

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY 2022 - 2023 BYLAWS

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(INCORPORATING ACR COUNCIL CHANGES APPROVED AT THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING)

Glossary

ABR: American Board of Radiology

ABNM: American Board of Nuclear Medicine

ACR: The American College of Radiology

ACRA: The American College of Radiology

Association

AOA: American Osteopathic Association

AOBR: American Osteopathic Board of Radiology

ARRS: American Roentgen Ray Society

ARS: American Radium Society

ASTRO: American Society for Radiation Oncology

Association: American College of Radiology

Association

BFC: Budget and Finance Committee

BNC: Board Nominating Committee

BOC: Board of Chancellors

BOD: Board of Directors

CEO: Chief Executive Officer

CMQ: College des medecins du Quebec

CNC: College Nominating Committee

College: The American College of Radiology

CSC: Council Steering Committee

JACR: Journal of the American College of Radiology

LCME: Liaison Committee on Medical Education

MIT: Members- in-Training

RFS: Resident and Fellow Section

Royal College: Royal College of Physicians and

Surgeons of Canada

RSNA: Radiological Society of North America

YPS: Young and Early Career Physicians' Section

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(INCORPORATING ACR COUNCIL CHANGES APPROVED AT THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING)

ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose

2 Section 1

- 3 Name
- 4 The name of this corporation shall be The American College of Radiology (ACR), hereafter
- 5 sometimes referred to as the "College". The College is affiliated with The American College
- of Radiology Association (ACRA), hereafter referred to as the "Association".

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- 9 Purpose
- 10 The purposes of the corporation are to advance the science of Radiology (diagnostic
- radiology, radiation oncology, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine, and medical
- 12 physics); to improve radiologic service, safety, and care for the patient; to study the
- socioeconomic aspects of the practice of Radiology; and to encourage improved and
- continuing education for radiologists and allied professional fields.

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

21 ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1

- 23 Classes of Membership
- 24 Membership in this organization shall be of eleven (11) classes: (1) Member, (2) Associate
- 25 Member, (3) Fellow, (4) Member in Training (5) Allied Health, (6) Retired Member and
- 26 Fellow, (7) Fellow Emeritus, (8) Honorary Fellow, (9) International Member, (10)
- 27 International Member in Training, and (11) Electronic Access International Member. The
- 28 College 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
- 30 benefits of membership.

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1. Members - Physicians who have been certified in a radiological discipline, including nuclear medicine, by the American Board of Radiology (ABR), the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology (AOBR), the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (the Royal College), or the College des medecins du Quebec (CMQ) are eligible to become Members of the College.

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> Medical physicists who are certified or considered the equivalent of certified by the ABR are eligible to become Members of the College.

A Member shall have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces to hold elective office, and to be a member of the Board of Chancellors (BOC).

2. Associate Members - Physicians who are engaged in the practice of radiology, including nuclear medicine, and who have completed an approved residency program in radiology and are otherwise eligible for membership in the College but have not been certified by the ABR, the AOBR, the ABNM, the Royale College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the CMQ are eligible to become Associate Members of the College.

Medical physicists who are engaged in the practice of medical physics and are otherwise eligible for membership in the College but who are not certified or considered the equivalent of certified by the ABR are eligible to become Associate Members of the College.

An Associate Member shall have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces but shall not have the right to hold elective office or to be a member of the BOC.

3. Fellows - A member in good standing of the College who has evidenced significant accomplishments in service, research, or teaching may be elected a fellow by the BOC. Such election shall be based on accomplishments in one (1) or more of the following areas: (a) significant service to organized medicine, especially the College, at a local, state, or national level; and/or (b) the accomplishment of significant scientific or clinical research in the field of radiology or significant contributions to its literature; and/or (c) the performance of outstanding service as a teacher of radiology. Members eligible for election shall have an outstanding reputation among colleagues and the local community as a result of superior service.

Eligibility for nomination to fellowship is as follows:

a. An individual in the Member class shall not be eligible for nomination to fellowship until the individual has completed ten (10) years as a Member of the College and one of its local chapters. A Member in good standing who is serving in, or has previously served in, the active military service or public health service within the last ten (10) years may be exempted from the requirement that Members are eligible for fellowship only after ten (10) years of chapter membership.

b. An individual in the Associate Member class shall not be eligible for nomination to fellowship until the individual has completed twenty (20) years, as a member of the College, and one of its local chapters.

Members eligible for election shall be nominated either by a chapter of the College of which the nominee is a member or by any two (2) Fellows, one (1) of whom should not be associated with the nominee in practice. All nominations shall be signed by two (2) Fellows of the College who shall supply supporting letters. One copy will be sent to the College Membership Department and another to the secretary of the chapter of which the nominee is a member. The chapter shall have the right to veto any nomination by a negative vote of its Executive Committee. In the event of veto, a written explanation shall be provided to the Committee on Fellowship Credentials. The BOC shall not consider any

nomination vetoed by the said Executive Committee of the chapter. Nominations for those members who are in the active military service, or in the public health service, and who are not members of a chapter, shall be submitted directly to the BOC. A Member who is elected to be a Fellow shall have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces, to hold elective office, and to be a member of the BOC. An Associate Member who is elected to be a Fellow shall have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces but shall not have the right to hold elective office or to be a member of the BOC.

Recipients of the award must attend the convocation at the annual meeting of the ACR following notice of the honor. Individuals who are unable to attend the first convocation following approval for the award remain eligible by attendance at an ACR meeting in either of the two succeeding years.

The College recognizes that a serious health condition or similar extraordinary life event may prevent an otherwise qualified member from meeting a requirement for fellowship. Therefore, the Committee on Fellowship Credentials may recommend a waiver of one or more of the requirements for fellowship based on the member's serious health condition or other extraordinary circumstances, and refer to the Executive Committee for approval. In such circumstances, fellowship may be bestowed on an individual outside of a convocation, including posthumously for members who are recommended by the Committee and approved by the BOC.

International Members who previously practiced radiology in the United States or Canada and who are certified by the ABR, AOBR, the Royal College, or the CMQ are eligible for fellowship provided appropriate endorsement of the nomination is submitted. International Members who previously practiced medical physics in the United States or Canada and are certified or considered the equivalent of certified in medical physics or a related field by the ABR, the ABNM, or their Canadian equivalents are also eligible for fellowship provided appropriate endorsement of the nomination is submitted.

4. Members-in-Training (MIT) - MIT shall be those physicians who are in approved radiology residencies or fellowships, medical students registered in a formal educational program at a Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) approved medical school, and medical physicists who are registered in a formal educational program in medical physics. MIT 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 residency program may continue as MIT until completion of the fellowship program. Within six (6) months after completion of training, the MIT will automatically be considered for transition to membership in the appropriate class unless he or she affirmatively declines membership.

A MIT shall have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces but, except as provided in <u>Article V</u>, shall not have the right to hold elective office or to be a member of the BOC.

5. 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 and who are approved for membership by the Commission on Membership and Communications and Chapter Programs are eligible to be Allied Health members

of the College. 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 commissions, committees, and task forces but shall not have the right to hold elective office or to be a member of the BOC.

6. Retired Member and Fellow - Retired Member or Fellow status may be granted upon application of a Member or Fellow who has fully retired from professional practice. A Retired Member or Fellow shall be relieved from payment of dues, have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces and to serve in elected College office only during the first six years following the date of retirement. Notwithstanding the above, retired members are not eligible to serve on the BOC.

7. Fellows Emeriti - Members who are fully retired may be eligible to be elected Fellow Emeriti under extraordinary circumstances. They shall be elected by the BOC on the basis of (a) meritorious service in organized medicine, radiology, or government service; or (b) substantial contributions to medical research, education, or literature. Nominations for Fellow Emeritus may be made in writing to the BOC by any Fellow and shall set forth clearly the circumstances that make the candidate eligible for Fellow Emeritus. Fellows Emeriti shall have the right to serve in elected office within the College and commissions, committees, and task forces only during the first six years following their retirement.

