

**Constitution of the
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Section of the
American Nuclear Society**

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of the MIT Student Section of the American Nuclear Society (ANS) is to promote the advancement of nuclear science and engineering as well as related disciplines. For the more active furtherance of the objectives in the academic community ANS shall sponsor a seminar series featuring speakers in the fields of fission, fusion and radiation science and technology (as available) to:

provide to students within the Nuclear Engineering Department (NED) a means for professional development through connections with other members of the nuclear community, including other Universities, Industry and Sections as well as the National Society; and to

contribute toward the development of nuclear science and technology at the Institute through activities in which student members and faculty may participate; and to

serve as a focal point within the Institute community for interchange of information in the area of nuclear science and technology; and

the promotion of beneficial and cordial relations with the members of nearby Local Sections.

ANS shall also sponsor social events for students and faculty to promote fellowship and goodwill among students and to facilitate connection building between members of the student body, NED faculty, and NED staff.

ANS shall also be responsible for appointing an advisory committee every other year to prepare a report to the NED addressing graduate and undergraduate students' academic concerns and act as a focus group to work with the NED to improve the academic program.

To facilitate cooperation between the Section and the National Society, ANS shall be responsible for writing an Annual Report for submission to the Executive Director of the National Society.

Article II: Membership

- (1) Any student enrolled in the MIT NED is automatically a voting member of ANS.
- (2) Any student enrolled at MIT is eligible to become a voting member of ANS.
- (3) Any non-student affiliate of MIT, who is a member of the National Society, is eligible to become a non-voting member of ANS.

(4) Any non-student affiliate of MIT, who is not a member of the National Society, is eligible to become a non-voting member of ANS, pending approval of the Board of Governors.

(5) Only voting members shall be allowed to hold offices in the Executive Committee.

(6) The membership of the Section will at all times contain at least 5 MIT students and the composition of the Section will at all times be at least half MIT students.

(7) The section will not deny membership based on any characteristic listed in MIT's nondiscrimination statement.

(8) No dues are required for membership.

(9) Membership shall be in accordance with Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws 269: 17, 18, and 19

Article III: Officers

The Board of Governors shall be the governing body of the Section. The Board of Governors is comprised of the Executive Committee of Officers, a Faculty Advisor, and a voting member at large. All Executive Committee Officers shall act as voting members of the Board of Governors.

The Executive Committee is comprised of officers. The responsibilities of each office are described in the following sections.

(1) Co-President

a. The Section shall at all times have two Co-Presidents.

b. The Co-Presidents shall be the official representation of the Section to any other organization within MIT, and shall act as a liaison between the NED students and the NED faculty.

c. The Co-Presidents shall preside over all General Body Meetings of the Section.

d. The Co-Presidents shall preside over meetings of the Board of Governors.

e. The Co-Presidents shall be responsible for managing and promoting the seminar series.

f. The Co-Presidents shall manage the allocation of student office assignments in NED.

g. The Co-Presidents shall review and sign the Annual Report submitted to the National Society.

h. The Co-Presidents shall act as representatives of ANS to the Graduate Student Council (GSC) and ought to remain in good standing.

i. One Co-President shall consistently attend NED Faculty Dinners as a student representative.

j. The Co-President positions shall jointly fulfill the requirements set by the Bylaws for the President and Vice-President.

k. In the absence of one Co-President, the remaining Co-President shall be responsible for all duties of the office of the Co-President.

(2) Public Information Officer (PIO)

a. The Section shall at all times have one PIO.

- b. The PIO shall record minutes at all Section meetings.
- c. The PIO shall handle all official correspondence of ANS.
- d. The PIO shall maintain a list of members, voting status, and contact information.
- e. The PIO shall be responsible for compiling an Annual Report to be submitted to the National Society.
- f. The PIO shall be responsible for maintaining the ANS webpage, as well as any public display of the activities of ANS.
- g. The PIO shall administer course evaluations for NED offerings.
- h. The PIO shall act as a custodian of the Society Bylaws and Rules.
- i. The PIO position shall fulfill the requirements set by the Bylaws for the Communications Officer.
- j. In the absence of both Co-Presidents, the PIO shall preside over Section meetings.

(3) Treasurer

- a. The Section shall at all times have one Treasurer.
- b. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of ANS and will maintain records of all transactions.
- c. The Treasurer shall be responsible for submitting an annual operating statement of income and expenses to the PIO for inclusion in the Annual Report.
- d. The Treasurer shall be required to sign all checks and vouchers of ANS and to reimburse legitimate expenses incurred by the officers and agents of ANS.
- e. The Treasurer shall deposit funds of the Section in a repository approved by the Board of Governors.
- f. In the absence of both Co-Presidents and the PIO, the Treasurer shall preside over Section meetings.

(4) Social Chair

- a. The Section shall at all times have at least one Social Chair.
- b. The Social Chair(s) shall be responsible for organizing social events within the NED, pending the approval of the Board of Governors.

