

# AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY

## Bylaws & Rules for the

## Nuclear Criticality Safety Division

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<p><b>Article B1 – Name</b></p> <p>1.1 The official designation shall be the Nuclear Criticality Safety Division (NCSD) of the American Nuclear Society (ANS), Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the Division and Society, respectively.</p>	<p><b>R1 – Name</b></p> <p>1.1 The official name of Nuclear Criticality Safety Division of the American Nuclear Society may also be referred to herein as NCSD.</p>
<p><b>Article B2 – Objectives</b></p> <p>2.1 The objectives of the Division (or TG) shall be consistent with the objectives of the Society, as set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation and in Article B2 of its Bylaws and Rules, principally, the “advancement of science and engineering relating to the atomic nucleus and of allied sciences and arts”.</p> <p>2.2 The Division (or TG) shall provide, through a group of members of any grades particularly interested in the Division’s area of nuclear science or technology, a means to promote the sciences and arts of that area, within the scope of the Society.</p> <p>2.3 The Division’s (or TG’s) area of nuclear science or technology includes: nuclear criticality safety in operations with fissionable material outside reactors.</p> <p>2.4 To further its objectives, the Division (or TG) shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. hold meetings, or conduct other activities, in accordance with the stated policy of the Society for the presentation and discussion of professional ideas relating to the Division’s area of nuclear science or technology;</li><li>b. disseminate knowledge and information in the Division’s area of nuclear science or technology through discussions, public meetings, electronic media, academic presentations, and other means of information exchange;</li><li>c. encourage the formation of closer professional, and, as appropriate, personal relations among the members;</li><li>d. cooperate with other scientific and professional groups having related objectives.</li></ul>	<p><b>R2 – Objectives</b></p>

## **Article B3 – Obligations to the Society**

- 3.1 The activities of the Division (or TG) and its members shall be governed by the provisions of these Bylaws which shall be in accord with the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws and Rules of the Society. The Division (or TG) shall be operated in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation of the Society and their respective Bylaws, Rules, Procedures, and Policies.
- 3.2 In the event of a conflict, the Society's Bylaws, Rules, Procedures, and Policies shall take precedence over the Bylaws and Rules of the Division.
- 3.3 The Division (or TG) shall not have authority to act for or in the name of the Society. No action, obligation, or expression of the Division (or TG) shall be considered an action, obligation, or expression of the Society as a whole. A statement to the effect that the Division (or TG) assumes sole responsibility for the contents shall be imprinted on any publication regarding an action, obligation, or expression with respect to the Society, issued by the Division. The Division (or TG) may use its website for this purpose.
- 3.4 The financial affairs of the Division (or TG) shall be conducted in such manner that the Division (or TG) shall be financially independent and shall not rely on support from Society funds above the limit authorized by the Board of Directors for each Division. The Division (or TG) may meet its financial obligations in accordance with the provisions in Article B5.
- 3.5 The Division (or TG) shall not represent any opinion or position in any matter technical or non-technical as being the official position of the Society or any of its subdivisions without prior approval of the Board of Directors.
- 3.6. The Secretary of the Division (or TG) shall file with the Executive Director of the Society copies of the minutes of the Division (or TG) Executive Committee meetings in accordance with B7.4. The Treasurer of the Division (or TG) shall file with the Executive Director of the Society a copy of the Division Annual Budget in accordance with B7.6.

## **R3 – Obligations to the Society**

## Article B4 – Membership

- 4.1 Members in good standing in the Society shall be eligible to become members of the Division.
- 4.2 Student members in good standing in the Society shall be eligible for membership in the Division. As such, they are eligible to vote on Division matters and may serve on the Executive Committee and as Officers in the Division except for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 4.3 Society members who desire to become members of the Division (or TG) shall so indicate on the dues billing form issued annually to all Society members by the Executive Director. Society members desiring to join at other times may do so by notifying the Executive Director and paying the associated fee, if necessary.
- 4.4 Society members who desire to terminate their membership in the Division (or TG) shall so indicate on the annual dues billing form. Society members desiring to resign at other times may do so by notifying the Executive Director. Upon resignation, the member's name shall be dropped from the Division (or TG) roster and mailing list.
- 4.5 The names and addresses of all members initially comprising a Technical Group shall be furnished by its Executive Committee to the Executive Director of the Society. Initial Executive Committee membership of new Technical Groups is enumerated in Section B6.2.
- 4.6 At the discretion of the Executive Committee, the Division (or TG) may enroll non-Society members as "Division (or TG) Participants" for a non-renewable period of up to two years. Division (or TG) Participants shall be "non-Society" members who qualify by submitting an application and paying a fee for an amount and via a path approved by the Executive Committee of any Professional Division (or TG) voluntarily choosing to enroll them. Division (or TG) Participants may be entitled: 1) to receive newsletters and notices of activities of the Division (or TG) and 2) to participate as non-Society members in Division (or TG) activities excluding voting and holding elective or appointed offices in the Division. Division (or TG) Participants shall be encouraged to apply for Society membership.

