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Bylaws	Rules
B1 – Name	R1 – Name
 1.1 The official designation shall be the Nuclear Nonproliferation Technical Group of the American Nuclear Society, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the NN-TG and Society, respectively. B2 – Objectives 	 1.1 The official name of Nuclear Nonproliferation Technical Group of the American Nuclear Society may also be referred to herein as the NN-TG. R2 – Objectives
 2.1 The objectives of the NN-TG 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". 2.2 The NN-TG shall provide, through a group of members of any grades particularly interested in the Division's area of nuclear science or technology, a means to promote the sciences and arts of that area, within the scope of the Society. 2.3 The NN-TG area of nuclear science or technology includes: promoting the peaceful use of nuclear technology while simultaneously preventing the diversion and misuse of nuclear material and technology through appropriate safeguards and security, and promotion of nuclear nonproliferation policies. 	 In order to achieve the mission provided in Article 2.3, the objectives of the NN-TG are to: Promote policy that discourages the proliferation of nuclear technology and material to inappropriate entities. Provide information to ANS members, the technical community at large, opinion leaders, and decision makers to improve their understanding of nuclear nonproliferation issues. Become a recognized technical resource on nuclear nonproliferation, safeguards, and security issues. Serve as the integration and coordination body for nuclear nonproliferation activities for the ANS. Work cooperatively with other ANS divisions to achieve these objectives
 2.4 To further its objectives, the NN-TG shall: a. Hold meetings, or conduct other activities, in accordance with the stated policy of the Society for the presentation and discussion of professional ideas relating to the Division's area of nuclear science or technology. b. Disseminate knowledge and 	2 of 18 jeg

 information in the Division's area of nuclear science or technology by discussions, communications, and the presentation of papers and other means of information exchange. c. Encourage the formation of closer professional, and, as appropriate, personal relations among the members. d. Cooperate with other scientific and professional groups having related objectives B3 – Obligations to the Society 	R3- Obligations to the Society
 3.1 The activities of the NN-TG 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. Operation of the NN-TG shall be governed by the laws of incorporation of the Society and their respective Bylaws, Rules, Procedures, and Policies. 3.2 In the event of a conflict, the Society's Bylaws, Rules, Procedures, and Policies shall take precedence over the Bylaws and Rules of the Division or Technical Group. 	3. Reserved
 3.3 The NN-TG shall not have authority to act for or in the name of the Society. No action, obligation, or expression of the NN-TG shall be considered an action, obligation, or expression of the Society as a whole. A statement to the effect that the NN-TG assumes sole responsibility for the contents shall be imprinted on any publication regarding an action, obligation, or expression with respect to the Society, issued by the NN-TG. The NN-TG may use its website for this purpose. 3.4 The financial affairs of the NN TG shall 	
3.4 The financial affairs of the NN-TG shall be conducted in such manner that the NN-TG shall be financially independent	

 and shall not rely on support from Society funds, except to the limit budgeted by the Board of Directors for each Division. The NN-TG may meet its financial obligations in accordance with the provisions in Article B5. 3.5 The NN-TG shall not represent any opinion or position in any matter technical or non-technical as being the official position of the Society or any of its subdivisions without prior approval of the Board of Directors. 	
3.6. The Secretary of the NN-TG shall file with the Executive Director of the Society a copy of the minutes of the NN- TG Executive Committee meetings within thirty (30) days following the meetings date(s) in accordance with B7.3.	
B4 – Membership	R4 – Membership
4.1 Members in good standing in the Society shall be eligible to become members of the NN-TG.	
4.2 Student members in good standing in the Society shall be voting members and may hold the office of Secretary- Treasurer, Secretary, or Treasurer and serve on the Executive Committee in the Division.	4.2 Student Members of the Society shall be eligible for membership in the Division. Student Members have the right to vote on Division matters. Student Members are eligible to hold Office or positions on the Executive Committee except for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.
4.3 Society members who desire to become members of the NN-TG shall so indicate on the dues billing form issued annually to all Society members by the Executive Director. Society members desiring to join at other times may do so by notifying the Executive Director and paying the associated fee, if necessary.	
4.4 Society members who desire to terminate their membership in the NN-TG shall so indicate on the annual dues billing form. Society members desiring to resign at	

 vote of not fewer that two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a regular or special meeting called as provided in these Bylaws. 5.3 The NN-TG may also accept non-compulsory financial contributions, but solicitation and acceptance of such contributions shall be subject to the written approval by the Board of Directors and the Executive Director. 	
 5.4 The funds derived from these and from any other authorized sources shall be disbursed for the NN-TG by the Executive Director of the Society in response to requests from the Treasurer and Chair and in accordance with the annual operating budget prepared by the Finance Committee of the NN-TG and subject to the limitation stipulated in Article B3.4 of these Bylaws. B6 – Executive Committee 	R6 – Executive Committee
 6.1 The NN-TG shall be managed by the Officers and Executive Committee. These shall constitute the governing body of the NN-TG and shall have power to act for the NN-TG in all matters, subject to these Bylaws and to the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws and Rules of the Society. 	6.1The Officers and Executive Committee may empower officers or members of the Executive Committee to act specifically on its behalf in certain matters.
6.2 The Executive Committee of the NN-TG shall consist of not fewer than six (6) members. The Executive Committee members shall have terms not exceeding four (4) years, and the term designated for each shall commence at the close of the Annual meeting of the Society and shall be such as to maintain effective	 6.2 Composition and Term of Office a. The Officers and Executive Committee of the NN-TG shall consist of not more than twenty (20) members including the Officers, the elected members. b. Term of Office - The term of office for non- Officer members, who are elected at large (in the line the state of the term of the state of
continuity of experience in conducting the affairs of the NN-TG and in performing the duties of the Executive Committee. The Immediate Past Chair of the NN-TG shall be a member with voting privileges. The Chair of the	(including those elected as Student Members), shall be three (3) years.c. Student Officers - Without limiting the actual number of Student Members permitted on the Executive Committee under Article

