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BYLAWS OF THE
GEORGIA RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Georgia 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 (ACR), hereinafter sometimes referred to as the “College”; to advance the science of Radiology, to improve radiologic service safety and care to the patient, to monitor the socioeconomic aspects of the practice of Radiology, to facilitate improved and continuous education for radiologists and allied personnel, and to establish and maintain high medical and ethical standards in the practice of Radiology, Radiation Oncology, Nuclear Medicine and allied professional fields.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of these bylaws, no part of net earnings of the -Chapter shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the -Chapter or College shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above.

ARTICLE III - AFFILIATION

The Chapter will be a component of the American College of Radiology. The Code of Ethics of the American College of Radiology is hereby expressly adopted as the Principles of Ethics of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I – CLASSES, PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS, AND RIGHTS

There shall be ten classes of members in the Chapter: 1) Active members, 2) Associate members, 3) Members in Physics, 4) Associate members in Physics, 5) Members in Training, 6) Honorary members, 7) Retired members, 8) Inactive members, 9) Affiliate Members, (10) Allied Health.

Membership status granted by the Chapter is not binding with the American College of Radiology, which will grant membership based on the By-Laws of that organization. The organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, or sexual orientation in granting or terminating membership or in regard to any of the benefits of membership.

(1) Qualification and Rights of Active Members

Physicians who are currently actively engaged in the practice of Radiology, Nuclear Medicine or Radiation Oncology in Georgia; who are of high professional reputation; and who have been

certified in a radiological discipline, including nuclear medicine, by the American Board of Radiology, the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, the American Board of Nuclear Medicine, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the College des medecins du Quebec, or who have been an active member of the Georgia Radiological Society prior to May, 1966; are eligible to become Active Members of the GRS.

A Member shall have the right to vote, be appointed to committees, and to hold elective office in this Chapter.

(2) Qualification and Rights of Associate Members

Physicians who are engaged in the practice of radiology or who are engaged in the practice of radiation oncology, in Georgia; who have completed an approved residency program in radiology, nuclear medicine, or radiation oncology; and are otherwise eligible for membership in the College, but who have not been certified by the American Board of Radiology, the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, the American Board of Nuclear Medicine, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the College des medecins du Quebec are eligible to become Associate Members of the GRS.

An Associate member shall have the right to be appointed to committees but shall not have the right to vote or to hold elective office in this Chapter.

(3) Qualification and Rights of Members in Physics

Physicists practicing in Georgia and certified or considered the equivalent of certified by the American Board of Radiology are eligible to become a Member in Physics of the GRS.

A Member in Physics shall have the rights to vote, hold elective office, and to be appointed to committees in this Chapter.

(4) Qualifications and Rights of Associate Members in Physics

Medical physicists who are engaged in the practice of medical physics in Georgia and are otherwise eligible for membership in the GRS but who are not certified or considered the equivalent of certified by the American Board of Radiology (ABR) are eligible to become Associate Members of the GRS.

An Associate Member in Physics shall have the right to be appointed to committees but shall not have the right to vote or to hold elective office in this Chapter.

(5) Qualifications and Rights of Members in Training, Members in Training in Physics, and Members in Training in Nuclear Medicine

Members in Training shall be those physicians who are in approved Radiology, Nuclear Medicine or Radiation Oncology residencies or fellowships, medical students registered in a formal educational program at a Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or an American Osteopathic Association (AOA) approved medical school, and medical physicists who are registered in a formal educational program in medical physics. All Members in Training shall be considered to be members of the Chapter Resident and Fellow Section. Member in Training status shall normally terminate within six (6) months following completion of the period of training. Those individuals who go directly from an approved residency to a fellowship program or from a medical educational program to an approved radiology or radiation oncology residency program may continue as members in training until completion of the fellowship program.

Members in Training shall not have the right to vote or the right to hold an elected office in the Chapter. However, they have the right to be appointed to committees.

Within six months after completion of training and following appropriate review by the Chapter, the member in training or member in training in physics will automatically become a member of the chapter in the appropriate class of membership, unless the member in training affirmatively declines membership.

(6) Qualifications and Rights of Honorary Members

Honorary members shall be those who have made a special contribution to the field of Radiology or Radiation Oncology, or possess special qualifications in fields associated with Radiology, but who cannot fulfill the qualifications for active membership. Any member of the GRS may make nominations for honorary membership. Election of individuals to honorary membership in the Chapter shall be by the members at the annual meeting upon recommendation of two active members in good standing and approval of such recommendation by the Board of Directors

Honorary members shall not have the right to vote, hold elective office or serve on committees.