(5) Undergraduate Chair

- a. The Undergraduate Chair shall act as a liaison between graduate and undergraduate students within the NED.
- b. The Undergraduate Chair shall maintain a list of undergraduate members of the Section and contact information.
- c. The Undergraduate Chair shall submit a list of undergraduate members to the PIO at the start of each Fall and Spring term.

(6) Athletics Chair

- a. The Athletics Chair shall be responsible for the organization and management of the NED intramural sports teams.

(7) Alpha Nu Sigma President

- a. The President of the Alpha Nu Sigma Honors Society shall act as liaison between Alpha Nu Sigma and ANS.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the appointment of the following officers that are not members of the Executive Committee of ANS.

(8) Faculty Advisor

- a. The Faculty Advisor shall serve as a liaison between the Section and the National Society
 - b. The Faculty Advisor appointment shall be subject to the approval of both Co-Presidents of the Section.
 - c. The Faculty Advisor must be a Fellow, Member, Emeritus Member, or Honorary Life Member of the Society.
 - d. The Faculty Advisor must be a Professor in the NED.
 - e. The Faculty Advisor shall be responsible for reviewing the Annual Report.
 - f. The Faculty Advisor shall act as a non-voting member on the Board of Governors.
- (9) Member at Large
- a. The Member at Large shall not hold any officer position on the Executive Committee of the Section.
 - b. The Member at Large shall act as a voting member on the Board of Governors.

Article IV: Meetings

Two types of meetings are described in this section, Meetings of the Board of Governors and General Body Meetings (GBM).

(1) Meetings of the Board of Governors

- a. The Co-Presidents shall preside over all Meetings of the Board of Governors.
- b. The PIO shall notify the Board of Governors of the meeting either electronically or in print at least one week prior to the meeting.
- c. At least one Meeting of the Board of Governors will take place in both the Fall and Spring terms.
- d. A quorum for the transaction of business at a Meeting of the Board of Governors shall be at least one half (1/2) of the Board.

(2) General Body Meetings

- a. The Co-Presidents shall preside over all GBM
- b. The PIO shall notify the voting and non-voting members of the Section at least one week prior to the GBM.
- c. At least two GBMs will take place per academic year.
- d. A quorum for the transaction of business at a GBM shall be at least one-eighth (1/8) of the voting members, and three-fourths (3/4) of the Board of Governors.
- e. Officer elections may only be held at a GBM.

Article V: Elections

(1) With the exception of the Alpha Nu Sigma President, all officers in the Executive Committee of ANS are decided by a majority vote at the last GBM of the current academic year.

(2) Candidacy for an officer position shall be subject to the approval of the Nominations Committee or by nomination following Robert's Rules of Order during the last GBM of the academic year.

(3) A Candidate must be eligible to be a voting member during the term for which he/she is nominated to serve.

- (4) Each officer term starts on June 1st and lasts for one year.
- (5) If more than two people are running for an officer position and no one wins a majority vote at the GBM, then the candidate with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and the votes are recast.

Article VI: Committees

The Co-Presidents are responsible for the appointment of members to the following permanent committees, subject to the consent of the appointees and the approval of the Board of Governors.

(1) Nominations Committee

- a. The nominations committee shall contain no more than 5 voting members.
- b. If the nominations committee has exactly 5 voting members, a non-voting member may also be appointed.
- c. The nominations committee shall be responsible for nominating voting members to serve as officers on the Executive Committee for the following year.

(2) Advisory Committee to the NED (ACN)

- a. The ACN shall contain at least 1 member for each topical track in NED (fission, fusion, and radiation science and technology).
- b. The ACN membership shall total approximately one-tenth (1/10) of the NED student population.
- c. The ACN membership need not be a representative demographic of the NED student body.

The Co-Presidents may also appoint temporary committees, subject to the consent of the appointees and approval of the Board of Governors. The term of the temporary committees shall be no longer than the remainder of the Co-Presidents' term.

Article VII: Amendments

- (1) Amendments may be presented by any voting member of the Section at the first GBM of the academic year.
- (2) Any proposed amendment must be voted on at the second GBM of the academic year.
- (3) The amendment shall be adopted if passed by a simple majority of the Board of Governors present and a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the remainder of the voting members.

Article VIII: Parent Organization Compliance

- (1) The MIT Section of the American Nuclear Society agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board, as required for ASA recognition. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.

(2) The MIT Section of the American Nuclear Society agrees to adopt as its Bylaws the most recent version of the American Nuclear Society Incorporated Standard Bylaws for Student Sections.

(3) The MIT Section of the American Nuclear Society shall at all times be in full compliance with the rules set forth by the Student Sections Committee of the National Society.

STANDARD BYLAWS FOR STUDENT SECTIONS

AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY

Incorporated

B1 - NAME

R19.3 1. The official name of this organization shall be the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Student Section of the AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the Section and Society, respectively. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is hereinafter referred to as the Host Institution.

B2 - OBJECTIVES

B2.1 1. The objectives of the Section shall be consistent with the objectives of the Society as set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation and in Article B2 of its Bylaws and Rules, principally, "the advancement of science and engineering relating to the atomic nucleus, and of allied sciences and arts."