8. Honorary Fellows - Honorary Fellows shall be those who by virtue of residence, education, profession, or lack of board certification are ineligible for admission as Members of the College in any category other than international or allied health but whose standing or preeminent contributions to the science or practice of radiology entitle them to honorary recognition. Nominations for honorary fellowship may be made by any Fellow. The nominations must be in writing, giving in detail each nominee's qualifications for honorary fellowship and must be accompanied by letters of support from at least two (2) sponsoring College Fellows, must meet all other criteria as established by the College, and must be sent to the chairman of the Awards and Honors Committee at least two (2) months before the meeting of the BOC at which they are to be acted upon. The chairman of the awards and honors committee sends copies of each nominee's record with the name of the nominee's sponsor to each chancellor prior to such meeting of the BOC. At that meeting the nominations shall be voted upon by and approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the BOC.

An Honorary Fellow shall have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces but shall not have the right to hold elective office or to be a member of the BOC.

9. International Members - International Members shall be those physicians and medical physicists practicing the specialty of radiology, radiation oncology or medical physics outside of the United States and Canada who are certified in radiology or medical physics or who are eligible for such certifications, and are in good ethical standing in their respective countries.

An International Member shall have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces, but shall not have the right to hold elective office or to be a member of the BOC.

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10. International MIT - International MIT shall be those physicians and medical physicists who occupy residencies or fellowships or who are registered in a formal educational program in medical physics outside of the United States and Canada and are in good ethical standing in their respective countries. International Member in Training status shall normally terminate within six (6) months following completion of the period of training but may be considered for transition to membership in the appropriate class.

An International MIT shall have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces, but shall not have the right to hold elective office or to be a member of the BOC.

- 11. Electronic Access International Members Electronic Access International Members shall be those physicians and medical physicists who:
 - a. practice the subspecialties of radiology, radiation oncology or medical physics outside the United States and Canada, and
 - b. are certified in radiology, radiation oncology or medical physics are eligible for such certifications, and
 - c. are in good ethical standing in their respective countries, and
 - d. wish only to receive electronic products of the College at member rates.

Electronic Access International Members shall not have the right to be appointed to commissions, committees, and task forces but shall not have the right to hold elective office or be a member of the BOC.

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Personal Qualifications

Membership in the College is a privilege, not a right, and is contingent upon continuing compliance with these bylaws. Members are expected to be of good moral character and to adhere to the Code of Ethics set forth in these bylaws. Failure to comply with these requirements may serve as a basis for denial or revocation of College membership.

When, in relation to initial membership or a request for reinstatement as a member, an issue is raised regarding legal, ethical, or professional misconduct, the matter shall be forwarded to the ACR Ethics Committee for its review and recommendation about qualifications for membership.

Except for those in active military service and The Public Health Service, members of the College in classes (1) Members, (2) Associate Members, (3) Fellows, and (5) Allied Health Members shall be, within no greater than twenty-four (24) months of completion of training, members of a chapter of the College 1) where they conduct their principal practice, 2) where they reside, or 3) located within 25 miles of either location. Persons who were members of the College on or before February 3, 1967, need not join a chapter to retain membership in the College unless such a person was or becomes a member of a chapter. Any individual may have only one (1) primary chapter, but any member who is an active member of a chapter of the College may be an affiliate member of a second chapter.

Individuals who become members of the College through membership in the Council of Affiliated Regional Radiation Oncology Societies (CARROS) shall also become members of a local chapter of the College.

- 256 The BOC may at its discretion waive the requirement that such members of the College
- 257 must be members of a local chapter if such members or prospective members have been
- 258 refused membership in a chapter or their membership therein has been terminated, but
- they are otherwise eligible for membership in the College.

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- 261 Any request by such member or prospective member for such waiver shall be in writing,
- shall set forth all of the facts upon which the request is based, and shall be delivered to the
- chair of the BOC.
- 264 **Section 3**
- 265 Dual Membership
- 266 Pursuant to the bylaws of the Association, members of the College in good standing are
- 267 also members of the same membership class or classes of the Association. Likewise,
- 268 members of the Association in good standing are also members of the same membership
- class or classes of the College.
- 270 **Section 4**
- 271 Resignation
- 272 Any member in good standing may submit a written resignation request to the College's
- 273 Membership Services department. Resignation requests will normally be approved;
- 274 however, the College may choose not to accept the resignation of a member who is the
- subject of a pending investigation or proceeding pursuant to Article XI of these Bylaws.

276 **ARTICLE III – Chapters**

- The BOC may from time to time charter chapters of the College on such geographic or
- other basis and upon such terms and conditions as the BOC may deem desirable. The
- 279 BOC may at its discretion revoke the charter of a chapter at any time for cause.

280 ARTICLE IV - Dues and Assessments

- 281 **Section 1**
- 282 *Dues*
- 283 Admission to membership and continuation of membership shall be contingent upon the
- 284 payment to the Association of such dues and assessments as may then be in force.
- Pursuant to the bylaws of the Association, the Association shall make contributions to the
- 286 College out of these dues and assessments as are reasonably necessary to meet the
- financial needs and commitments of the College.

- 289 Dues and the payment date for each class of membership shall be as established by the
- 290 Council after giving consideration to recommendations from the BOC.
- 291 **Section 2**
- 292 Assessments
- 293 Assessments may be levied upon recommendations of the BOC and ratification by the
- 294 Council; provided that, if a recommendation of the BOC is to be considered at a meeting of
- the Council, notice of such recommendation shall be sent to each councilor by mail,
- facsimile, or electronic transmission at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to such meeting.

- 298 Penalty for Non-Payment
- If dues have not been paid by the deadline set forth in the annual dues invoice, notification shall be given by letter to the delinquent member that if said dues are not paid within thirty
- 301 (30) days the member's name will be stricken from the rolls of the College and the
- 302 Association. Such former members shall be eligible for automatic reinstatement upon
- payment of current dues and a reinstatement fee and upon certification of chapter
- membership.

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Any former member seeking membership after failing to pay dues for four (4) years or more may obtain membership only by applying as a new member.

308 **Section 4**

- 309 Waiver of Dues
- Any member suffering serious financial hardship or long-term illness may request a waiver
- 311 of dues for that year. All such requests must be made in writing and directed to the
- Association Board of Directors (BOD). All waivers of dues for financial hardship or illness
- are at the discretion of the Association BOD and all members making such requests will be
- notified in writing of the decision reached. If difficulties in payment of dues persist more than
- that calendar year, a written request must be submitted each subsequent year.

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- A Member who returns to full-time training in an approved fellowship of at least twelve (12)
- 318 months duration is eligible to request a waiver of dues for that year by submitting a written
- request for waiver of dues and verification of enrollment in an approved fellowship program.
- 320 Such requests do not require approval of the Association BOD. Extension of the waiver of
- dues for additional periods of fellowship training may be awarded only upon submission by
- 322 the Member of an additional written request for waiver of dues, along with verification of
- an approved fellowship program for an additional twelve (12) month period.

324 ARTICLE V - Council and Councilors

- 325 **Section 1**
- 326 Duties

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- 327 The Council shall, in accordance with the stated purposes of the College, establish official
- actions and policies for the College.

- 330 Membership
- The Council shall consist of a minimum of one (1) councilor from each chapter including the
- District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Canada. One (1) councilor each shall come from:
 - the American Association of Physicists in Medicine,
- the American Association for Women in Radiology,
- the American College of Radiation Oncology,
 - the American Osteopathic College of Radiology,
- the American Radium Society,
- the American Roentgen Ray Society,
- the American Society of Emergency Radiology.
- the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology,
- the American Society of Neuroradiology,
 - the American Society for Radiation Oncology,
- the American Society of Spine Radiology,
- the Association of Program Directors in Radiology,

345	the Association of University Radiologists,
346	the Radiological Society of North America,
347	the Society for Advanced Body Imaging,
348	the Society for Pediatric Radiology,
349	the Society of Abdominal Radiology,
350	the Society of Breast Imaging,
351	the Society of Interventional Radiology,
352	the Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery,
353	the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging,
354	the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound,
355	the Society of Skeletal Radiology,
356	the Society of Thoracic Radiology,
357	the United States Air Force,
358	the United States Army,
359	the United States Navy,
360	the United States Public Health Service,
361	the United States Veterans Administration, and
362	other organizations as determined by the Council based on College
363	policy regarding representatives of radiological organizations in the
364	Council.

Additional Council representation shall be afforded each chapter in the United States or Canada as determined by the Council. Two (2) adjoining states with a small number of voting members may have one (1) joint councilor if their memberships so desire. Each councilor and alternate councilor must be a Member. A MIT may be a councilor or alternate councilor representing the Resident and Fellow Section (RFS) of the College. As provided in the Association's bylaws, the persons elected to serve on the Council of the College shall also serve on the Council of the Association.