(7) Qualifications and Rights of Retired Members

Retired members shall be those active members, associate members, members in physics or associate members in physics, who have retired from their active practice because of age or physical disability. Retired members shall not have the right to vote or hold elective office. However, they have the right to be appointed to committees. If a member changes status to retired member while serving an appointed or an elected term, a replacement will be appointed

by action of the President to fill the now vacant position in accord with the vacancies policy in Article 6, Section 6.

(8) Qualifications and Rights of Inactive Members

Inactive members shall be those who have been members in good standing of the Chapter and who for reasons acceptable to the Board of Directors are temporarily unable to continue as active members, associate members, members in physics, associate members in physics, or members of the Council of Affiliated Regional Radiation Oncology Societies (CARROS).

Inactive members shall not have the right to vote, hold elective office or serve on committees.

(9) Qualifications and Rights of Affiliate Members

Affiliate members are individuals who would otherwise qualify as a GRS member in one of the above membership categories, who maintain active membership in another State chapter, but choose to have an affiliate membership in this (Georgia) state chapter. Affiliate members pay dues to both State Chapters.

Affiliate members do not have the right to vote or to hold office in this Chapter. Affiliate members may be appointed to committees.

(10) Qualifications and Rights of Allied Health Members

Physicians not engaged in the practice of radiology, non-physician medical professionals, such as MRI scientists and radiologist assistants, whose special qualifications are deemed valuable to the College are eligible to be Allied Health members of the Chapter. Radiologist assistants must be certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) as a Registered Radiologist Assistant.

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.

SECTION II –APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for any of the classes of membership established in Section I of this Article, except retired or inactive membership status, shall be in writing on a form provided by the Secretary. Applications shall include an agreement to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter including the Code of Ethics of the American College of Radiology. Two active members of the Chapter who shall certify the applicant's qualifications for membership must endorse an application. A member of a chapter of the College may become an affiliate of a second chapter without the right to vote. No College member shall have the right to vote in more than one chapter.

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.

After receiving notification from the College that a member in good standing has transferred - to a chapter in another state - the Chapter, should send a notice of the member's standing in the Chapter and his or her original application to the ACR within a reasonable time, not to exceed six weeks.

When a member in good standing of another chapter transfers to the Chapter, the ACR will forward the member's file. -. The Chapter secretary shall notify the new member in writing that 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 III – RETIRED AND INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Members shall seek retired or inactive membership status by written request, which may be granted by the Board of Directors.

SECTION IV – ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Election of individuals to honorary membership in the Chapter shall be by the members at the annual meeting upon recommendation of two active members in good standing and approval of such recommendation by the Board of Directors.

SECTION V – ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

(1) Members in good standing of the American College of Radiology may be accepted into the Chapter upon receipt of appropriate Chapter dues and review of a completed application by the Chapter Membership Committee.

(2) Applicants who are not members of the American College of Radiology or who are applying for Chapter membership only will be reviewed as follows:

The Chapter will act upon applications for Chapter membership by distributing via mail, facsimile, or electronic transmission a list of qualified applicants to the entire membership at least three times annually at four month intervals. The Chapter members have the opportunity to submit written comments about the applicant(s) to the Chapter Secretary within 30 days of notification. The Board of Directors shall propose applicants who have not generated negative comment as members. Those generating unresolved negative comment will be nominated for membership at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter, and, by ballot, be elected to membership by a two-thirds majority of those present.

SECTION VI – RESIGNATION and TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Chapter may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Secretary. Resignation, suspension or expulsion from his county medical society shall terminate membership in the Chapter, unless the Board of Directors rescinds such termination.

