

**ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS IN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, INC**

BYLAWS

PREAMBLE

We, the active directors and instructors of approved programs of radiologic sciences in the State of New York, in order to establish a lasting organization and membership, to foster quality educational ideas and ideals, and to achieve set objectives of the organization, do hereby establish and ordain these Bylaws for the Association of Educators in Radiologic Technology of the State of New York, Inc.

ARTICLE I – NAME

SECTION A: The name of the organization shall be the Association of Educators in Radiologic Technology of the State of New York, Inc., and hereafter referred to as “The Association”, “Association” or “AERTSNY”

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

SECTION A: The objective of this Association shall be to improve the quality of education and instruction in the profession of Radiologic Sciences to better disseminate information regarding the profession through:

1. Sponsorship of conferences and seminars.
2. Visits and speaking engagements at other educational institutions or agencies interested in education.
3. Distribution of literature containing information about the profession of Radiologic Sciences.
4. Service as an advisory board on matters pertaining to education in Radiologic Sciences at the national, regional, state and local levels.
5. Stimulating intellectual growth among persons who practice the profession.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: The membership of the Association shall consist of Radiologic Science Educators who are active members, associate members, honorary members, emeritus members and life members. Sex, race, creed, color, age, religion or national origin shall not be a factor or an influence in establishing membership. Eligibility requires submission of designated forms properly completed, required fees; and supply the Association with any further information that may be required. Sex, race, creed, color, age, religion or national origin shall not be a factor or an influence in establishing membership.

All candidates for membership offices must attend AERTSNY meetings and the annual conference.

1. **ACTIVE MEMBERS** – shall be educators engaged in Radiologic Science profession.
2. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** – shall be individuals who have an interest in the Association, but do not qualify as an active member. Associate members shall have all the privileges and obligations of the Association except the right to vote or hold office.
3. **HONORARY MEMBERS** – shall be individuals selected by the Board of Directors deserving of honorary status in our organization.
4. **LIFE MEMBERS** – shall be individuals who have contributed exceptional and sustained service to the Association and involved on committees/board. Life members will be nominated by the board of directors and/or group of peers based on their contributions to the profession and the organization. Candidates should maintain continuous membership for a minimum of ten years and shall be approved by three-fourths vote of by the AERT Board of Directors. The number of life members shall not exceed 10% of the total membership.
5. **EMERITUS MEMBERS** – shall be individuals who have retired from active teaching or have been promoted to an academia or administrative position in a college or medical facility.

SECTION B: Membership shall be terminated for acts leading to the loss of a professional license and/or certification due to unethical conduct as determined by the NYSDOH or ARRT. Further, any other act deemed by the Board of Directors to be unethical or unprofessional conduct shall be grounds for termination of membership.

SECTION C: When an active or associate member no longer meets eligibility requirements, membership will be terminated at the end of the membership year.

ARTICLE IV – PRIVILEGES

SECTION A: Active members in good standing are entitled to one vote in elections or on issues presented to the membership; and are eligible to hold office after one year of active membership, and having actively served on a committee of the Association.

SECTION B: Associate members may hold committee appointments but may not hold office or vote.

SECTION C: Honorary members may hold committee appointments but may not hold office or vote.

SECTION D: Life members will have all the privileges of membership. Life members who have served on an active committee or as a member of the board shall pay no membership dues.

SECTION E: Emeritus members may hold committee appointments but not hold office or vote.

ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

SECTION A: The elected officers of the Association shall be the: President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Nominating Committee Chair.

SECTION B: Candidates for elected office/positions shall be in good standing with the organization with a minimum active membership of one year and have actively served on a committee. In addition, the President-elect must have served in an elected office/position of this Association. Names shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee Chair shall submit a slate of officers at the meeting before the election. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

SECTION C: Elected officers/positions of this Association shall be elected by secret ballot and obtain a majority vote of the active and life members present.

SECTION D: Elections will occur every two years. No person shall be elected to the same office/position for more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION E: Tenure of all officers/positions shall be for two years. Tenure of all officers/positions will begin at the end of the meeting in which they were elected.

SECTION F: If a current officer resigns from office or becomes ineligible for membership in the organization, or if an officer fails to fulfill the obligation of the office, the officer may be replaced by a presidential appointment.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

SECTION A: Standing committees shall be:

1. Annual Conference Committee
2. Scholarship Committee
3. Educational Advisory Committee
4. Membership Committee
5. Public Relations Committee
6. Newsletter Committee

7. Auditing Committee
8. Bylaws Committee

SECTION B: Ad Hoc Committees of the Association shall be established by the President as needed.

SECTION C: The President shall appoint Committee chairs. The President shall be ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee. The committee chair shall select members for their committees. A vacancy of any committee chair shall be filled by appointment of the President. The committee chair shall make an annual report to the membership of the Association.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION A: There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association of Educators in Radiologic Technology which shall consist of the immediate Past President, President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Nominations Chair.

SECTION B: The Board of Directors shall advise and direct the President in all matters.

SECTION C: The President shall hold periodic Board of Directors meetings. Any Board member is granted the power to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors through the President's office when the issue warrants it.

SECTION D: Through its members, the Board of Directors shall be the decision making body of the Association when the Association is not in general session and/or when a general membership vote is not required.

SECTION E: The President may appoint an Association member as Liaison to an organization with which the association has a vested interest in establishing a relationship. The Liaison will be a nonvoting member of the Board of Directors.

SECTION F: A quorum shall be a majority of the Board member

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

SECTION A: The President shall be a member ex officio of all Association committees, except the Nominating and Auditing Committees. The duties of the President shall be to:

1. Preside over all A.E.R.T. general and Board of Directors meetings.
2. Act as a representative of the Association to other organizations.
3. Perform all other duties consistent with the office of President.

