

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

OF RADIOPHARMACEUTICAL SCIENTISTS

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name

1. The name of the organization is Canadian Association of Radiopharmaceutical Scientists Inc (CARS), hereafter called the Association.

Article II Objectives and Activities

1. The primary objective of the Association is the encouragement of the communication of radiopharmaceutical and scientific knowledge.
2. The activities of the Association will be those appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objective and may include (i) holding scientific meetings at which members may discuss their work; such meetings need not necessarily be held on a regular basis; (ii) monitoring, and where necessary, responding to government actions which affect either the routine preparation of radiopharmaceuticals or radiopharmaceutical research and development; (iii) monitoring and responding to actions of any third party which have an effect on professional practice of the members of the Association.
3. The Association shall carry out its benevolent, scientific, and educational activities without financial profit to its organizers or members.

Article III Membership

1. Membership in the Association shall be open to all those who have a professional interest in radiopharmaceuticals and who pay the appropriate dues.
2. Membership in the Association shall cease for any member who has failed to pay the dues required by the Association for a period of six calendar months from their due date. Where membership has ceased due to non-payment of dues, reinstatement of membership may be granted on payment of dues in arrears and any reinstatement fee which may be set by the rules of the Association.

Article IV Officers

1. The officers of the Association are the (i) President, (ii) President-Elect, (iii) Past President (iii) Secretary, (iv) Editor/Treasurer and (v) Executive Member-at-Large.
2. The officers are elected by and from the members of the Association.
3. The President is the principal officer of the Association, presides over all official functions of the Association, and is chairperson of the Board of Directors.
4. The President-Elect assists the President in any matters which may be delegated to him by the President.
5. The Past President, in consultation with other CARS members, prepares a slate of candidates for each election position to be filled, ensures the nominees are willing, able and eligible to hold office and ensures the list is distributed by the Newsletter Editor to the membership. The Past

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President also acts as a mentor and advisor to the President and President Elect on all matters past, present and future as mutually determined.

6. The Secretary maintains the official records of the Association and the minutes of any business meetings. He shall arrange with the Editor/Treasurer for any balloting of the membership, announcements, etc. that are not included in the CARS Newsletters. Ballots from the membership will be received and tabulated by the Secretary. The CARS representative on the executive of the Canadian Society of Nuclear Medicine (CSNM) shall be the Secretary or designate.

7. The Editor/Treasurer is responsible for the proper accounting of all monies and property of the Association and shall prepare an annual financial statement for distribution to the membership. He shall maintain the membership list. The Editor shall be responsible for publishing the quarterly CARS Newsletter utilizing submissions from the members and any other information pertinent to the members.

8. The Executive Member-at-Large coordinates the activities of the executive members, committee chairs and committee members to ensure that these obligations are fulfilled in a timely manner. This position would assume the duties of an executive position vacated due to circumstance, until the next election.

Article V Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Association and shall exercise control over all funds, activities, and policies in accordance with the Articles of the Constitution and the Rules of the Association.

2. The Board of Directors consists of the officers of the Association.

Article VI Terms of Office

1. The Secretary, President-Elect, Past President and President will each serve a two-year term in office. The Editor/Treasurer will serve for five years.

2. The position of Member-at-Large will be a 2 year term of office and will be staggered with the election of the other officers to allow overlap in knowledge of past and continuing obligations.

3. As long as the officer is willing and satisfactory performance is evident, a Secretary would progress after two years to President-Elect and President-Elect would progress to President.

Article VII Elections

1. The immediate Past-President, in consultation with other members of CARS or another person from outside the membership of the Association who by virtue of his professional position knows many of the members of the Association, (i) prepares an election slate for each position to be filled, (ii) ensures that the nominees are willing and eligible to hold office, and (iii) presents the list of candidates to the CARS Newsletter Editor for ballot distribution to CARS members.

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2. If the Secretary or Editor/Treasurer is unable to continue his term of office, the Board of Directors is authorized to appoint a replacement for the remainder of the incomplete term. If the President-Elect or President is unable to continue in his position, it will be filled by the Secretary or President-Elect, respectively (as long as satisfactory performance is evident). A new Secretary will be appointed for the remainder of the term. If the position of Secretary was filled by appointment, he may be a nominee for President-Elect for the next term but the next election shall allow for nominations to be made for both the position of Secretary and President-Elect.

Article VIII Administration

1. The Rules of the Association augment the Articles of the Constitution.
2. The Rules of the Association will be developed by the Board of Directors by interpretation of the Articles of the Constitution but become effective only when approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the responding members to a mail ballot.
3. The Board of Directors may be directed to draw up rules relating to a given area if petitioned to do so by twenty percent of the membership.
4. The Board may appoint other committees as deemed necessary.

Article IX Meetings

1. Meetings will be held on unspecified basis which will be determined by the needs of the Association. Such meetings may be organized by action of the Board directly or the Board may be directed to organize a meeting by petition of twenty percent of the membership.
2. The Board of Directors does not necessarily hold a physical meeting but rather conducts its business via mail or, if urgent matters are to be dealt with, via the telephone.

Article X Amendments

1. Amendments to the Articles of the Constitution may be proposed by (i) the Board of Directors or (ii) petition of twenty percent of the membership.
2. Proposed amendment should be received by the Board of Directors who should then circulate the proposed amendment to the entire membership for comment. Any member wishing to make an argument for or against such an amendment should do so in writing to the Editor/Treasurer within thirty days of the initial mailing of the proposed amendment. The Editor/Treasurer will then include copies of all arguments with a further copy of the proposed amendment to be sent to all members not earlier than forty-five days after initial mailing and not more than sixty days. This second mailing is to contain a mail ballot. Approval of an amendment requires a two-thirds majority of the returned ballots.

Article XI Interpretation

1. All references to the masculine shall be interpreted to include the feminine.

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