, legislative and educational agencies, as well as assisting the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee with its presentations before regulatory, legislative, and insurance agencies under the direction of the President, the Executive Committee, and the Chair of the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee..

**20. GOLD MEDAL COMMITTEE**

This committee shall receive and evaluate gold medal award nominations from the membership and make award recommendations to the Board of Directors.

**21. COMMITTEE ON PEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY**

This committee shall be comprised of members whose professional interest and expertise is in the field of pediatric radiology. The committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high quality of practice within the sub specialty of diagnostic radiology as well as assisting the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee with its presentations before regulatory, legislative and educational agencies under the direction of the President, the Executive Committee, and the Chair of the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee.

**22. RESIDENT AND FELLOW SECTION**

This section shall be comprised of members who are either residents or fellows. The purpose of this section is to provide a unified voice for radiology residents and fellows, to assist in establishing the highest possible standards for training and continuing educations for radiologists, to study and to analyze to socio-economic aspects of radiological medical care as it relates to radiologists, and to promote recognition of the impact of physicians-in-training on organized medicine.

**23. OUTREACH AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE**

This committee will explore activities and initiatives in Florida which align with the American College of Radiology's Commission on Outreach and Professional Opportunity in its goal to outreach, grow, retain, and engage the membership, a key objective of increasing diversity and inclusion in the radiological profession. This committee shall consist of at least five members, the chair appointed by the president. Representation shall be inclusive of active Florida Chapter members and members of the FRS Resident and Fellows Section.

**24. COMMITTEE ON CARDIOTHORACIC RADIOLOGY**

This committee shall be composed of members whose professional interest and expertise are in the field of cardi thoracic radiology. The committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high quality of practice within this sub-specialty of diagnostic radiology, representing the interest of the Chapter before regulatory legislative and educational agencies, as well as assisting the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee with its presentations before regulatory, legislative, and insurance agencies under the direction of the President, the Executive Committee and the Chair of the Insurance and Medical Economics Committee.

**25. QUALITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

This committee shall oversee all Florida-based quality and safety initiatives in diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine, radiation oncology and medical physics, according to the ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards and the ACR Appropriateness Criteria. The goal of this committee will be to promote the highest levels of quality and safety in the practice of radiology within the FRS, the medical community, and the general public.

**26. YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SECTION**

The Florida Radiology Society Young Professionals Section (YPS) mission is to represent young and early career FRS members within Florida, specifically targeting issues that impact Florida radiologists under the age of 40 or within the first 8 years of practice after residency and/or fellowship training.

**27. DIGITAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

This committee oversees the media and digital communications of the society. The purpose of this committee is to ensure all digital communications are in line with the society's standards.

**28. MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION**

1. As a vital demographic a state chapter may establish this section to attract, develop, and retain new College members, to better understand new challenges and concerns as the field evolves, and foster leadership development.
  - a. Any bylaws applicable to this section described below may augment but shall not replace, supersede, or contradict the bylaws otherwise stated for this chapter.
  - b. Members of this section are expected to attend and actively participate in state chapter meetings and to aid in the fulfillment of state chapter goals.
2. A MSS member of this state chapter is defined as a non-dues paying member who is currently registered in a formal educational program at a Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or American Osteopathic

Association (AOA) approved medical school, and graduate students or residents who are registered in a formal educational program in medical physics within Florida.

- a. The MSS section may have, as available members allow, section leadership including a section chair, vice chair, secretary, communications officer, education liaison, radiation oncology representative, and medical physics representative. Each leadership role has a term of one (1) year. The vice chair will automatically transition to chair upon completion of the term.
- b. These positions may be elected by a majority of all MSS members in attendance or may be appointed as determined by the existing MSS leadership, but all require active participation in state chapter meetings.
- c. In the absence of existing MSS leadership, the leadership roles may be established by a majority vote of present MSS members. Any disputes or runoff election issues may be decided by the state chapter president.
- d. These MSS leadership roles are separate from national level MSS leadership positions.
- e. Any MSS specific programming components of state chapter meetings are to be determined by the MSS leadership in collaboration with the state chapter leadership.