Each chapter shall be entitled to elect one (1) councilor for each one hundred (100) members of the College who are also chapter members; provided, however, that each chapter shall be entitled to a minimum of one (1) councilor. Chapter membership rolls will be rounded up to the nearest hundred to determine the appropriate number of councilors for each chapter.

For example: 1–100 members = 1 Councilor 101–200 members = 2 Councilors 901–1000 members = 10 Councilors

Every three (3) years the number of councilors to be elected by each chapter shall be redetermined on the basis of the most recent available data on College membership.

The RFS shall be entitled to five (5) councilors, and the Young and Early Career Professional Section (YPS) shall be entitled to two (2) councilors on the Council.

No individual may serve concurrently as a councilor for more than one (1) entity (i.e., chapter or society).

CARROS shall be entitled to one (1) councilor and one (1) alternate councilor on the Council. Beyond this, unless specifically authorized by the Council, CARROS shall not automatically be entitled to any direct representation on the Council. Further councilor representation from CARROS will follow guidelines established by the Council concerning at-large representation of radiation oncologists under Section 8 of this Article.

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Upon recommendation of the BOC and/or the Council Steering Committee (CSC), the Council may vote to grant Official Observer status to a national organization that does not meet the criteria for a formal seat on the Council but that has established a mutually beneficial relationship with the ACR and has similar goals and concerns about radiology. Organizations that are granted Official Observer status will be invited to send one (1) representative to observe all actions of the Council. Official Observer representatives shall have the right to speak in reference committees and on the floor of the Council but will not have the right to introduce business, make a motion, or vote.

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Councilors from each state in the United States and from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Canada shall be elected on a basis that is satisfactory to the voting members of the respective chapter of the College. Councilors from agencies of the United States government shall be selected by the principal executive officers of such agencies. Councilors from subspecialty societies, the RFS, and the YPS shall be elected or selected on a basis that is satisfactory to the leadership of that entity. For each councilor elected, the electing authority shall be requested to elect an alternate councilor. In addition, each chapter of the College should, at its discretion, elect or select a young or early career professional to serve as an additional alternate councilor from the chapter.

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The term of office of a councilor shall be three (3) years. Councilors shall be eligible to succeed themselves for one additional three (3) year term but shall not be eligible for reelection to additional terms until a lapse of not less than one (1) year.

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The term of office of an alternate councilor shall be one (1) year. Alternate councilors shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

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- 425 A councilor or alternate councilor shall take office at the end of the ACR annual meeting.
- 426 Electing or selecting authorities may adjust the terms of office of their councilors and
- 427 alternate councilors as necessary to align those terms with the provisions for taking office
- 428 above. Any additional time served pursuant to this adjustment provision shall not count
- against the term limit above.

430 **Section 3**

- 431 Representation of MIT
- 432 MIT may be organized in each chapter in a single consolidated section. Each chapter's
- section for MIT may be invited by the chapter to send one (1) or more delegates to attend
- 434 the annual meeting of the ACR Council.

435 **Section 4**

- 436 Report to the Council
- The BOC shall present to the Council at its annual meeting a full report covering the
- 438 College activities, including a financial report.

- 440 Duties of a Councilor
- The duties of councilors shall include attending and participating actively in the meetings of
- 442 their local radiological organization and of the College, familiarizing themselves with
- activities and problems at the local and national level, acting as liaison between their local
- radiological organization and the College, and interpreting each to the other, contributing to
- both groups' ideas, guidance and advice, and stimulating preparation of resolutions of their
- local radiological organization for presentation to the Council.

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- 448 Duties of the Alternate Councilor
- 449 Alternate councilors shall aid the councilors in the performance of their duties and
- 450 accompany the councilors to meetings of their local radiological organization and of the
- 451 College. The alternate councilor shall act for the councilor in the councilor's absence or in
- 452 the event of the councilor's inability to act.

453 Section 7

- 454 Councilors-At-Large
- 455 A member of the College may be appointed by the speaker of the Council to serve as a
- 456 council member for one (1) year as a councilor-at-large and shall be eligible to be
- 457 reappointed for not more than two (2) additional one (1) year terms. At no time shall the
- 458 number of councilors-at-large exceed six (6), except as required by Section 8 and 9 of this
- 459 Article V.

460 Section 8

- 461 Radiation Oncology and Medical Physics Representation
- 462 The CSC each year shall review the percent representation of medical physicists and
- 463 radiation oncologists on the Council. 464
- 465 Whenever the percent representation of medical physicists and radiation oncologists on the
- 466 Council is not equal to or more than the percent of medical physicists and recognized full-
- 467 time radiation oncologists of the total College active membership, the speaker will appoint
- 468 medical physicists and radiation oncologists as councilors-at-large sufficient to bring the
- 469 percent representation into balance. The speaker will make appointments from lists 470 furnished by a committee of the CARROS and the chair of the Commission on Medical
- 471 Physics, which will attempt to take into account geographical distribution of radiation
- 472 oncologists and medical physicists on the Council.

473 Section 9

- 474 Council Steering Committee (CSC)
- 475 The CSC shall consist of the speaker, vice speaker, and at least fifteen (15) but no more
- 476 than twenty (20) additional members of the Council. There shall be eight (8) members
- 477 elected by the Council. At each annual Council meeting, four (4) members shall be elected
- 478 from the candidates, who must have at least one (1) year remaining as councilors for the
- 479 terms for which the candidates are nominated, to serve two (2) year terms. The additional
- 480 members, at least seven (7) but no more than twelve (12), shall be appointed by the
- 481 speaker and approved by the Council and shall include two (2) MIT and one (1) additional
- 482 young or early career professional. Elected members of the CSC shall be eligible for
- 483 renomination and re-election for a second and third two (2) year term. Candidates with only
- 484 one (1) year remaining as a councilor who win election or re-election shall serve their final
- 485 year as a councilor-at-large. The term of membership of the appointed member shall be
- 486 one (1) year, subject to additional terms if re-appointed by the speaker. No member,
- 487 whether elected or appointed, may serve more than six (6) consecutive years on the CSC
- 488 without a lapse of at least one (1) year. Nominees for election to the CSC shall have
- 489 attended at least one (1) previous annual meeting of the College as a councilor, alternate
- 490 councilor, or chapter officer. Geographic distribution shall be maintained when
- 491 appointments are made to the CSC. To be eligible for appointment or reappointment to the
- 492 CSC, the individual must be a Member, Fellow, or MIT of the College.
- 494 Of the nominees, who must be councilors for the terms for which the candidates are
- 495 nominated for the four (4) Council positions on the CSC, the Council shall elect four (4) to
- 496 serve for the ensuing year. Each councilor shall cast up to four (4) votes, but no councilor

may cast more than one (1) vote for any one (1) nominee. In the event that an elected position on the CSC becomes vacant during the term, the councilor who received the next largest number of votes to those elected in the year when the vacating councilor was elected will be invited to fill the remainder of the vacating councilor's term on the CSC. If that individual is unable or unwilling to serve, the position will remain vacant until the next regularly scheduled Steering Committee election.

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If there is no contest for an office, the election may be by voice vote. Election to any contested office shall be by written or electronic ballot.

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The persons elected or appointed to serve on the CSC of the College shall also serve on the CSC of the Association.

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The CSC shall meet at a convenient time and site before each scheduled meeting of the Council in order to conduct business that may properly come before it. The speaker may call such other meetings of the CSC as deemed necessary.

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The CSC shall represent the Council between Council meetings and provide Council liaison with the BOC, subspecialty societies represented in the ACR Council, and chapters. Duties of the CSC with regard to resolutions are delineated in Article IX, Section 7. Members of the CSC shall serve as members of the commissions of the BOC upon appointment by the chair of the BOC.