(1) The Board of Directors may censure, suspend, or expel any member of the chapter for violation of its rules, regulations, 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 Executive Committee, which shall investigate the merits of the charges. On the basis of the findings of this investigation; the Executive Committee shall recommend to the president either that disciplinary action be taken or that no such action be taken. If the Executive Committee decides that disciplinary action should be taken, its recommendation shall be submitted to the president in writing.
- (3) If disciplinary action is recommended by the Executive Committee, the member shall be notified by certified letter 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. Request for a hearing must be placed in writing within 60 calendar days from receipt of the certified letter. The member shall be provided with a written summary of his or her rights 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 Board of Directors 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 respond in writing to the written notification with either acceptance of the disciplinary action or to request a hearing will also result in loss of membership in the chapter
- (4) If the member requests a hearing within the 60 day time frame, the president of the chapter must respond in a timely basis providing 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 the notice has been sent. The hearing officer on a showing of good cause may grant postponements and extensions of the hearing date. 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 board of Directors 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; in which event, 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 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 Board of Directors and then by the member under review. The Board of Directors 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 Board of Directors shall bear the burden of persuading the hearing officer or panel by a preponderance of 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 Board of Directors present at the meeting when the action is taken. Upon ratification by the Board of Directors, 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 the chapter takes actions may appeal the decision to the Judiciary Committee of the ACR.
- (10) If no appeal is made within 30 days of the Board ratification, 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 then 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 Board of Directors 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 I

The officers of the Chapter shall be the President, the President-elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Councilors and the Alternate Councilors. The Councilor with the longest tenure will be designated the senior Councilor; the Councilor(s) with the shortest tenure will be designated the junior Councilor(s). All Chapter officers shall be members of the American College of Radiology.

SECTION II

Election shall be by ballot at the annual meeting of the Chapter, and the nominee for each office designated in Section I, who shall receive a majority of the votes cast, shall be declared elected. In case no candidate receives a majority, a second ballot shall be taken on the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall act for the Chapter between regular meetings. It shall be composed of the President, the President-elect, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Councilor(s), and three to six At-Large members elected at the annual meeting plus the additional members described below. One additional member may be nominated for election at the annual meeting of each Georgia (or Regional if it includes Georgia) subspecialty society in which the majority of the members of that society are members of this Chapter. This includes such subspecialty societies as Radiation Oncology, Nuclear Medicine, Vascular Radiology and Ultrasound. This nominee must be an active member of this Chapter. These societies should be of a minimal size of 10 members, and eligibility for representation on the Board of Directors must be approved by the Board of Directors and the Chapter, with review of this approval at 3 year intervals, or sooner if requirements for representation are no longer met.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SECTION I --PRESIDENT

The President shall be the presiding officer of the Chapter and shall perform all of the duties that custom and parliamentary practice associate with the office of the President. He/she shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. He/she shall act as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

In the absence of the President, or in his/her inability to act, the order of succession to his/her duties shall be as follows:

President-elect, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor with greatest tenure.

SECTION II – PRESIDENT ELECT

The President-Elect shall arrange the board meetings in the spring and the fall of each year.

SECTION III –SECRETARY

The secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors and shall forward promptly to the members and to the Executive Director of the American College of Radiology, a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Chapter. He/she shall notify all members of their appointments and shall keep a record of the membership of the Chapter. He/she shall notify all members of the time and place of meetings and of any special business to be brought before the Chapter. He/she shall file all documents pertaining to the laws governing corporations in the State of Georgia, and those documents pertaining to the laws governing corporations by the federal government.

SECTION IV -- TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive all money due to the Chapter and shall disburse such money on authorization by the President. He/she shall submit a report before all regular meetings with records for audit to the committee appointed by the President from the Board of Directors. This report shall in turn be presented to the membership at said meeting.

SECTION V – TERMS AND SUCCESSION

The President and the President-elect each serve a term of two years, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall each serve a term of one year, or until the successors are elected and qualified. The President-elect shall automatically succeed to the Presidency. The three to six At-Large members of the Board of Directors shall serve a term of up to three years with staggered terms.

SECTION VI -- VACANCIES

Vacancies occurring in any office of the Chapter shall be filled, until the next general meeting, by action of the President and subsequently ratified at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION VII --COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint such committees as are necessary for the proper functioning of the Chapter. The president shall appoint the Chair of each committee. Each Committee chair shall appoint the members of his/her committee in consultation with the president. Chairmen and members of each committee shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The term of the Educational Committee Chair shall be three years, but may be extended at the discretion of the President. The Committee Chairs should attend all Board meetings.

Each standing committee may present a written report at the annual meeting.

The following standing committees shall be appointed:

1. Executive Committee

This committee shall be constituted of the present chapter officers and the immediate past president. This committee is empowered by the Board to act in the stead of the board between board meetings.

This committee shall consider charges of unethical conduct involving a member of the Chapter and shall transmit its recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Chapter.

