

BY-LAWS

Research Triangle Chapter of the Society for Risk Analysis (Revised, December 2002)

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of the Chapter shall be the Research Triangle Chapter (hereinafter designated as the Chapter) of the Society for Risk Analysis (hereinafter designated as the Society).

ARTICLE II: Objectives

The objectives of the Chapter are consistent with the objective of the Society. In particular, the objectives of the Chapter are:

- A. To serve as the focal point for interaction of members of the society and other interested individuals and organizations in the North Carolina area.
- B. To further understanding, awareness, and appropriate applications of risk analysis, and to promote an exchange of ideas and practical experiences among members of the academic, professional, industrial, and regulatory communities involved in risk analysis and risk management in North Carolina.
- C. To hold scientific and educational meetings.
- D. To act as a resource for and provide support to the Society.

ARTICLE III: Chapter-Society Relationship

Section 1. The activities of the Chapter and its members shall be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society and of the Chapter.

Section 2. The Chapter shall not have the authority to act for, or in the name of, the Society. No action, financial or other obligation or expression of the Chapter as a whole without prior approval of the Executive Board of the Society shall be considered an action, obligation, or expression of the Society.

Section 3. The Chapter Board of Directors shall set Chapter policy. An annual report concerning the Chapter shall be submitted by the Chapter Secretary to the business office of the Society prior to

the Annual Meeting of the Society. The report shall describe the financial and membership status of the Chapter and major scientific and educational activities undertaken during the year.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1. A member in good standing of the Society shall automatically become a full member of the Chapter upon payment of Chapter dues.

Section 2. A person who is not a member of the Society may become an associate member of the Chapter upon demonstrating active involvement or a professional interest in risk assessment and payment of Chapter dues.

Section 3. Chapter membership in good standing is dependent upon professional conduct at Chapter events and payment of dues for the current year within a time limit established by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Only full members of the Chapter in good standing are eligible to vote in Chapter elections or recalls.

ARTICLE V: Chapter Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors (henceforth referred to as the Board) shall consist of 7 Directors, each serving two-year terms in office, with four Directors elected for terms starting January 1 of even-numbered years, and the other three Directors elected for terms starting January 1 of odd-numbered years. In the first year after enactment of the current revisions (2003), three members of the previously elected "Officers and Councilors" with un-expired terms shall serve as Directors.

Section 2. The officers of the Chapter are the Chair, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. These officers will be selected from among the Board of Directors by the Board each calendar year, and will serve one-year terms.

Section 3. Chapter elections shall be held annually. Ballots shall list all candidates for the Board of Directors and full members shall vote for a number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled. Ballots shall be sent to full members of the Chapter by regular mail or email. Completed ballots returned to the Chapter Secretary shall be valid if postmarked no later than 30 days after the date on which the ballots were mailed. All elections are to be decided by a plurality of the full Chapter members voting. Ties shall be settled by a suitable lottery.

Section 4. Any member of the Chapter may run for election to the Board of Directors. Associate members who run for election must also apply for membership in the Society and provide a copy of that application to the Board as proof prior to sending of the Ballot. Election of associate members will be provisional upon their acceptance into the Society.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the remaining Board members may make an appointment to fill the vacancy until the un-expired term is completed. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Board (including the newly appointed member) will then select an individual from among its members to serve this role.

Section 8. Recall of any elected Officer or Councilor shall be by written ballot and shall require a two-thirds majority of the full Chapter members voting, provided that at least 50 percent of the full Chapter members in good standing vote for recall. Such recall shall be initiated by a petition signed by a least 20 percent of the full Chapter members in good standing.

ARTICLE VI: Administration

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall govern the Chapter except as otherwise herein expressly provided.

Section 2. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Board. In the Chair's absence, the Board shall designate a temporary chairperson.

Section 4. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board; shall carry on the correspondence of the Chapter; and shall keep an accurate list of the

members and their status. Minutes of the meetings of the Chapter and the Board shall be promptly submitted to the Board for approval.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Chapter and shall pay all authorized bills incurred by the Chapter. The disbursement of Chapter funds shall be made only upon authorization of the Board. The Treasurer shall submit the accounts for audit at the last meeting of the Board prior to the Annual Meeting of the Chapter, and shall transmit to his/her successor in office all funds and property of the Chapter in his/her possession.

ARTICLE VII: Scientific Program

Section 1. The Board shall coordinate a scientific program addressing a variety of topics in Risk Analysis, to consist of at least three seminars or presentations in each calendar year. Each event will be announced to the membership by regular mail or email at least one week in advance.

Section 2. Workshops involving multiple speakers may also be organized. The Board will select a workshop chair from among the Directors and must approve the topic and final program for the workshop. The workshop chair may select any individuals to serve as co-chair and/or the organizing committee for the workshop.

ARTICLE VIII: Meetings

Section 1. An annual business meeting of the Chapter shall be held at which reports of the Officers shall be made. The time and place of the annual meeting together with the agenda shall be communicated to the membership at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. The Chair may call other meetings at any time, with the approval of the Board.

Section 3. Board meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Chair, provided that each of the members of the Board is notified at least seven days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IX: Dues

Section 1. The dues schedule shall be set by the Board and shall be reviewed annually.

ARTICLE X: Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at an Annual or special meeting of the Chapter, provided that a written notice of the meeting, together with the text of the proposed amendments and of any existing articles thereby affected, has been sent by regular mail or email to the members at least 10 days before the meeting at which a vote will be taken.

Section 2. Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by the Board or by petition of at least 10 full members in good standing. Amendments by petition must be presented to the Secretary at least two months before the meeting at which the vote on them will be taken.

Section 3. Adoption of a proposed amendment to these By-Laws shall require the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members voting, provided that at least 20 percent of the members in good standing are present and voting.

Section 4. Amendments to these By-Laws must be approved by the Council of the Society before they become effective.