## R4 – Membership

- 4.5 Bylaw 4.5 is not applicable to NCSD.
- 4.6 The NCSD encourages the involvement of NCSD Participants. NCSD Participants need not meet the education and experience requirements that are established for accredited membership in the Society. Unless otherwise specified by the Society, a simple letter of request may suffice as an application for NCSD Participant status. The Executive Committee shall set dues and conditions of Participant status upon recommendation by the Membership Committee.

## **Article B5 – Dues, Assessments, and Contributions**

- 5.1 The Division (or TG) may collect dues from its members as provided in the Division (or TG) Rules. The dues for membership in a Division (or TG) shall be shown on the annual statement sent to each member of the Society by the Executive Director.
- 5.2 The Division (or TG) may levy special and reasonable assessments to implement the sponsorship of special or topical meetings when authorized by affirmative vote of not fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a regular or special meeting called in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 5.3 The Division (or TG) may also accept non-compulsory financial contributions, but solicitation and acceptance of such contributions shall be subject to the written approval by the Board of Directors and the Executive Director.
- 5.4 The funds derived from these and from any other authorized sources shall be disbursed for the Division (or TG) by the Executive Director of the Society in response to requests from the Treasurer and Chair and in accordance with the annual operating budget prepared by the Finance Committee of the Division (or TG) and subject to the limitation stipulated in Article B3.4 of these Bylaws.

## **R5 – Dues, Assessments, and Contributions**

## Article B6 – Executive Committee

6.1 The Division (or TG) shall be managed by an Executive Committee. This Committee shall constitute the governing body of the Division (or TG) and shall have power to act for the Division (or TG) in all matters, subject to these Bylaws and to the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws and Rules of the Society.

6.2 The Executive Committee of the Division(or TG) shall consist of not fewer than six (6) members. The members elected at large shall have terms not exceeding four (4) years, and the term designated for each shall commence at the close of the Annual meeting of the Society. The terms of the members shall be staggered so as to maintain effective continuity of experience in conducting the affairs of the Division (or TG) and in performing the duties of the Executive Committee. The Chair of the Division (or TG) most recently retired shall be an ex-officio member with voting privileges. The Chair of the Professional Divisions Committee of the Society shall be an ex-officio member without vote. The Chair of the Division (or TG) shall be the Chair of the Executive Committee, and other Officers, as defined in Articles B7.2 through B7.6 shall also serve on the Executive Committee. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

For a Technical Group, the initial Executive Committee shall be composed of not fewer than six (6) members elected by the petitioners. This committee shall be subject to approval by the Professional Divisions Committee and by the Board of Directors at the time of approval for organization. The initial Executive Committee of the Division shall be the Executive Committee of the predecessor Technical Group.

6.3 Any vacancy among the Officers or on the Executive Committee occurring during their terms shall be filled to complete the vacated term, as specified in the Division Rules, except that a vacancy in the office of Chair shall be filled by the Vice-Chair (the designated Chair-Elect if there is more than one Vice-Chair), who shall continue also to perform the duties of Vice-Chair until installed as Chair for the following year.

## R6 – Executive Committee

6.1 The Executive Committee may empower Officers or members of the Executive Committee to act specifically on its behalf in certain matters.

6.2 Composition and Term of Office

- a. The Executive Committee of the NCS D shall consist of not more than twenty (20) members including the Officers, at least nine (9) at large members, and ex-officio members.
- b. Term of Office - The term of office for at large Executive Committee members shall be three years. The one exception to this is those elected as Student Members, who will have a one-year or two-year term of office.
- c. Student Members – At least one (1) additional at large member position should be filled by a Student Member. Transition of the incumbent from Student Member to Member status shall not affect the term of office, but will prompt the designated position to be filled by a Student Member in the next regular election.