2. American College of Radiology (ACR) Advisory Committee

The Committee on the ACR shall be familiar with the current activities and planned future direction of the ACR. They shall keep the board and membership apprised of these activities and may, from time to time, recommend Chapter input to the ACR on these activities and plans.

3. Fellowship Committee

This committee shall annually review the membership of the Chapter for the purpose of nominating members to a fellowship in the American College of Radiology. Where possible, this committee shall be composed of Fellows of the College. Nominations shall be approved by the Board of Directors, signed by the President or Secretary of the Chapter, and shall be supported by a curriculum vitae in standard form and by a minimum of two letters from Fellows of the American College of Radiology, one of whom is not in practice with the nominee, and addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Credentials of the American College of Radiology. The Fellowship Committee will also nominate members for ACR Gold Medals and the J. Daniel Hanks Governmental and Regulatory Fellowship.

4. Georgia Society of Radiological Technology (GSRT) Advisory Committee

This committee shall be co-chaired by a Chapter physician and a GSRT member, selected by GSRT. This Committee shall be familiar with the current activities and planned future direction of GSRT. They shall keep the board and membership apprised of these activities and may, from time to time, recommend Chapter input to GSRT on these activities and plans.

The Physician co-chair of this committee shall serve as the Chapter liaison to GSRT.

5. 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 the next regular meeting. This committee shall generate recruitment activities.

This committee may also keep an up-to-date roster of available radiology openings in Georgia and a list of radiologists searching for positions in Georgia.

6. Nominating Committee

This committee shall present to the annual meeting nominations for offices established by these by-laws and shall, when possible, consist of not less than three past presidents and two other members, who may also be past presidents. Members are appointed by the President.

7. Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for periodic review of the by-laws and provide recommended revisions when necessary.

8. Political Affairs Committee

This committee should anticipate and review legislation proposed in this state that affects the practice of Radiology. Their findings shall be reported to the Chapter for action. This committee shall oversee the Chapter's hired lobbyist. The GRADPAC committee shall be a subcommittee of this committee.

9. Education and Program Committee

This committee will prepare programs for chapter meetings, socioeconomic workshops for the residents and lead efforts in continuing education. Primarily, this committee is charged with arranging the program for the Annual Summer meeting of the Chapter.

10. Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC)

This committee is Co-Chaired by the Chapter CAC representative and the alternate representative. Members include the other radiology CAC representatives, including those from Nuclear medicine, Radiation Oncology, and any other groups recognized by the CAC.

The CAC shall be familiar with the current activities and planned future direction of the Georgia CAC and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). They shall keep the board and membership apprised of these activities and may, from time to time, recommend Chapter input to the Georgia CAC and/or CMS on these activities and plans.

This committee will also be concerned with matters relating to third party carriers.

11. Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) Advisory Committee

The Committee on MAG shall be familiar with the current activities and planned future direction of MAG. They shall keep the board and membership apprised of these activities and may, from time to time, recommend Chapter input to MAG on these activities and plans.

12. Physics/Radiation Safety Committee

This committee promotes radiation safety and serves as liaison between Chapter and government. It should attempt to foster a balance between governmental radiation safety regulations and the proper medical uses of radiation for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes for the optimal welfare of the patients and the general public of the state of Georgia.

This committee also reports to the Board of Directors on legislation, technical data and pertinent information relating to radiologic physics.

13. Public Relations Committee

This committee promotes positive educational information about radiology to the public through news media, public speaking, etc.

This committee shall maintain the Chapter website in conjunction with the College web office. The committee shall also maintain social media accounts as needed.

14. Georgia Society of Nuclear Medicine (GSNM) Advisory Committee

The Committee on GSNM shall be familiar with the current activities and planned future direction of GSNM. They shall keep the board and membership apprised of these activities and may, from time to time, recommend Chapter input to GSNM on these activities and plans. The chair of this committee shall serve as the Chapter liaison to GSNM.

15. Georgia Radiology Business Managers Association (GRBMA) Advisory Committee

This committee shall be co-chaired by a Chapter member and a representative selected by GRBMA

The Committee on GRBMA shall be familiar with the current activities and planned future direction of GRBMA. They shall keep the board and membership apprised of these activities and may, from time to time, recommend Chapter input to GRBMA on these activities and plans.

The Physician co-chair of this committee shall serve as the Chapter liaison to GRBMA.