B9.2(c) 2. The Section shall undertake activities for the more active furtherance of the objectives within in the academic community. These activities shall be identified in Section Rules.

3. The Section is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, including for these purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

B3 - OBLIGATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

B9.1, B14.1 1. The activities of the Section and its members shall be governed by the provisions of these Bylaws which shall be in accord with the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws and Rules of the Society. The Section shall conform to, and abide by, the rules and regulations of the Host Institution concerning the formation and operation of student organizations.

B9.4 2. No action, obligation, or expression of a Section shall be considered an action, obligation, or expression of the Society as a whole. A statement to the effect that the Section assumes sole responsibility for the contents shall be imprinted on any publication regarding an action, obligation, or expression with respect to the Society.

B11.1 3. The Section shall not have authority to act for or in the name of the Society without prior approval of the Board of Directors or the Officers of the Society. On local matters, a member of the Section may represent the official position of the Section upon the approval of the Section Board of Governors and after consultation with the Chair of the Society's Public Policy Committee or the Executive Director of the Society.

R19.5.4 4. The affairs of the Section shall be conducted in such manner that the Section shall be financially independent and shall not rely on support from the funds of the Society.

R19.6 5. At least once per year the Section shall file with the Executive Director of the Society a report of the activities and status of the Section, including an operating statement of income and expenses and a current version of the Section's Rules.

B4 - MEMBERSHIP

B3.1-4 1. Membership in the Section is subject to all the regulations of the Host Institution regarding membership in student organizations.

B3.1-4 2. Non-student members of the Host Institution, who are members of the Society, may become members of the Section, but they shall be ineligible to vote or hold office.

3. A member in good standing may be dropped from membership or otherwise disciplined for acts, conduct, or practices which tend to injure or adversely affect the reputation of the Section, or which are contrary to, or destructive of, the objectives of the Section or the Society, or for substantial errors or omissions subsequently discovered in the information filed with his/her application for membership.

B5 - ASSESSMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

R19.5.4 1. The Section shall have the right to levy special and reasonable assessments when authorized by affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a regular meeting.

2. The Section may also accept local non-compulsory financial contributions. Solicitation and acceptance of such contributions is limited to those activities consistent with the objectives of the Society and Section.

3. No part of the net earnings of the Section shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers or other private persons, except that the Section shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set

forth in this paragraph. No substantial part of the activities of the Section shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Section shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, the Section shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

B6 - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

R19.5.2 1. The Board of Governors shall be the governing body of the Section and shall have the power to act for the Section in all matters, subject to these Bylaws and to the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Society.

R19.5.1 2. The Board of Governors shall include the elected Section Officers, the Governors elected at large, all of whom shall be Student members of the Society, and an Advisor who shall be a Fellow, Member, Emeritus, or Honorary Life member of the Society. Selection of the Advisor by the Board of Governors shall be subject to the approval of the President of the Society and the Host Institution. The Advisor shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Governors and shall serve as a liaison between the Section and the Society.

R19.5.1 3. The officers of the Section shall be a President, Vice-President, Communications Officer or Secretary, and a Treasurer. The duties of the Communications Officer and Treasurer may be combined into a single office.

R5.9.1 4. The Section may enter into cooperative agreements with local scientific and engineering societies, or with local units of such national societies, not contrary to the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws and Rules of the Society.

R19.4.2 5. The conduct of elections shall be specified in the Section Rules. The Rules, mandated in article B9.2, shall also provide mechanisms for the filling of premature vacancies and for the removal of officers.

B7 - MEETINGS

R19.5.3 1. The Section shall hold no fewer than two (2) meetings each year, one of which shall be the annual meeting.

B8 - COMMITTEES

1. Standing and Special Committees of the Section shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval by the Board of Governors. Standing committees shall be appointed to serve a term concurrent with the Officers of the Section.

B9 - RULES AND AMENDMENTS

B14.1 1. Rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall be used in the conduct of meetings of the Section and shall be the authority on parliamentary procedures except as may otherwise be required by the laws of incorporation of the Society and the Bylaws and Rules of the Section and the Society.

B19.4.2 2. In order to provide for handling the affairs of the Section, the Board of Governors shall prepare and adopt, in connection with these Bylaws, suitable Rules. A copy of such Rules shall be filed with the Executive Director of the Society. The procedure for amending the Rules shall be specified within the Rules.

3. These Section Bylaws reflect requirements of the Society's Bylaws and Rules. In order to change them, the appropriate Society Bylaw or Rule must thus be changed. The procedure for changing Society Bylaws and Rules is found in Article B13 of the ANS National Bylaws.

B10 - DISSOLUTION

B9.5, P9.5 1. Upon the dissolution of the Section, assets shall be distributed first in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation of the Section. If no such Articles exist, or potential recipients are not named specifically, then the Society, an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, shall take possession of assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of that Section of the Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or they shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.