6.3 Filling of vacancies:

- a. A vacancy among the Executive Committee may be declared because of death, resignation, or removal in accordance with Article B6.4.
- b. Between elections, a vacancy shall be filled through appointment of an individual by the Chair, with an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds

<p>6.4 The Executive Committee may remove members missing more than two (2) consecutive meetings, unless appropriate reasons are provided for missing such meetings.</p> <p>6.5 In order to provide for handling the affairs of the Professional Division, the Executive Committee shall prepare and adopt, in connection with these Bylaws, suitable Rules. Professional Division Rules, and proposed changes to them, must be reviewed for consistency with Society Bylaws and Rules by the Bylaws and Rules Committee of the Society. A copy of such Rules shall then be filed with the Executive Director of the Society. The procedure for amending the Rules shall be specified in the Rules.</p> <p>6.6 The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice each year, once during the Annual Meeting and once during the Winter Meeting of the Society, or as appropriate. Other meetings (e.g. at Division-sponsored Topical Meetings) or teleconferences, email communications, and by other appropriate medium of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the Chair, or at the request of any three or more members of the Committee.</p>	<p>(2/3) of the Executive Committee members.</p> <p>c. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee shall serve for the remainder of the original term.</p> <p>6.4 Removal by Executive Committee An affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee members is required to remove, for non-attendance or other good cause, an Officer from office or an elected member from the Executive Committee.</p> <p>6.5 Amendment to NCS D Rules: a. Amendments to NCS D Rules may be proposed by any member of the Executive Committee during a Committee meeting. If 2/3 or more of the Executive Committee members vote in favor of the Amendment, it shall be adopted. If adoption is by less than 2/3 but does constitute a simple majority, the Chair shall at their discretion decide to adopt the Amendment or to put the Amendment to vote by the full NCS D during the next NCS D election. b. After review of the Amendment by the Bylaws and Rules Committee of the Society and filing of the Rules with the Executive Director of the Society, the NCS D Secretary shall notify the NCS D membership of the amended Rules by appropriate medium of the Executive Committee (e.g., electronic communication, NCS D website, newsletter, etc.).</p>
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## Article B7 – Officers

- 7.1 The Officers of the Division (or TG) shall be a Chair, at least one Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The duties of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into a single office (i.e., Secretary-Treasurer). All Officers shall hold their offices for a one-year or two-year term or until their qualified successors are elected or appointed.
- 7.2 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Division (or TG) shall be ex officio members, with voting rights, of the Society’s Professional Divisions Committee as specified in Society Rule 7.1.4.
- 7.3 The Vice-Chair (or one of them if there is more than one) at the time of election shall be designated Chair-Elect, and at the expiration of that term will automatically succeed to the office of Chair.

## R7 – Officers

- 7.1 The Officers of the NCSD shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Officers shall hold office for at least one year. The terms should run concurrently with the term of Officers of the Society or until their successors are elected or appointed.
- 7.2 Duties of the Chair:
- a. The Chair shall have supervision over the affairs of the NCSD, subject to the direction of the Executive Committee, shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the NCSD with the activities of the Society, and shall be responsible for all other duties detailed in these Rules.
  - b. The Chair shall be responsible for calling all meetings of the Executive Committee and shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and the NCSD.
  - c. The Chair shall be responsible for representing the NCSD at the meetings of the Society Professional Divisions Committee and Society Board of Directors.
  - d. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all NCSD Committees, with voting rights.
- 7.3 Designated Chair-Elect and Vice-Chair:
- a. The Vice-Chair shall be the designated Chair-Elect and, at the expiration of that term, will automatically succeed to the office of Chair.
  - b. The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in conducting the duties of the office.
  - c. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair if the Chair is unable to serve.

7.4 The Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer shall record and file with the Executive Director within thirty (30) days after the meeting date(s) the minutes of the Division (or TG) Executive Committee meetings. Separate teleconference meetings minutes may be recorded by the Division (or TG) and do not have to be filed with the Executive Director as long as Division actions executed electronically are recorded in the minutes of face-to-face meetings.

7.5 For Divisions that do not have a Treasurer, the Secretary-Treasurer shall also serve as a member of the Division's Finance committee, and shall be the responsible custodian of any special funds of the Division. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have the same duties as the Treasurer.

7.6 The Treasurer shall send the Division (or TG) Annual Budget to the Executive Director after approval of the Executive Committee, but before December 31.