16. Resident Advisory Committee

This committee shall advise and promote the Resident Fellow Section (RFS). They shall facilitate communication between RSF and the Board. This committee shall be comprised of representatives from the ACGME approved Radiology, Radiation Oncology residency and Medical Physics training programs in Georgia. ~~They shall select a resident from each program to invite to Chapter Board meetings and functions and Chapter will financially support attendance of these residents at the Georgia Radiological Society Annual Meeting. One or more of these residents will be selected to attend the ACR Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference.~~ The committee shall appoint one member to serve as Chair. The Chair of this committee shall be the primary liaison with the RFS and the Board. The Chair will be invited to participate in any and all meetings of the RFS and is expected to advise the RFS in their best interests.

17. Radiation Oncology Committee

The officers of the Radiation Oncology Section shall become a standing committee of the Chapter. This committee is charged with representing and acting for the Radiation Oncology Section of the Chapter in all matters referable to radiation oncology.

18. Awards and Honors Committee

This committee will be tasked with applying for ACR Chapter Recognition Awards. The committee may suggest and arrange recognition for other awards or honors in consultation with the Board and the Fellowship Committee.

19. Committee for Women and General Diversity

This committee's goal shall be to grow, retain and engage the membership with a key objective of increasing diversity and inclusion in the radiological professions. This committee shall be charged with exploring activities and initiatives which align with the American College of Radiology's Commission for Women and General Diversity and further its mission. This committee will facilitate and coordinate the Chapter's efforts in these objectives. This committee Chair shall be appointed by the Chapter President. Representation shall be inclusive of active Chapter members and members of the Chapter Resident and Fellows Section (RFS).

20. Resident Fellow Section (RFS)

The purpose of this committee is to provide a unified voice for Radiology, Radiation Oncology and Medical Physics trainees in Georgia; to increase involvement among Residents and Fellows in the College and the Chapter; to promote the interchange of information and opinion between resident physicians and fellows in training programs in Diagnostic Radiology, Radiation

Oncology, Medical Physics and their subspecialties; to provide a forum for the education of residents and fellows in the practice of radiology; to assist residents in making vocational decisions; to coordinate organization of events for RFS members and to provide a mechanism for input and involvement by residents and fellows in the educational, socioeconomic, and policy-making functions of the Chapter.

The Chair of the Resident Advisory Committee shall serve as primary Advisor/ Chapter liaison with the RFS. The RFS activities shall be financed in accordance with the policies established by the Chapter or at the discretion of the Board. The RFS may acquire additional funding from members or outside sources as needed. The RFS will adopt its own bylaws.

The Governing Council of the RFS shall consist of two delegates (preferably one senior and one junior resident) from each accredited diagnostic radiology, radiation oncology and medical physics program within the State of Georgia. These delegates shall be elected or appointed by each training program at their discretion. Additionally, the Governing Council of the RFS will consist of the offices of the president, vice president, secretary-treasurer. To ensure diverse input, every effort will be made to ensure these officers come from different training programs. Nominations for Governing Council and RFS Committee Chair positions will be taken at the Chapter Annual Meeting. Elections will take place at the Chapter Annual Meeting, via email or conference call. by the RFS. All of the above shall serve a term of one year beginning July 1st following their election.

Members of the Governing Council and general RFS members will be encouraged to attend the ACR Annual Meeting under the guidelines of their program. The Chapter will support the attendance of the RFS members to the Chapter Annual Meeting by waiving the payment of registration fees.

ARTICLE VIII - COUNCILORS AND ALTERNATE COUNCILORS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY

The Chapter shall elect Councilors to the Council of the American College of Radiology in such number and on the terms authorized by the Bylaws of the College.

SECTION II - ELECTION OF COUNCILORS

Election of the 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.

At the discretion of the chapter, a young (under age 40) physician may be selected or elected to serve as an additional alternate councilor for the chapter.

Councilors and Alternate Councilors must be members or Fellows of the American College of Radiology.

SECTION III - TERM OF OFFICE

The terms of office of a Councilor shall not be longer than three (3) years, or whatever term of office is proscribed in the Bylaws of the American College of Radiology. He/she may be eligible to succeed himself/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. The length of the term of office shall not exceed three (3) years or the length directed by the ACR, but may be of less than maximum number of years so as to insure that the terms of one-third, or a number as near thereto as is practicable, of the Councilors so elected shall expire each year.