519 **Section 10**

- 520 Digest of Official Council Actions
- 521 The Digest shall contain all official actions and policies adopted by the Council for the 522 immediate past ten (10) years. All official actions and policies of the Council are effective for 523 only ten (10) years unless extended for an additional ten (10) year period by the Council by 524 affirmative vote of the majority of members present at the annual meeting of the College. 525 Any resolution extending a Council policy for an additional ten (10) year period can include 526 proposed substantive and editorial modifications to the policy proposed for extension, 527 subject to approval by the Council. Actions and policies not extended by the Council by 528 affirmative majority vote beyond ten (10) years from their adoption are no longer official 529 College policy but are maintained by the College in a historical file. Notwithstanding the 530 above, the language of a policy resolution may specify an effective period of less than ten

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532 ARTICLE VI – Board of Chancellors (BOC)

533 **Section 1**

534 Duties

- The BOC shall employ its powers for the diligent promotion of the purposes of The College and shall have authority and jurisdiction to conduct its business and affairs in accordance
- with applicable laws, its articles of incorporation, and these bylaws.

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- 540 Membership
- The BOC shall consist of a number of chancellors, not to exceed thirty-four (34) members
- who shall be the executive body of the College. As provided in the Association's bylaws,
- 543 the persons elected, appointed or selected to serve on the BOC shall also serve on the
- Association's BOD. To be eligible for membership on the BOC, whether by appointment,

reappointment, election or re-election, the individual must be a Member or Fellow of the College.

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The membership of the Board shall be composed as follows:

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a. The president, vice president and secretary-treasurer shall be members of the BOC.

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b. The speaker and vice speaker of the Council shall be members of the BOC.

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c. The College Nominating Committee (CNC) shall propose two or more members of the YPS for election by the Council to a single BOC term of two (2) years.

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d. One (1) chancellor each may be selected from those proposed pursuant to Section 3 of this Article VI, by RSNA, ARRS, ARS, and ASTRO each to serve for a term of three (3) years. One chancellor may be selected as proposed by the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) to serve a single term of two (2) years.

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e. A maximum of nine (9) chancellors may be appointed from the College membership by the chair of the BOC, each for a term of one (1) year, as provided in Section 4 of this Article VI. An appointed chancellor who is elected president or vice president shall vacate the position as an appointed chancellor who is elected secretary-treasurer shall continue as an appointed chancellor and shall, therefore, occupy both positions.

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f. A number of chancellors, not to exceed fifteen (15), shall be elected by the Council from the College membership, each for a term of three (3) years. An elected chancellor who is elected president or vice president shall vacate the position as an elected chancellor. An elected chancellor who is elected secretary-treasurer shall continue as an elected chancellor and shall, therefore, occupy both positions.

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y. No individual may serve concurrently as a councilor and as a member of the BOC. A councilor will automatically relinquish his/her councillorship upon becoming a member of the BOC.

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Contested elections for positions on the BOC are not mandatory but are encouraged. However, if there is more than one (1) nominee for an elected chancellor position, and if that elected position would fill a vacant specialty or operational commission chancellorship, then the CNC will designate specific candidates for that particular specialty or operational commission chancellorship.

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Section 3

Chancellors from RSNA, ARRS, ARS, ASTRO, and CAR

588 The chair of the BOC may invite RSNA, ARRS, ARS, and ASTRO through their governing 589 Boards each to propose at least three (3) members from such organizations who are also 590 members of the College. These names shall be presented to the CNC which, with the 591 concurrence of chair of the BOC, may select one (1) individual from each organization to 592 serve on the BOC or may request a society submit additional members for consideration. 593 Should RSNA, ARRS, ARS, or ASTRO fail to propose individuals considered to be 594 acceptable members for the chancellorship allotted to it, such office shall remain vacant 595 until such members are proposed and selection is made by the CNC. At the end of such 596 chancellor's first term, RSNA, ARRS, ARS, and ASTRO may propose the same individual 597 for a second three (3) year term on the BOC, subject to selection by the CNC as above. An officer of CAR shall be proposed by CAR and selected to serve a single two (2) year term as a chancellor.

Section 4

Term of Office

Appointed chancellors and the secretary-treasurer shall be eligible to succeed themselves for not more than five (5) additional one (1) year terms; selected or elected chancellors referred to in subparagraph (d) or (f) of Section 2, Article VI, respectively shall be eligible to succeed themselves for one additional term of three (3) years. No elected, selected, or appointed chancellor shall be eligible to serve more than six (6) consecutive years as an elected chancellor, a selected chancellor, an appointed chancellor, or any combination of the three but shall be eligible for election, selection or appointment to a chancellorship at the next or any succeeding annual election. Any individual appointed as a chancellor by the BOC to fill a vacancy pursuant to Section 5 below shall be eligible for election, selection, or appointment in his or her own right pursuant to Section 2 above; however, any subsequent term shall expire at the end of that chancellor's sixth (6) consecutive year of service. Any portion of a year served by appointment of the BOC to fill a vacancy pursuant to Section 5 below shall not be considered in determining this six (6) year period. Any period served on the Board in a member's capacity as speaker and/or vice speaker shall not be considered in determining this six (6) year period. Any year or part of a year served on the BOC while a YPS member referenced in Article VI, Section 2c shall not be considered in determining this six (6) year period.

The chancellorship of any chancellor who is completing service as chair or vice chair of the BOC, or president or vice president of the College shall terminate concurrently with the expiration of that person's service in that office unless that person is elected to another of these offices. Except for those chancellorships selected pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, the vacancy shall be filled by the BOC in the manner provided in Section 5 of this Article VI. Vacancies of chancellorships selected pursuant to Section 5 of this Article VI shall remain vacant until filled according to the procedure set forth in that section.

 Notwithstanding anything in this Article VI to the contrary, (i) a chancellor who has served the maximum number of consecutive years as herein permitted and who is then elected president or vice president of the College may serve one (1) additional year as chancellor while serving in each of those offices; (ii) a chancellor who is elected chair or vice chair of the BOC may serve continuously, without limitation, on the BOC even though the normal term has expired for as long as the chancellor has been elected to these offices; and (iii) the council may declare any chancellorship vacant by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at its annual meeting and the BOC shall forthwith proceed to fill said vacancy in the manner provided in Section 5 of this Article VI.

Section 5

- Vacancies
- When a chancellorship (other than a chancellorship described in Section 2(d) of this Article

 VI) shall fall vacant by reason of death or resignation, or shall be declared vacant by the
 BOC by reason of physical or mental disability or by the Council for any reason at its
 annual meeting, the Executive Committee may name a member as a pro tem. At the next
 meeting of the BOC, the name of the member so appointed shall be presented to the BOC
 for confirmation.

If the BOC fails to confirm the appointment, it shall elect a member to serve as chancellor. In either case, the member thus chosen shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the chancellor whose office is being filled.

- 650 Gold Medal
- At its discretion, the BOC may award one (1) or more Gold Medals in recognition of
- distinguished and extraordinary service to the College and the profession for which it
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ARTICLE VII – Officers

655 **Section 1**

- 656 Officers
- The officers shall be a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, chair, and vice chair of
- the BOC, and the speaker and vice speaker of the Council. The speaker and vice speaker
- shall have served a minimum of two (2) years on the present or on a former CSC prior to
- election. To be eligible for election or re-election as an officer, the individual must be a
- Member or Fellow as specified in Article II, Section 1. As provided in the Association's
- bylaws, persons elected to serve as the officers of the College shall also serve as the
- officers of the Association, and each officer of the College shall have the same duties and
- responsibilities, with respect to the College, as such officer has with respect to the
- Association.

Section 2

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- The president shall be a member of the BOC, a member of the Executive Committee of the
- BOC, and a non-voting member of all commissions, committees, and task forces (except
- 670 the CNC, CSC, and Judiciary Committee). The president shall deliver a presidential
- address at the annual meeting and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed
- from time to time by the BOC or the Executive Committee of the Board. As provided in the
- 673 Association's bylaws, the person elected to serve as president shall also serve as a
- 674 member of the Association BOD and as the president of the Association.

675 **Section 3**

- 676 Vice President
- The vice president shall be a member of the BOC, a member of the Executive Committee
- of the BOC, and a non-voting member of all commission, committees, and task forces
- 679 (except the CNC, CSC, and Judiciary Committee). In the absence of the president or in the
- 680 event of the president's inability or refusal to perform the required functions, the vice-
- president shall perform the duties of the president and, when so acting, shall have all the
- powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions on the president. The vice president shall
- perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the BOC, the
- 684 Executive Committee of the Board, or the president. As provided in the Association's
- bylaws, the person elected to serve as vice president shall also serve as a member of the
- Association BOD and as the vice president of the Association.