7.4 Secretary:

- a. The Secretary shall keep records and minutes of the NCS D's activities.
- b. In the absence or incapacity of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Secretary (if not a student member) shall be responsible for performing the duties of the Chair.
- c. The Secretary shall file with the Executive Director the minutes of the NCS D Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary shall also file the minutes of NCS D Executive Committee meetings in an archival system (e.g., Collaborate).

7.5 The NCS D has a Treasurer position, and therefore Bylaw 7.5 does not apply.

7.6 Treasurer:

- a. The Treasurer shall monitor the NCS D general funds and scholarship funds and advise the NCS D Executive Committee of the financial health of these.
- b. The Treasurer shall review the financial statements provided by the Society's staff and monitor the statements for discrepancies. If discrepancies are found, the Treasurer shall work with the Society and the Executive Committee to resolve the discrepancies.
- c. The Treasurer shall prepare the NCS D's budget and propose the budget to the Executive Committee prior to the Winter Meeting. Approval from the Executive Committee and submission to the Society shall occur prior to the end of the calendar year.
- d. The Treasurer shall advise the other Officers on issues of expenses and revenue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e. In the absence or incapacity of the other Officers, the Treasurer (if not a student member) shall be responsible for performing the duties of the Chair.</li><li>f. The Treasurer or the Chair shall disburse funds and reimbursements per the approved budget.</li><li>g. The Treasurer shall request the Executive Committee to approve revisions to the budget, as needed, throughout the year.</li></ul>
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## **Article B8 – Election and Eligibility**

- 8.1 The members of the Division (or TG) Executive committee and the Officers (except the Chair) shall be elected as specified in Article B6.2 and B7.1 of these Bylaws, respectively.
- 8.2 Executive Committee members shall be Fellows, Members, Student Members, Emeritus or Honorary Life Members of the Society.
- 8.3 The Nominating Committee shall place in the hands of the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director no later than the completion of the Winter Meeting (or seven [7] months before the Annual Meeting for Divisions that were unable to meet during the Winter Meeting) the names of candidates for the Executive Committee and for the Division (or TG) Officers. The Executive Director shall prepare and forward to each member of the Division (or TG) a ballot containing the nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee, and others made by petition of not fewer than ten (10) members of the Division, received in writing either by the Nominating Committee or by the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer at least twenty-two (22) weeks before the Annual Meeting.
- 8.4 At least one candidate shall be named by the Nominating Committee for each Executive Committee membership expiring or vacated and for each elective office other than the office of Chair, which will be filled by the Vice-Chair. The ballot shall contain spaces for writing in additional candidates.
- 8.5 Ballots, in order to be counted, shall be completed as instructed and shall be validated by the Executive Director as having been received from a Division (or TG) member in good standing. The Division (or TG) shall be responsive to future electronic voting initiatives introduced by the Society, as appropriate.
- 8.6 Voting shall be by secret ballot under the general procedure stipulated for voting and for handling the ballots in the Bylaws and Rules of the Society. The Executive Director shall declare elected to each position the candidate receiving the most votes for that position. If a tie

## **R8 – Election and Eligibility**

occurs, the Division (or TG) shall resolve the tie by a vote of the members of the Executive Committee. The elected candidates shall be installed and their terms of office shall commence at the close of the Annual Meeting of the Society.

8.7 Members, elected at large, shall not be eligible for election to more than two consecutive terms on the Executive Committee, or more than two consecutive terms of office as Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer. After one full term in office, the Chair shall automatically be succeeded by the Vice-Chair. Except as provided in these Bylaws, no member shall hold more than one office simultaneously.

8.8 No member shall be eligible for the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect until having served on the Executive Committee in any capacity for at least one year except during the initial year of the Division (or TG) or in the event the office of Chair is declared vacant.

8.9 The retiring Chair shall not be eligible for election as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for the term immediately succeeding the term as Chair.

## **Article B9 – Standing and Special Committees**

9.1 A Division (or TG) may establish Standing and Special Committees.

9.2 A simple majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum at all committee meetings

## **R9 – Standing and Special Committees**

9.1 Standing and Special Committees:

- a. The Chair of each Committee should not serve as the Chair of that Committee for more than four (4) consecutive years.
- b. The Chair of each Committee should identify a successor for the position of Chair of that Committee, with a suitable period for planned turnover. Each Committee Chair shall be formally appointed by the NCS D Chair.
- c. The Chair of each Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee, prior to the Winter Meeting, a one (1) year and five (5) year goal plan.
- d. Members of the NCS D may volunteer or may be appointed by the Chair of the NCS D to become members of Standing or Special Committees.
- e. With the approval (simple majority) of the Executive Committee, the NCS D Chair may remove a Committee Chair or any Committee member from any Standing or Special Committee.