#### **SECTION 8 - MEMBERS IN TRAINING**

Members in training and members in training in physics may organize as a section governed by its own constitution and bylaws, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

#### **SECTION 9 - INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS**

1. All non-officer voting members of the board of directors are hereby referred to as "directors." Generally, the Florida Radiological Society shall indemnify any member who was or is a party to any proceeding by reason of his or her status as a director or officer of the FRS, against liability incurred in the course of such proceeding, if the director or officer 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 FRS. The FRS shall indemnify said directors and officers against expenses, including attorney's fees, and amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding, including any appeal thereof. No indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable, unless the board of independent counsel shall determine that indemnification is proper in the circumstances because the director or officer has met the applicable standard of conduct.
2. Advancement of funds. Expenses incurred by an officer or director in defending against a proceeding may be paid by FRS in advance of the final disposition of such proceedings, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the FRS.

#### **ARTICLE IX - COUNCILORS AND ALTERNATE COUNCILORS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY**

##### **SECTION 1 - REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNCIL**

The Chapter shall elect Councilors to the council of the American College of Radiology in such numbers and for the term authorized by the bylaws of the College.

**SECTION 2 - ELECTION OF COUNCILORS**

Election of Councilors shall be by ballot at the appropriate annual meeting of the Chapter, and the nominee for each vacancy who shall receive a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. In case no candidate for a vacancy receives a majority, a second ballot shall be taken on the two candidates for the vacancy receiving the greatest number of votes. For each Councilor so elected, the Chapter shall elect, by the same procedure, an Alternate Councilor. One Councilor and one Alternate Councilor shall be elected by the members of the Section on radiation oncology. Councilors and Alternate Councilors must be members or fellows of the College.

**SECTION 3 - TERM OF OFFICE**

The term of office shall be three (3) years, or whatever term of office is prescribed in the bylaws of the American College of Radiology. He/she may be eligible to succeed him/herself for one additional term of three (3) years, but shall not be eligible for re-election to additional terms until a lapse of not less than one (1) year, provided, however, that notwithstanding anything in this section 3 to the contrary, the terms of any or all of the Councilors first elected under this article IX may be established at less than three (3) years so as to ensure that the terms of one-third, or a number as near thereto as is practicable, of the Councilors so elected shall expire each year. Although the term of office of an Alternate Councilor shall be for one (1) year, he/she shall be eligible to succeed him/herself for not more than two (2) years. The term of office for Councilors and Alternate Councilors may be waived on an individual basis upon recommendation of the nominating committee and subsequent majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 4 - COUNCILOR'S DUTY**

The Councilor's primary duty is to serve as a representative from the Chapter in the council - the legislative body - of the American College of Radiology.

In the proper discharge of this function, the Councilor shall: (a) attend and participate in the deliberations of the council, (b) be active in the affairs and meetings of the Chapter, (c) be knowledgeable of the activities and problems at both the local and national levels, (d) contribute ideas, guidance, and advice to both the Chapter and the council, (e) stimulate the preparation for Chapter resolutions for the presentation to the council, and (f) serve as a liaison between the Chapter and the College and interpret each to the other.

**SECTION 5 - ALTERNATE COUNCILOR'S DUTY**

The Alternate Councilor shall help the Councilor in the performance of his or her duties and accompany him or her to meetings of the Chapter and of the College. The Alternate Councilor shall be prepared to act for the Councilor whenever necessary.

**ARTICLE X - MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1 - ANNUAL AND OTHER REGULAR MEETINGS.**

1. The annual meeting of the Chapter shall be held at a time and place to be selected by the Executive Committee. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be mailed to the members of the Chapter not less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet in conjunction with any meeting of the Chapter.
3. At the discretion of the Chapter President, the Board of Directors shall meet within a reasonable time period following the annual meeting of the American College of Radiology.