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- 688 Secretary-Treasurer
- The secretary-treasurer shall be a member of the BOC and a member of the Executive
- 690 Committee of the BOC. The secretary-treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the
- 691 College and shall be bonded in such amount as the BOC may require. The secretary-
- treasurer shall require proper vouchers for the disbursement of funds, and disbursements
- shall not exceed the annual budget approved by the BOC except upon written authorization
- of the chair of the Executive Committee. As provided in the Association's bylaws, the
- 695 person elected to serve as secretary-treasurer shall also serve as a member of the
- 696 Association BOD and as the secretary-treasurer of the Association.

Chair and Vice Chair

The duties of the chair of the BOC shall be to preside at its meetings, to arrange any supplemental program that may be held in connection with the meetings of the BOC, to give general supervision to the conduct of the BOC affairs, and to perform such other duties as the Board or the Executive Committee of the BOC may from time to time assign to the chair. The chair of the BOC shall be a non-voting member of all commissions, committees, and task forces (except the CNC, CSC, and Judiciary Committee). The speaker or vice speaker may request that the chair of the BOC or the chair's representative attend an individual meeting or part thereof of the CSC. The person elected to serve as chair of the BOC of the College shall serve as the chair of the BOD of the Association.

The duties of the vice chair of the BOC shall be to assist generally the chair of the BOC, to perform the duties of the chair in the event of the chair's absence, inability or refusal to act, and to perform such other duties as the BOC, the Executive Committee of the BOC or the chair may from time to time assign to the vice chair. The vice chair of the BOC shall be a non-voting member of all commissions, committees, and task forces (except the CNC, CSC, and Judiciary Committee). The person elected to serve as vice chair of the BOC of the College shall serve as the vice chair of the BOD of the Association.

Section 6

717 Speaker and Vice Speaker of the Council

The officers of the Council shall be the speaker and vice speaker. To be eligible for these offices, the individuals shall have served a minimum of two (2) years on the present or on a former CSC prior to election. An individual may be elected to a single two (2) year term as speaker and a single two (2) year term as vice speaker during the course of that person's membership in the College. The speaker and vice speaker shall be eligible to serve in all positions open to elected members of the CSC. As provided in the Association's bylaws, the persons elected to serve as speaker and vice speaker of the Council of the College shall also serve as speaker and vice speaker of the Council of the Association.

In order to maintain congruence in the terms of office of the speaker and vice speaker, in the event of a vacancy in either the office of the speaker or vice speaker, the CSC may appoint any member eligible to hold those offices to serve out the remainder of the vacant term. Such individual would subsequently be eligible to seek a full elected term to that office, unless such individual had previously served as speaker or vice speaker.

The speaker shall be the presiding officer at all Council meetings, arrange any supplemental programs that may be held in connection with the meetings of the Council, give general supervision to the conduct of the affairs of the Council, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Council. In the speaker's absence, or at the discretion of the speaker the vice speaker shall preside. The speaker shall vote only in the instance of a tie.

The speaker and vice speaker shall be members of the Executive Committee of the BOC, the BOC, and shall be members of the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC). The vice speaker shall be the reviewer of the Digest of Council Actions.

- 744 Election of a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer
- A chair and vice chair of the BOC and a secretary-treasurer of the College shall be elected
- annually from among the members of the BOC. The election shall be by a majority vote of
- the members of the BOC present and voting at a meeting of the BOC that precedes the
- expiration of the term of the incumbent officers by at least thirty (30) days. Notwithstanding

- 749 the above, in the event of the death or permanent inability of both the chair and vice chair to
- 750 act, the chief executive officer (CEO) shall call an emergency meeting of the Executive
- 751 Committee, which shall select a member of the Board to act as chair pro tem until the next
- 752 meeting of the BOC, at which time a new chair and vice chair shall be nominated and
- 753 elected. As provided in the Association's bylaws, the persons elected to serve as chair and
- 754 vice chair of the BOC and secretary-treasurer of the College shall also serve as chair and
- 755 vice chair of the Association BOD and secretary-treasurer of the Association.

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- 757 Election of Officers and Chancellors
- 758 Elections for all College officers shall be determined by majority vote. The president, vice
- 759 president, speaker, and vice speaker shall be elected by the Council at the annual meeting
- 760 of the College. The chair and vice chair of the BOC and the secretary-treasurer of the
- 761 College shall be elected by a majority vote of the BOC. A vote cast for an individual for
- 762 chancellor or officer of the College is also a vote for that individual as director or
- 763 corresponding officer of the Association. The term of office of each officer so elected shall
- 764 begin at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

765 766 In an election pursuant to Section 2(f) of Article VI to fill positions on the BOC, a majority of

- 767 the votes cast shall be necessary to elect a nominee. The elections will follow the process
- 768 set forth in the elections manual. The term of office of each chancellor so elected shall
- 769 begin at the conclusion of the meeting at which the election is held.

- 771 Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- 772 The BOC may appoint a CEO for a term and stipend to be determined by the BOC. The
- 773 CEO may be, but need not be, a member of the College. The CEO of the College will also
- 774 serve as CEO of the Association.
- 776 The CEO, under direction of the BOC, shall perform the duties that the title of that office
- 777 ordinarily connotes. The CEO shall be bonded in such an amount as the BOC may require.
- 778 The CEO, under the direction of the BOC, shall manage and conduct the business of all 779 offices of the College; be empowered to enter into any contract or deliver any instrument in
- 780 the name of the College; sign all checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money,
- 781 notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the College; deposit all
- 782 funds of the College to the credit of the College in such banks, trust companies, or other
- 783 depositories as he/she may select; be the custodian of all the important documents of the
- 784 College, including the bonds of those officers required by the bylaws to be bonded; keep an
- 785 accurate record of all of the College activities; act as secretary to the BOC, the Executive
- 786 Committee of the Board, and the Council and keep accurate records of their proceedings;
- 787 supervise the publication and editing of any matter authorized by the Board or such
- 788 commissions, committees, and task forces as may be appointed by it; give notice of
- 789 meetings of the BOC, Executive Committee of the BOC, and the Council and arrange for
- 790 the necessary facilities for holding them; and perform such duties as are imposed by these
- 791 bylaws and as the BOC or the Executive Committee may direct. The CEO may delegate
- 792 any of his/her powers, with or without restriction, to any bonded employee of the College.
- 793 Section 10
- 794 Indemnification
- 795 The College shall have the power to indemnify any of its officers, BOC members,
- 796 commission, committee, and task force chairs and members, employees and agents
- 797 against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and
- 798 reasonably incurred in connection with activities undertaken at the College's request if such
- 799 person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in the

best interest of the College to the extent such indemnification is permitted by law. The individual will be indemnified for expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred in any threatened, pending, or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that the individual acted on behalf of the College.

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Indemnification can be made only as to a specific case, upon a determination that indemnification is proper in the circumstances, and must be authorized by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of BOC members who are not parties to the proceeding or by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of councilors who are not parties to the proceeding.

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The College shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any agent of the College against any liability asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status or such capacity, whether or not the College would have the power to indemnify the agent against liability under the provisions of applicable state statutes.

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ARTICLE VIII - Commissions, Committees, Task Forces and Workgroups

Section 1

- 818 Establishment of Commissions, Committees and Task Forces
- 819 The BOC may establish commissions, committees and task forces, reporting to the Board, 820 to aid the BOC in carrying on specific activities of the College. Such commissions, 821 committees, and task forces shall be responsible to the BOC and may be altered or 822 eliminated at any time by the BOC. Commission chairs may establish committees within 823 commissions with the approval of the chair of the BOC.

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The chair of the BOC shall select the chair of each commission, committee, and task force, except that a commission chair shall select the chair of committees in their commission with approval by the chair of the BOC. The chair of each commission must be selected from the members of the BOC. Chairs of commissions, committees, and task forces shall select their members with the approval of the chair of the BOC.

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Appointees to commissions, committees, or task forces need not be members in any category of the College and are entitled to vote in all commissions, committees, and task force business. However, if individuals are eligible for ACR membership in any category, they must become members of the College before they can be appointed to a commission, committee, or task force. On a case-by-case basis, the chair of the BOC may waive this requirement. A majority of the members of all commissions, committees, and task forces must be members of the College.