9.2 NCS D Standing Committees:

- a. Bylaws and Rules Committee – Composed of not fewer than two (2) Executive Committee members. The NCS D Bylaws & Rules Committee shall act as custodian of the NCS D Bylaws and Rules. The NCS D Bylaws & Rules Committee was established to refine the bylaws and rules to which the NCS D operates. This is accomplished by deleting redundancy, streamlining/simplifying NCS D processes, and improving the way the NCS D communicates within its own bylaws and rules.
- b. Communications Committee – Composed of not fewer than five (5)

members, including the Secretary, the Program Committee Chair, and the NCS D Chair. The Communications Committee is responsible for facilitating the distribution of relevant information to the NCS D membership and promoting communication within the NCS community. To accomplish this the Communications Committee may use multiple communication platforms (e.g., NCS D website, ANS Collaborate, NCS D Listserv, newsletters, etc.)

- c. Education Committee – Composed of not fewer than five (5) members including the NCS D Chair. The Education Committee promotes education in nuclear criticality safety. For example, this may be accomplished by arranging special events such as tutorials, workshops, short courses, and special publications
- d. Finance Committee – Composed of not fewer than five (5) members, including the two (2) immediate past NCS D Treasurers and the NCS D Chair. The Chair of the Finance Committee is the NCS D Treasurer. The Finance Committee is responsible for ensuring the financial health of the NCS D and the most effective use of the NCS D’s financial resources.
- e. Goals Committee – Composed of not fewer than two (2) members. The Goals Committee is responsible for setting strategic goals for the NCS D in order to better serve the division membership, defining a set of metrics for assessing progress towards achieving these goals, and monitoring progress against these metrics.
- f. Honors and Awards Committee – Composed of not fewer than four (4) members, including the NCS D Chair and Program Committee Chair. The Honors and Awards Committee is responsible for stimulating the

recognition of NCS D members, and for interacting with the Honors and Awards Committee of the Society.

- g. Membership Committee – Composed of not fewer than four (4) members, including the NCS D Liaison with the Society’s Membership Committee and the NCS D Chair. The Membership Committee is responsible for bringing the advantages of Society and NCS D membership to the attention of qualified candidates.
- h. Nominating Committee – Composed of not fewer than three (3) members, including the Committee Chair. The Committee Chair is the immediate past chair of the NCS D. The Nominating Committee is responsible for assembling a slate of candidates for elected offices that represents a broad cross-section of the segments or groups within the NCS D.
- i. Program Committee – Composed of not fewer than five (5) members, including the NCS D Chair. The Program Committee is responsible for organizing technical sessions of interest to NCS D members at National Meetings. The Program Committee Chair shall be responsible for representing the NCS D at meetings of the Society National Program Committee.
- j. Scholarship Committee – Composed of not fewer than three (3) members including the Treasurer and the NCS D Chair. The Scholarship committee promotes and manages the NCS D Pioneers Scholarship, evaluates applicants and recommends scholarship awards. The Executive Committee shall approve all scholarship awards.

9.3 NCS D Special Committees: Special committees may be established from time-to-time by the NCS D Chair,

	<p>subject to authorization by the Executive Committee. Special Committees shall be dissolved upon completion of the duties assigned to them.</p>
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## **Article B10 – Meetings**

10.1 Meetings of the Division (or TG) shall be held as determined by the Executive Committee, at times and places it shall designate. If a business meeting is held, it shall be scheduled to coincide with the Annual Meeting of the Society and shall precede the annual reorganization of the Division (or TG) Executive Committee. The Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer shall mail an advance notice of all intended meetings of the Division (or TG) to the Executive Director of the Society not less than six (6) weeks before the date of that meeting. In addition, notices of all meetings will be sent to the members of the Division (or TG) not less than six (6) weeks before the meeting. These meetings are open to all members in good standing in the Division.

10.2 A quorum for the transaction of business at all Division (or TG) meetings shall consist of fifteen (15) qualified voters or twenty (20) percent of the qualified voters.

## **R10 – Meetings**

10.1 Unless otherwise specified, periodic status update conference calls are not to be considered official Division meetings.