**SECTION 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

Special meetings of the Chapter or of the Board of Directors may be called:

1. By the President when deemed necessary by a quorum of the Executive Committee;
2. At the request of the board of chancellors of the American College of Radiology; or

3. By petition of one-third of the voting members in good standing.

Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the President from time to time as conditions deem necessary upon no less than thirty (30) days notice to the membership. The agenda for such special meetings shall be limited to the reason(s) occasioning the call to order.

### **SECTION 3 - ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to order.
2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Chapter and the Board of Directors.
3. Report by the President.
4. Report of the Secretary.
5. Report of the Treasurer.
6. Election of new members.
7. Communications.
8. Report of the Councilor(s).
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business. Thirty days notice in writing to the President shall be required for items of new business not originating in the Board of Directors to be placed before the membership.
11. Report of the nominating committee.
12. Election of officers, Councilors and at-large members of nominating committee.
13. Adjournment.

### **SECTION 4 - QUORUM**

1. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of three elected officers.
2. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of 25% of the members of the board, to include at least three officers of the Executive Committee.
3. A quorum of the general membership at meetings including the annual meeting shall consist of the active members in attendance and a quorum of the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE XI - STANDING RULES**

Sturgis' standard code of parliamentary procedure shall be the authority governing all business meetings of the Chapter, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws.

### **ARTICLE XII - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

All active and associate members, members in physics, associate members in physics, affiliate members, and inactive members who are members of the CARROS chapter, shall pay dues in an amount based upon a budget prepared by the Executive Committee and approved by the members at the annual meeting. Such dues are payable on December 1st, and delinquent on February 1st, of each year. The Treasurer shall promptly notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, any members whose dues are delinquent. A delinquency of more than ninety (90) days subsequent to such

notice shall be cause for automatic termination of membership. The Treasurer shall notify the American College of Radiology of any such termination(s). If a previous member thus stricken from the membership roles shall pay those dues or assessments within nine (9) months of the delinquency, the Chapter Executive Committee may, at its discretion, reinstate such member. After this period, a previous member who wishes membership must apply in the usual manner.

Members in training, members in training in physics, life members, retired or inactive members shall not pay dues. Following the completion of training, members in training and members in training in physics shall pay dues according to the schedule prepared by the Executive Committee and approved by the members at the annual meeting.

Military/public health service members shall pay reduced dues as determined by the Board of Directors.

New members, in their first year of practice, shall pay reduced dues as determined by the Board of Directors.

Assessment of dues-paying members may not be levied except upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and by a majority vote at the annual meeting of the Chapter, notice of such recommendation having been sent to each such member no fewer that 30 days prior to the meeting.

The fiscal year of the FRS for accounting purposes shall be from January 1 of the current year to December 31 of the next year. The fiscal year may be changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XIII - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Rules and regulations specifying detailed procedures to be used in implementing these bylaws may be adopted from time to time and be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Such rules and regulations shall be consistent with the substance and intent of the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS**

Upon request from the Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee shall prepare and submit proposed amendments to the Bylaws. The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended at any Annual Business Meeting of the Society by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present and voting, provided there is a quorum. Written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been transmitted to the members no less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

Alternatively, the Executive Committee may request the Bylaws Committee to prepare proposed amendments to the Bylaws for presentation at the Annual Business Meeting, or via electronic mail, requiring for approval a two-thirds majority of the voting members at the Annual Business Meeting, with satisfaction of the Chapter's quorum requirement, or by an electronic vote. If by electronic vote, valid ballots from at least ten percent of the voting members are required for a valid election. In all cases, the voting members must be allowed no less than thirty (30) days from the date the notification of the amendments is sent to the time of the vote. All proposed Bylaw amendments by the Bylaws committee must be submitted to the board for review, comments and approval prior to sending to the membership. Amendments may be proposed and voted upon throughout the year.

Any amendment so adopted shall not be contrary to requirements for Chapter status in the American College of Radiology and shall be immediately forwarded to the College for its records.