Section 2

- 839 **Executive Committee**
 - An Executive Committee shall be constituted annually at the organizational meeting of the BOC. The membership of the Executive Committee shall consist of the chair and the vice chair of the BOC, the president, the vice president, the secretary-treasurer, the speaker and vice speaker of the Council, and two (2) other chancellors who shall be appointed by the chair of the BOC, with the approval of the BOC for a term of one (1) year. As provided in the Association's bylaws, the persons who, by way of their office, serve on the Executive Committee of the College shall also serve on the Executive Committee of the Association.

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Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a member of the Executive Committee from holding office for more than one (1) term. The chair of the BOC shall be chair of the Executive Committee and the vice chair of the BOC shall be vice chair of the Executive Committee.

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It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of the BOC to carry on the business of the College between regular meetings of the BOC and to report its activities to the BOC at each regular meeting thereof. Meetings of the Executive Committee of the BOC may be conducted by electronic means as permitted by the laws of the state of California. Authority is vested in the BOC to make decisions affecting policies of the College, and the authority is also vested with the officers of the College to implement such decisions in circumstances in which the officers of the College deem the calling of a special meeting of the Council not to be feasible. The Executive Committee may also implement policy decisions under such circumstances. The BOC shall report annually to the Council on any such policy actions taken.

Section 3

- 864 Reference Committees
- Reference committees each composed of not less than four (4) councilors, appointed by the speaker of the Council, shall conduct open hearings on the business of the College. At
- the discretion of the speaker, one MIT may also be appointed to each reference committee.
- The committees shall report their recommendations to the Council for disposition of each
- item of business referred to it.

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- All reports of officers, the BOC, commissions, committees, and task forces, and all resolutions shall be assigned to the appropriate reference committee by the Council
- 873 speaker.
- 874 Each Reference Committee shall conduct an open hearing on all matters assigned to it and
- shall submit to the Council a report including recommendations regarding adoptions or
- modifications of each item.

877 **Section 4**

- 878 Credentials Committee
- A Credentials Committee of at least three (3) councilors shall be appointed by the speaker
- of the Council. The Committee shall determine the members who among Council meeting
- or annual meeting of the College registrants are eligible to vote. The Credentials Committee
- shall determine whether or not a quorum is achieved at meetings of the Council.

883 **Section 5**

- 884 Workgroups
- The speaker shall appoint such other workgroups as deemed necessary for the proper
- 886 functioning of the Council. The speaker and vice speaker shall be non-voting members of
- all such workgroups.

888 **Section 6**

- 889 Standing Committees of the College
- The standing committees of the College are the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC),
- 891 Audit Committee, Bylaws Committee, Ethics Committee, Judiciary Committee, Governance
- 892 Committee, College Nominating Committee (CNC), Board Nominating Committee (BNC),
- and Awards and Honors Committee which report to the BOC.

- 895 Budget and Finance Committee (BFC)
- The chair of the BOC shall appoint a BFC to prepare annually a budget to be presented to
- the BOC. The secretary-treasurer shall serve as chair of the BFC. The BFC will assist the

- 898 Board in its oversight responsibilities relating to fiscal management of the College. As
- 899 provided in the Association's bylaws, the persons appointed to serve on the BFC of the
- 900 College shall also serve on the BFC of the Association.

- 902 Audit Committee
- 903 The chair of the BOC will appoint an Audit Committee to assist the Board in its oversight
- responsibilities relating to the College's systems of internal control and risk management.
- 905 The Audit Committee shall oversee compliance with legal, ethical, and accounting
- standards and shall select the independent auditor and receive the annual audit report. As
- 907 provided in the Association's bylaws, the persons appointed to serve on the Audit
- 908 Committee of the College shall also serve on the Audit Committee of the Association.

909 **Section 9**

- 910 Bylaws Committee
- The College Bylaws Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members appointed by
- 912 the chair of the BOC. The Bylaws Committee shall draft proposed bylaws language to
- 913 implement amendments to the bylaws directed by Council resolution. The Bylaws
- 914 Committee may propose amendments for sponsorship to the BOC and the CSC. In
- 915 addition, the Committee shall review all proposed bylaws amendments submitted by any
- ouncilor, member, chapter, the BOC, or the CSC and make recommendations to both the
- 917 Council and CSC concerning adoption, rejection, or germane and consistent modifications
- 918 to such amendments.

919 **Section 10**

- 920 Ethics Committee
- The Ethics Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members appointed by the chair of
- 922 the BOC. The Committee assists the College and its members in ethical matters as
- 923 identified in the ACR Code of Ethics.

924 **Section 11**

- 925 Judiciary Committee
- The Judiciary Committee shall be the last four (4) past presidents of the College. The term
- 927 of committee members shall be four (4) years. The senior committee member shall
- 928 annually assume the chairmanship of the committee. In the event of the death or disability
- of a member or members of the Judiciary Committee, the chair of the BOC shall make such
- appointment or appointments as are necessary to maintain the membership of the Judiciary
- Committee at four (4) from among the past presidents of the College.
- The duties of the Judiciary Committee shall be to hear such disciplinary matters as may be
- 934 brought before it under Article XI, Section 4. After hearing such disciplinary matters, the
- 935 committee shall submit a report to the BOC.

936 **Section 12**

- 937 Governance Committee
- 938 The Governance Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members. Three (3) members,
- 939 including the chair, shall be appointed by the chair of the BOC from among the members of
- 940 the BOC. Nine (9) members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Council from among
- the members of the CSC, at least six (6) of whom shall be elected members of the CSC.
- 942 The goals of the Governance Committee are to (1) address issues of governance and
- 943 representation within the College and (2) monitor and evaluate the College's election
- 944 processes.

College Nominating Committee (CNC)

The CNC shall consist of nine (9) members six (6) of whom shall be elected and three (3) of whom are appointed. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the chair of the Board from among the members of the BOC to serve a single two (2) year term, and one (1) member shall be appointed a single one (1) year term by the Council Speaker from among the members of the CSC. These appointments shall be made within one (1) month after the elections held at the College's annual meeting. There shall be six (6) members elected by the Council. At each annual Council meeting, three (3) members shall be elected, who must be councilors or alternate councilors for the terms for which the candidates are nominated, to serve one (1) two (2) year term. Members elected by the Council shall not simultaneously serve on the CSC. The Council speaker shall convene the CNC for the sole purpose of electing its chair and vice chair.

The CNC shall meet in person or via conference call at least once a year. The Committee shall inform the membership at least forty-five (45) days before the Annual Meeting of its nominations for the offices of president, vice president, Council speaker, Council vice speaker, for vacancies on the BOC, five (5) or more Council candidates for the CNC, and five (5) or more Council candidates for the CSC.

The CNC will propose a nominee(s) with suitable qualifications to fill each vacant elected position on the BOC. Candidates may seek election as a specific commission chair or as a chancellor at-large. A member of the CNC may not be a nominee of the committee.

The CNC shall also select two (2) members of the ACR who are in private practice to attend the annual meeting of the Intersociety Committee. Those representatives to the Intersociety Committee meetings will be selected for two (2) year terms staggered so that one (1) will be selected each year. Each selected representative shall be a physician who has a private office and/or who practices in a hospital without a radiology residency program. These two (2) selected representatives shall be in addition to the College's regular representatives to the annual meeting of the Intersociety Committee.

The CNC shall present nominations to the Council at its annual meeting. Nothing in this Article V shall be construed as preventing independent nominations for the above named offices by any councilor, provided that such nominations shall be supported by a nominating petition signed by fifteen (15) or more members of the Council, and shall be presented to the speaker of the Council not less than fourteen (14) days before the annual meeting of the College.