The term of office of an Alternate Councilor shall not be longer than three (3) years. The length of the term of office shall not exceed three (3) years or the length directed by the ACR, but may be of less than maximum number of years so as to insure that the terms of one-third, or a number as near thereto as is practicable, of the Alternate Councilors so elected shall expire each year.

The term of office of the young physician alternate councilor should be one (1) year. This specific councilor is eligible to succeed himself or herself.

An Alternate Councilor shall be eligible at any time to be elected a Councilor for a full three-year term.

A Councilor or Alternate Councilor shall take office immediately following the annual spring meeting of the year in which he or she is elected.

SECTION IV - DUTIES OF THE COUNCILOR

The Councilor's primary duty is to serve as a representative from the Chapter in the Council 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 local, regional and nationwide levels, (d) contribute ideas, guidance and advice to both the Chapter and the Council, (e) stimulate the preparation of Chapter resolutions for the presentation to the Council, and (f) to serve as a liaison between the Chapter and the College and interpret each to the other and present an annual report to the Chapter on College activities.

The Councilor shall perform such other duties as the Chapter may delegate to him.

SECTION V - DUTIES OF THE ALTERNATE COUNCILOR

The Alternate Councilor shall help the Councilor in the performance of his duties and accompany him or her to meetings of the Chapter and of the American College of Radiology. The Alternate Councilor shall act for the Councilor in the Councilor's absence, or in the event of the Councilor's inability to act.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

SECTION I - ANNUAL AND OTHER REGULAR MEETINGS

The annual educational meeting of the Chapter shall be held at the time and place in the early summer selected by the Board of Directors.

Board meetings will be held in the spring and again in the fall. The Board of Directors will determine the time and place of the Board meetings.

SECTION II - SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Chapter shall be called (a) by the President when deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, (b) at the request of the Board of Chancellors of the American College of Radiology, or (c) by petition of one-third of the voting members in good standing or by 10 such members, whichever is less. Notice stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be sent by mail, facsimile, or electronic transmission to each member at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting. At a special meeting, no business may be transacted except that for which such special meeting was called.

SECTION III - QUORUM

For the purpose of conducting business, a quorum shall be defined as a number equal to one third the number of members of the Board of Directors

SECTION IV - ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following shall be order of business at all regular meetings of the Chapter:

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting
3. Report of the Secretary
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Presentation of a new slate of officers and Councilors
6. Report by the President as Chairman of the Board of Directors
7. Committee Reports

- ACR
 - Board Of Chancellors
 - Managed Care
 - Radiology Advocacy Network
- Bylaws
- Public Relations Committee/Communications
 - Web Page
 - Media
- CAC
 - Nuclear Medicine
 - Radiology
 - Radiation Oncology
- Education and Program
- Fellowship
- Governmental Affairs
- Membership
- Nominating
- Nuclear Medicine
- Physics

- Radiation Oncology
 - Resident Advisory
8. Other Reports:
 - GSRT
 - GRADPAC
 - GRBMA
 - HOPPS/APC
 - MAG
 9. Unfinished business
 10. New business
 11. Report of Councilor(s)
 12. Nominations from the floor
 13. Election of officers
 14. Adjournment

ARTICLE X - STANDING RULES

The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall be the authority governing all business meetings of the Chapter, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

ARTICLE XI - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

All active members, associate members, members in physics, associate members in physics and members in nuclear medicine shall pay dues in an amount based on a budget prepared by the Board of Directors and approved by the members at the annual meeting. Such dues shall be payable January 1st of each year. Members in training, inactive, honorary and retired members shall not pay dues but may be assessed in the cost of specific functions as directed by the Treasurer.

Names of members in arrears in payment of dues or assessments shall be referred to the Board of Directors.

Other assessments may not be levied except upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and by a majority vote at the annual meeting of the Chapter notice of such recommendation having been sent to each member not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION I

Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of the Chapter by the favorable concurrence of two-thirds of the members present and voting, provided the proposed amendments shall have been presented in writing to the Board of Directors at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendments are to be voted upon. The Board of Directors shall notify the membership of proposed amendments not less than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. Posting of the proposed amendments on the website

shall constitute notification of the membership. Email reminder may or may not be sent in addition.

SECTION II

Any amendments so adopted shall not be contrary to requirements for Chapter status in the American College of Radiology. This conformity shall be established before such amendment shall be added to the Bylaws of this Chapter.