SECTION B: The duties of the President-Elect shall be to:

1. Observe all duties of the President in preparation of his/her tenure as President.
2. Participate in all function with the President when possible or requested.
3. Function as an ex officio member on all committees as a non-voting member.

SECTION C: The duties of the Vice-President shall be to:

1. Assist the President.
2. Assume the office and duties of the President in case of the absence or resignation of the President.
3. Follow-up on committee chairpersons as directed by the President.

SECTION D: The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be to:

1. Furnish the exact wording of all motions.
2. Authenticate all records by his/her signature.
3. Keep accurate and timely minutes of the proceedings of the Association and make these minutes available to the officers and members as requested.
4. Assist in the preservation of all records, reports, and documents of the Association.
5. Have available at all meetings a copy of the Bylaws, procedures and minutes of the previous meeting of the Association.

SECTION E: The Corresponding Secretary shall handle appropriate correspondence of the Association.

SECTION F: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of funds, prepare the budget and financial reports to be audited and incorporated in the annual minutes.

SECTION G: The Nominations Chair shall solicit qualified members to run for office/positions, and screen nominees to ensure they meet all qualifications. The Chair, along with the Nominations Committee will prepare the ballots and present all qualified candidates and submit a slate of officers to the Board of Directors and membership before the election. The Chair is responsible for holding the election of officers at the meeting in an election year.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS AND POLICY

SECTION A: The official guide for parliamentary procedures shall be the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order. All meetings shall be carried out accordingly.

SECTION B: A QUORUM for a meeting shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members registered and includes a minimum of two (2) Board members.

SECTION C: To conduct business at a Board of Directors meeting at least the President and four other Board Members must be present.

SECTION D: One annual conference will be held each year. The President will call a general business meeting at the annual conference.

SECTION E: Sixty days prior to a general meeting the membership shall be notified as to site and time.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT

SECTION A: Amendments may be proposed in writing and submitted by a member in good standing.

SECTION B: All proposed amendments shall be filed with the Recording Secretary of the Association prior to the general meeting date.

SECTION C: At least 30 days prior to the general business meeting, the Recording Secretary shall notify the members of the proposed amendments.

SECTION D: Amendments are to be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at the general business meeting of the annual conference.

ARTICLE XI – INDEMNIFICATION

Officers, chairs and employees of the A.E.R.T. shall be indemnified for liability incurred in connection with the defense of any action in which they are made a party to by reason of serving in an elective or appointed capacity. No one shall be indemnified when adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty.

ARTICLE XII – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the A.E.R.T. all of its assets remaining after payment of its obligations shall be distributed to and among such corporations, foundations, or other organization organized and operated exclusively for scientific, charitable or educational purposes consistent with those of the A.E.R.T determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII: EMERGENCY BYLAWS

This Article XIII shall become operative upon majority vote of the Board of Directors as a result of the existence of an emergency condition. An “emergency condition” is defined as an act of God, war, government regulation or advisory (including travel advisory warnings), travel restrictions by employers due to laws, civil disruption or disturbance, terrorism or threats of terrorism as substantiated by governmental warnings or advisory notices, environmental or other disaster, determinations of outbreak of disease by either the World Health Organization or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (or other recognized entities), epidemics, pandemics, public health risks, quarantine, or other life threatening communicable disease, or threat thereof, or any other comparable conditions, or the imposition of a financial hardship on AERT which materially impairs, or makes it inadvisable, illegal, impracticable or impossible, in part or in full, AERT’s ability to fulfill its obligations hereunder.

Section A: Meetings

Regular meetings and any related meetings may be suspended, canceled or the proceedings modified by the Board of Directors during an emergency condition. Meetings that are not suspended or canceled during an emergency condition, may at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be held with a statement of the business to be transacted. No business other than that specified shall be transacted.

Section B: Motions

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, motions that were to be considered at a meeting being impacted by these emergency bylaws may be held for consideration until the next meeting occurring after the emergency condition has ended.

Section C: Quorum

If a meeting is not suspended or canceled, a quorum shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members registered and include not less than two (2) officers.

Section D: Elections & Seating of any Appointed or Elected Individual

Notwithstanding any other Bylaw provision regarding the length of a term, when a term is to begin or end, the Board of Directors may, by majority vote, exercise discretion and delay the beginning of a term or extend an existing term for the purposes of functioning in the best interests of the AERT during any emergency event and for a reasonable time period thereafter.

Section E: Officers

All officers prior to commencement of the emergency condition shall immediately remain in their respective positions until their successors are able to be installed.

Section F: Authority

The primary duty of the Board of Directors during an emergency condition shall be the continued function of the AERT. The Board of Directors may adopt such other emergency Bylaws as may be necessary at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors to accomplish the foregoing.

Section G: Bylaws Applicability and Duration

To the extent not inconsistent with any emergency Bylaw, all other AERT Bylaw provisions shall remain in effect during the emergency condition. Upon the end of the emergency condition, as determined by the Board of Directors applying a reasonable person standard considering factors including, but not limited to, government warnings or restrictions, member opinion, travel restrictions, the emergency Bylaws shall cease to be operative.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, emergency bylaws shall not supersede the provisions of the general corporate laws of the State of New York, with respect to amending the articles of incorporation or AERTSNY By-laws

the regular bylaws of the corporation, adopting a plan of merger or consolidation with another corporation or corporations, authorizing the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the corporation other than in the usual and regular course of business, or authorizing the dissolution of the corporation; and the regular bylaws of the corporation and the articles of incorporation shall continue in full force and effect for such purposes/

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