The members of the Council shall receive the same type of information concerning the candidates nominated for election that is provided to the College

Of the nominees who must be councilors or alternate councilors for the terms for which the candidates are nominated for the three (3) Council positions on the CNC, the Council shall elect three (3) to serve for the ensuing year. Each councilor shall cast up to three (3) votes but no councilor may cast more than one (1) vote for any one (1) nominee. The three (3) nominees receiving the largest vote shall be declared members of the CNC, and the remaining shall serve as alternates. If independent nominations are made for the three (3) Council members of the CNC, the three (3) receiving the largest vote of all nominees shall be declared members of the CNC and the remaining shall be declared alternates. In the event that an elected position on the CNC becomes vacant during the term, the councilor who received the next largest number of votes to those elected in the year when the vacating councilor was elected will be invited to fill the remainder of the vacating councilor's

- term on the CNC. If that individual is unable or unwilling to serve, the position will remain
- 999 vacant until the next regularly scheduled CNC election.
- 1000 **Section 14**
- 1001 Board Nominating Committee
- The BNC shall consist of three (3) BOC members: the president, the vice president, and a
- chancellor appointed by the chair of the BOC. The BNC shall present nominations for the
- offices of chair, vice chair and secretary-treasurer.
- 1005 **Section 15**
- 1006 Awards and Honors Committee
- 1007 The Awards and Honors Committee is comprised of seven (7) past gold medalists
- appointed by the chair of the BOC. They serve a single four-year term. Additionally, the
- chair of the BOC appoints three (3) members who are on the BOC to serve one (1) three
- 1010 (3) year term each. Their appointments are staggered to provide continuity on the
- 1011 committee. The ACR president and past president also serve on the committee. The
- 1012 committee Chair is appointed by the Chair of the BOC, chosen from the members of the
- committee, for an additional three (3) years from the time of appointment. The purpose of
- the committee is to make recommendations for the ACR Gold Medal and Honorary
- Fellowship to the BOC (reference Article VI, Section 6 and Article II, Section 1 (8).

1016 **ARTICLE IX – Meetings**

- 1017 **Section 1**
- 1018 Meetings of the BOC
- At least two (2) regular meetings of the BOC shall be scheduled each calendar year by the
- 1020 Executive Committee of the Board. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the
- 1021 CEO upon written request of a majority of the chancellors or upon the unanimous direction
- 1022 of the Executive Committee of the BOC. Notice of a special meeting, together with a
- statement of the business to be transacted at such meetings, shall be sent to the members
- of the BOC not less than seven (7) calendar days before any such meeting. No business
- other than that specified in the notice of a special meeting shall be transacted at such
- meeting. Meetings of the BOC may be conducted by electronic means.
- 1027 **Section 2**
- 1028 Quorum of the BOC
- 1029 A majority of the members of the BOC shall constitute a quorum.
- 1030 **Section 3**
- 1031 Meetings of the Council
- 1032 The annual meeting of the Council shall be the annual meeting of the College.
- 1033 Meetings of the Council may be conducted by electronic means.
- 1034 **Section 4**
- 1035 BOC Attendance at Council Meetings
- 1036 Members of the BOC shall accept at the time of election or appointment, the duty of
- 1037 attending sessions of the Council and its reference committees. All members of the BOC
- shall have the privilege of the floor at Council meetings but shall not have a vote.

- 1040 Attendance of the Councilor, Alternate Councilor, or Substitute
- Participation of the councilor, alternate councilor, or a substitute certified by the president or
- secretary of the chapter at the annual and any special meetings of the Council is expected
- and is considered essential to the effective functioning of the Council.

1044 **Section 6**

- 1045 Council Special Meetings
- Special meetings of the Council shall be called by the Speaker of the Council, Chairman of
- the BOC, or CEO upon the written request of thirty (30) voting councilors. The speaker of
- the Council shall determine the time and place of any such special meeting. Notice of a
- special meeting, together with a statement of the business to be transacted at such
- meeting, shall be sent to each voting member of the Council not less than fourteen (14)
- calendar days before such meeting. No business other than that specified in the notice of a
- special meeting shall be transacted at such meeting.

1053 **Section 7**

- 1054 Resolutions
- All resolutions shall be presented to the Council in writing. Resolutions may be received
- from individual councilors, chapters, RFS, YPS, the CSC or the BOC. Resolutions received
- within the deadlines established and published by the CSC will be made available in print
- or electronically to all councilors in attendance at the annual meeting. Any resolutions
- received after the specified deadline will be reviewed by the CSC. The CSC may request
- sponsors to provide information on the emergent nature of the late resolution. If requested,
- a proponent of a late resolution will be expected to meet with the CSC and provide
- rationale for the urgency of the late resolution. Any resolutions brought before the Council
- 1063 without prior consideration by the CSC shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for
- 1064 consideration. The sponsor shall be identified on each resolution.

1065 **Section 8**

- 1066 Council Quorum and Voting
- 1067 One-third of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at
- meetings of the Council. Only a member serving as an appropriately credentialed councilor
- may vote during a meeting of the Council. Voting by proxy is not allowed. The Credentials
- 1070 Committee shall determine members who are eligible to vote.

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ARTICLE X – Rules of Order

- 1074 All meetings of the College shall be governed by the parliamentary rules and usages
- 1075 contained in the most current edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarians
- 1076 "Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure."

1077 ARTICLE XI – Ethics and Discipline

- 1079 Code of Ethics
- 1080 The Code of Ethics of the ACR is intended to aid the radiology community, individually and
- 1081 collectively, in maintaining a high level of ethical conduct. The code is not a set of laws but
- rather a framework by which radiologists may determine the propriety of conduct in their
- 1083 relationship with patients, the public, colleagues, and members of allied professions.

1085 Principles of Ethics

The Principles of Ethics form the first part of the Code of Ethics of the College. They serve as goals of exemplary professional conduct for which members of the College should constantly strive.

The principal objective of the medical profession is to render service to people with full respect for human dignity and in the best interest of the patient. Members should merit the confidence of patients entrusted to their care, rendering to each a full measure of service and commitment.

Members should strive continually to improve their medical knowledge and skill and make these improvements available to their patients and colleagues.

Members should at all times be aware of their limitations and be willing to seek consultations in clinical situations where appropriate. These limitations should be appropriately disclosed to patients and referring physicians.

The medical profession should safeguard the public and itself against physicians deficient in moral character or professional competence by reporting, to the appropriate body, without hesitation, perceived illegal or unethical conduct of members of the medical profession. Members should uphold all laws, uphold the dignity and honor of the medical profession and accept its self-imposed discipline and deal honestly and fairly with patients and colleagues.

The honored ideals of the medical profession imply that responsibilities of members extend to society in general as well as their patients. These responsibilities include the interest and participation of members in activities that improve the health and well-being of the individual and the community.

Members may not reveal confidences entrusted to them in the course of medical attendance, or deficiencies they may observe in the character of patients, unless they are required to do so by law, or unless it becomes necessary to protect the welfare of the individual or of the community.

A physician who has not personally interpreted the images obtained in a radiological examination should not sign a report or take attribution of an interpretation of that examination rendered by another physician in a manner that causes the reader of a report to believe that the signing radiologist was the interpreter.

The decision to render a service by a diagnostic radiologist, radiation oncologist, interventional radiologist, nuclear medicine physician, or medical physicist is a matter of individual physician and patient choice governed by the best interest of the patient.

The traditional bond among diagnostic radiologists, radiation oncologists, interventional radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists, particularly in their professional relationships with each other, is a powerful aid in the service of patients and should not be used for personal advantage.

- 1133 Rules of Ethics
- The Rules of Ethics form the second part of the Code of Ethics of the College. They are
- 1135 mandatory and directive of specific minimal standards of professional conduct for all
- 1136 members of the College.

Members' behavior should conform to high standards of ethical, legal, and professional conduct. Any activity that fails to conform to these standards compromises the member's personal integrity and casts aspersions on the College and the medical profession.

It is proper for a diagnostic radiologist to provide a consultative opinion on radiographs and other images regardless of their origin. A radiologist who regularly interprets radiographs and other images should reasonably participate in quality assurance, technology assessment, utilization review, and other matters of policy that affect the quality and safety of patient care.

It is proper for a radiation oncologist to provide a consultative opinion in the management of cancer and other disorders treated with radiation. A radiation oncologist should regularly treat patients only in settings where the radiation oncologist reasonably participates in the quality of patient management, utilization review, and matters of policy that affect the quality of patient care.

It is proper for an interventional radiologist to provide a consultative opinion in the management of conditions treated by interventional methods. An interventional radiologist should regularly treat patients only in settings where the interventional radiologist reasonably participates in the quality patient management, utilization review, and matters of policy that affect the quality of patient care.

It is proper for a nuclear medicine physician to provide a consultative opinion in the management of conditions treated by nuclear medicine. A nuclear medicine physician should regularly treat patients only in settings where the nuclear medicine physician reasonably participates in the quality patient management, utilization review, and matters of policy that affect the quality of patient care.

It is proper for a medical physicist to provide assistance to a physician in treating patients only in settings where the medical physicist reasonably participates in technical quality assurance.

