

Constitution of the Appalachian Regional Microscopy Society

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Section 2. The purpose of the society shall be to promote interest in and the advancement of the science of microscopy and microanalysis, to include electron, light, and other microscopies, in the Appalachian region and the Eastern United States by: A) encouraging the dissemination of knowledge about microscopy and associated technology and methodology; B) promoting the free exchange of ideas and results among microscopists and interested participants; and C) encouraging the interaction among microscopists in fields of the biological and physical sciences.

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Article II - Membership and Dues (original)

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons who support the purpose of AREMS.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be established for two categories of regular membership, viz., Individual and Corporate. Persons holding Individual membership shall be characterized as either Biological Science Members or Physical Science Members.

Section 3. The category of Distinguished Membership may be conferred on individuals by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may assign honorary membership to anyone whose association with the society is deemed important to Society Functions.

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Members more than one year in arrears will be dropped from the Active Membership lists.

Article III – Officers (original)

The Officers of the Society, elected by the membership, shall consist of a President, Past President (one-year term), President-elect (one-year term), Past President (one-year term), Secretary (two-year term), and Treasurer (two-year term).

Article III – Officers (revised)

The Officers of the Society, elected by the membership for a one-year term, shall consist of a President, Past President, President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Article IV - Executive Committee (original)

Section 1. The Officers of the Society and three Members-at-Large elected for a one-year term by the membership and representing respectively the Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Corporate membership, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year, and the meetings shall occur prior to and during the annual meeting of the membership. All society matters shall be decided by the Executive Committee, except where otherwise noted, by the majority votes cast.

Article IV - Executive Committee (revised)

Section 1. ***The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Workshop Chair, the Corporate Liaison, the Biological Sciences Member-at-large, and the Physical Sciences Member-at-large.***

Section 2. ***All Society matters requiring a decision by the Executive Committee, except where otherwise noted, shall be decided by the majority of votes cast.***

Section 3. ***The Executive Committee shall meet at least two times during the year, ordinarily including a planning session in the Spring, and a Business Meeting during the regular Fall meeting of the Society.***

Article V - Meetings of the Society (original)

Section 1. Meetings of the Society shall be held in the fall of each year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee or the President may call special meetings of the Society.

Section 3. Notice of all special meetings shall be sent to each member at least two weeks before the date on which such meetings are to convene.

Section 4. The members of the society present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at annual meetings or at any special meeting.

Article V - Meetings of the Society (revised)

Section 1. *Meetings of the society shall be held in the Fall of each year, at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee.*

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Article VI – Audit (original)

The financial records of the Treasurer shall be audited by the Auditing Committee at the close of her/his term of office.

Article VII – Endowments (original)

Endowments to the Society shall only be used in accordance with the wishes of the individuals or institutions granting the endowment.

Article VIII - Disposition of Property (original)

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution or termination of the Appalachian Regional Microscopy Society, title to and possession of all assets of the society, except endowments, shall be assigned forthwith by the Executive Committee to either: A) the presiding Microscopy Society of America Local Affiliate Societies Director for distribution to local affiliate societies within or contiguous to the geographic region of AREMS; B) to a non-profit organization similar to AREMS in its overall goals; or C) a microscopy organization operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes. The specific assignment would be decided on recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval by the majority of the membership voting.

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Article IX – Amendments (original)

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by ten percent of the members in good standing in a petition to the Secretary. Suggestions for amendments shall be received at any meeting of the AREMS membership.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be promptly submitted to the membership by the Secretary with signed statements of support and/or opposition for each amendment, and the Secretary shall accept the ballots for thirty (30) days after the mailing date. The Secretary shall count the ballots, and the amendment(s) shall be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

Section 3. Any member in good standing, on written request submitted to the Secretary may witness the counting of the ballots, and the Secretary shall retain the ballots for inspection by the membership at the next annual meeting.

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