10.2 A simple majority of the qualified voters present at a meeting is required for a motion to pass.

## **Article B11 - Amendments**

11.1 Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the chair of any Division, the Professional Divisions Committee, the Society Bylaws and Rules Committee, or the Society Board of Directors. Amendments must be of a nature that they can be applied equitably to all Divisions, in keeping with the intent of the Standard Bylaws. Upon approval of a simple majority of the Society's Executive Committee, all proposed amendments shall be forwarded to each Division (or TG) for comment. Comments should be filed with the Professional Divisions Committee Chair no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the next ANS national meeting. Further detailed procedures for approval of amendments to the Standard Bylaws are in the ANS Rule R18.9.1.

11.2 The Professional Divisions Committee shall notify all Divisions of approved amendments to the Standard Bylaws. Each Division (or TG) shall be responsible for reviewing approved amendments to determine if corresponding changes to the Division's Rules are required.

## **R11 - Amendments**

11.1 Proposed Amendments to the Standard Bylaws:

- a. Amendments proposed by the NCSD shall have received an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the Executive Committee.
- b. Comments filed by the NCSD on proposed amendments, which were forwarded to the NCSD in accordance with B11.1, shall have received an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the Executive Committee.

11.2 Approved Amendments to the Standard Bylaws

- a. When notified of an approved amendment to the Standard Bylaws, the Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall obtain an updated copy of the NCSD Bylaws from the National Bylaws and Rules Committee, and prepare reconciling changes in the NCSD Rules for review and vote by the Executive Committee.
- b. NCSD members shall be notified of the amended Bylaws and Rules by appropriate means, such as posting the amended Bylaws on the NCSD webpage, the Collaborate site, or dissemination by the Communications Committee.

## Article B12 – Rules of Conduct

12.1 In all procedural matters not covered by the Bylaws and Rules of the Division, Robert’s Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be used as the authority for parliamentary procedures.

## R12 – Rules of Conduct

12.1 Conducting NCS D Business via Electronic Comment and Voting:

- a. The Executive Committee may choose to conduct business and resolve issues before them using electronic communications, such as the Collaborate site, listserv, e-mail, etc.
- b. The Chair determines if an issue is to be considered and voted upon electronically
- c. NCS D Business conducted electronically shall be transacted using the listserv, e-mail, or the Collaborate site. The listserv is a distribution list that is maintained by Headquarters to include all of the NCS D’s voting members. The NCS D listserv address is [ncsd@list.ans.org](mailto:ncsd@list.ans.org).
- d. Documents / issues for comment and vote will be sent via e-mail or the Collaborate site to the Executive Committee Members with a request to review and comment.
- e. Deadline dates for comment and voting periods shall be clearly indicated. Comment and voting periods should not be less than one (1) week, except under extraordinary time constraints. Votes can be submitted during the comment period and must be received prior to the voting deadline. Executive Committee members that respond are required to reply to the full distribution so that all other members can review both comments and votes.
- f. Once the voting deadline has passed, the Chair shall tally the votes and inform NCS D members of the outcome of the vote via e-mail or the Collaborate site. Voting conducted outside of a meeting is valid only if a quorum is met. Unless specified

otherwise in these Rules, a simple majority is required for a motion to pass.

- g. Between ANS national meetings, issues that have successfully passed through the electronic comment and voting process will be considered approved and activity may commence in accordance with the approved item.
- h. The Chair shall review the results of all electronic votes at the next face-to-face meeting with the Executive Committee at a minimum.

## **Article B13 – Dissolution**

- 13.1 Any Division (or TG) may be dissolved at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Society, after proper consultation with the Executive Committee of the Division (or TG) and the Professional Divisions Committee.
- 13.2 The Division (or TG) membership must approve dissolution by a 2/3 vote before a petition is submitted.
- 13.3 A Division (or TG) considering dissolution should prepare and submit a petition to the Professional Divisions Committee that clearly states the reasons the Division (or TG) cannot fulfill its obligations and mission. The PDC with the Division (or TG) will forward the petition to the Board of Directors.
- 13.4 Assets of dissolved Division (or TG) shall become the property of the American Nuclear Society.
- 13.5 Any Division (or TG) that merges with another Division (or TG) may do so at the discretion of the Board of Directors after receiving a request from the Professional Divisions Committee and the involved Divisions.
- a. Assets of merged Divisions will be combined under the newly established Division

## **R13 – Dissolution**