Prior to practicing in a hospital or other health care entity, a diagnostic radiologist, radiation oncologist, interventional radiologist, nuclear medicine physician, or medical physicist shall apply, and be accepted, as a member of that entity's medical staff in accordance with the medical staff's bylaws and in the same manner as all other physicians.

The practice of physicians referring patients to health care facilities in which they have a financial interest is-not-in the best interest of patients. Self-referral may improperly influence the professional judgments of those physicians referring patients to such facilities. Members with ownership interests participating in such arrangements may be in violation of these Rules of Ethics.

Members shall relate to other members of the health care team with mutual respect and refrain from harassment or unfair discriminatory behavior.

Members should have the right to enter into whatever lawful contractual arrangements with health care systems they deem desirable and necessary but they should seek to ensure that the system of healthcare delivery in which they practice does not unduly influence the selection and performance of appropriate available imaging studies or therapeutic procedures.

Members should not enter into an agreement that prohibits the provision of medically necessary care or that requires care at below acceptable standards. Notwithstanding policies of a health plan, radiologists should advocate cost-effective appropriate studies or therapies that will benefit the patient, whose welfare is paramount.

Members should clearly and adequately respond to inquiries by patients regarding fees and/or any financial incentive. A radiologist should not participate in a billing arrangement that misleads patients or third-party payers concerning the fees charged by the radiologist. Radiologists shall not divide radiological fees either directly or by any subterfuge.

In providing expert medical testimony, members should exercise extreme caution to ensure that the testimony provided is non-partisan, scientifically correct, and clinically accurate. The diagnostic radiologist, radiation oncologist, interventional radiologist, nuclear medicine physician, or medical physicist shall not accept compensation that is contingent upon the outcome of litigation.

Radiologic research must be performed with integrity and be honestly reported.

Members should not claim as their intellectual property that which is not theirs. Plagiarism or the use of others' work without attribution is unethical.

 Members should not publicize themselves through any medium or forum of public communication in an untruthful, misleading, or deceptive manner or in a fashion demeaning to the profession.

Section 4

1215 Disciplinary Procedures for Violation of the Rules of Ethics

A member of the College may be censured, suspended or expelled for due cause, pursuant to the Principles of Ethics, Rules of Ethics and disciplinary procedures set forth in these bylaws. Any disciplinary action taken against a member of the College pursuant to the College's Principles of Ethics, Rules of Ethics or disciplinary procedures shall be deemed to apply equally in relation to such individual's membership in the College. Likewise, as provided by the College's bylaws, any disciplinary action taken against a member of the College pursuant to the College's Principles of Ethics, Rules of Ethics or disciplinary procedures shall be deemed to apply equally in relation to such individual's membership in the College. Disciplinary proceedings shall be considered confidential. The levels of disciplinary action shall be defined as follows:

- a. **Letter of Concern**: In cases where the Ethics Committee determines formal disciplinary action against a member is not warranted, it may issue a letter of concern or a letter of instruction to address matters that are not violations of the College's Code of Ethics but warrant the member's attention.
- b. **Censure:** A censure shall be a written reprimand to the member from the chair of the Ethics Committee with no loss of benefits of fellowship or membership. Such censure shall be made a part of the membership file of the member.
- c. Suspension: A suspension shall cause the member to lose the benefits of fellowship or membership for a specific period of time as determined by the Ethics Committee, after which the individual, if approved for reinstatement, will resume full membership upon payment of appropriate dues. Suspension shall be for such term as the Ethics Committee determines is necessary to ensure modification of behavior.
- d. Expulsion: Expulsion shall cause the member to be removed from the rolls of the College. An expelled member shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of fellowship or membership. The College shall not accept a reapplication for

fellowship or membership from an expelled member until a prescribed period, as the Committee shall determine, has elapsed from the date the individual was notified of the Committee's action.

Grounds for Disciplinary Action: A member of the College may be disciplined for any one (1) or more violations of <u>Section 3</u> of the Code of Ethics (the Rules of Ethics) of the College. Additionally, a member may be disciplined for:

 Limitations or restriction of any right associated with the practice of medicine by any state, other U.S. jurisdiction, Canadian province, or territory including the revocation, suspension, and restriction of a medical license or the voluntary surrender of a license while under investigation

• Conviction of any felony

Conviction of scientific fraud

Disciplinary Process: A complaint that a member of the College has violated the Rules of Ethics may be filed in writing either with the chair of the Ethics Committee or with the person or persons authorized to receive such complaints by the bylaws, rules or regulations of the chapter to which such member belongs. The Ethics Committee may refer any complaint filed to the appropriate chapter, may retain such complaint for investigation and disposition, or may dismiss, with written justification, such complaint as non-meritorious. The Ethics Committee shall investigate and dispose of ethics matters in accordance with such procedures as the committee may from time to time determine.

If a chapter receives a complaint or request for disciplinary action against a member of the College, the chapter shall follow the procedures specified in its bylaws, rules or regulations for investigating and disposing of the matter.

If the matter is retained by the Ethics Committee, written notice shall be sent to the member in question by registered or certified mail at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to a meeting of the Ethics Committee (a) stating the time and place of the meeting, (b) informing the member of the nature of the complaint which will be considered, (c) advising that the member may then and there appear in person and/or by legal or other representative and may submit such evidence as the member deems appropriate, and (d) advising the member in question that failure to cooperate reasonably with an ethics investigation is independent grounds for disciplinary action. Following the meeting, the Ethics Committee shall notify in writing the chair of the BOC and the member of its decision.

A member against whom disciplinary action is taken either by a chapter or upon the recommendation of the Ethics Committee may appeal the decision to the Judiciary Committee by mailing a written notice of appeal to the chair of the BOC within thirty (30) days of the mailing of notice of the adverse decision to the member in question.

Before the Judiciary Committee shall hear an appeal, the Judiciary Committee shall, by registered or certified mail, notify the member in question not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to a meeting of the Judiciary Committee that the member may then and there appear in person and/or by legal or other representative to present such argument as the member deems proper to show that the disciplinary action taken should be reversed.

The Judiciary Committee shall determine whether the disciplinary action taken against a member is supported by the evidence and is the result of the fair procedures consistent with these bylaws. If so, the Committee shall affirm the disciplinary action. If not, the Judiciary Committee shall reverse the disciplinary action and either dismiss the case or

return the case to the Ethics Committee with instructions for further proceedings. All actions of the Judiciary Committee shall be by majority vote.

The status of a member during disciplinary proceedings shall be unaltered.

ARTICLE XII – Amendment

Amendments to these bylaws may be adopted at any annual meeting of the Council by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the councilors present and voting; provided that such proposed amendments have been received in College headquarters four (4) months prior to the annual meeting or proposed by the BOC at a meeting at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting. Proposed amendments can be submitted by an individual councilor, a chapter, the CSC, or the BOC.

Any proposed amendment received after the specified deadlines but in time to allow the thirty (30) day notice to members as set forth below will be reviewed by the Bylaws Committee to determine whether it is sufficiently urgent to require immediate consideration by the Council at the annual meeting. The Committee may request sponsors to provide information on the urgent nature of the late proposed amendment. Late bylaws amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council to be considered at that annual meeting and a four-fifths (4/5) vote for adoption.

Any policy resolution requesting a bylaws change will be placed in proper bylaws format by the Bylaws Committee and submitted to the next year's Council for adoption as an amendment to these bylaws. All other proposed amendments received in College headquarters by the deadlines will be submitted to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee will consider proposed amendments, place them in bylaws format and prepare the required resolutions and Committee recommendations.

Proposed amendments or summaries thereof shall be clearly and specifically communicated to all members of the College via electronic or other means using addresses maintained at College headquarters not less than thirty (30) calendar days before such annual meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, amendments recommended by a reference committee or from the floor at the annual meeting to proposed bylaws amendments that are germane and reasonably implied by the original proposed amendment's notice are permissible and do not require thirty (30) days advance notice. Such amendments to proposed bylaws amendments require a majority vote for acceptance while the main motion to amend the bylaws still requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote for acceptance.

ARTICLE XIII - Dissolution

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the College, all of its assets remaining after payment of its obligations shall have been made or provided for, shall be distributed according to applicable law to and among such corporations, foundations, or other organizations organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes consistent with those of the College as shall be designated by the BOC.