Professional Divisions Committee of the Society shall be an ex-officio member without vote. The Chair of the NN-TG shall be the Chair of the Executive Committee and Officers, as defined in Articles B7.2, B7.3, B7.4, and B7.5. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members of the Officers and Executive Committee.	B4.2 of the Bylaws, one position on the Executive Committee may be specifically designated to be filled by a Student Member. Transition of the incumbent from Student Member to Member status shall not affect the Term of Office, but may prompt the designated position to be filled by a Student Member in the next regular election.
For the NN-TG the initial Executive Committee shall be composed of not fewer than six (6) members selected by the petitioners. This committee shall be subject to approval by the Professional Divisions Committee and by the Board of Directors at the time of approval for organization. The initial Executive Committee of the Division shall be the Executive Committee of the predecessor Technical Group.	
6.3 Any vacancy among the Officers or on the Executive Committee occurring during their terms shall be filled by appropriate action of the Officers and Executive Committee until the next regular election, except that a vacancy in the office of Chair shall be filled by the Vice-Chair (the designated Chair-Elect if there is more than one Vice-Chair), who shall continue also to perform the duties of Vice-Chair until installed as Chair for the following year.	 6.3 Filling of vacancies: a. A vacancy among the Officers or on the Executive Committee may be declared because of death, resignation, or removal in accordance with Article B6.4. b. Between elections, a vacancy shall be filled through appointment of an individual by the Chair, with an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee members. c. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee shall serve for the remainder of the original term.
6.4 The Officers and Executive Committee may remove members missing more than two (2) consecutive meetings, unless appropriate reasons are provided for missing such meetings.	6.4 Removal by Executive Committee: An affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee members is required to remove, for non-attendance or other good cause, from office an elected member from the Officers or Executive Committee.
6.5 In order to provide for handling the affairs of the NN-TG, the Officers and Executive Committee shall prepare and	6.5 Amendment to NN-TG Rules:a. Amendments to NN-TG Rules may be proposed by any Officer or member of the

adopt, in connection with these Bylaws, suitable Rules. NN-TG Rules, and proposed changes to them, must be reviewed for consistency with Society Bylaws and Rules by the Bylaws and Rules Committee of the Society. A copy of such Rules shall then be filed with the Executive Director of the Society. The procedure for amending the Rules shall be specified in the Rules.

6.6 The Officers and Executive Committee shall meet at least twice each year, once during the Annual Meeting and once during the Winter Meeting of the Society, or as appropriate. Other meetings (e.g. at Division-sponsored Topical Meetings) or teleconferences, e-mail communications, and by other appropriate medium of the Officers and Executive Committee may be called at any time by the Chair, or at the request of any three or more members of the Committee.

6.7 Voting shall be by an appropriate voting system, under the general procedure stipulated for voting and for handling the ballots in the Bylaws and Rules of the Society. The Executive Director shall declare elected to each position the candidate receiving the most votes for that position. If a tie occurs, the NN-TG shall resolve the tie by a vote of the members of the Officers and Executive Committee. The elected candidates shall be installed and their terms Executive Committee during a Committee meeting and approved by a simple majority of the members present.

b. Amendments adopted by the Officers and Executive Committee shall be provided to the Society Bylaws and Rules Committee for review and endorsement.

c. In the event that an approved amendment does not attain a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee, the Chair may direct the amendment to be put to a Division vote at the next scheduled election.

d. The approved amendments to NN-TG Rules shall become effective upon being filed with the Executive Director of the Society.

e. The Division Secretary shall be notify the Division membership of the amended Rules in a printed or electronic newsletter.

of office shall commence at the close of the Annual Meeting of the Society.	
B7 – Officers	R7 – Officers
7.1 The Officers of the NN-TG shall be a Chair, at least one Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The duties of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into a single office (i.e., Secretary-Treasurer). All officers shall hold their offices for a one-year or two- year term or until their qualified successors are elected or appointed.	7.1 The Officers of the NN-TG shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Vice-Chair may be designated Chair- Elect. The Officers shall hold office for one year concurrently with the term of officers of the Society or until their successors are elected or appointed.
7.2 The Vice-Chair (or one of them if there is more than one) at the time of election shall be designated Chair-Elect, and at the expiration of that term will automatically succeed to the office of Chair.	 7.2 Duties of the Chair: a. The Chair shall have supervision over the affairs of the NN-TG, subject to the direction of the Officers and Executive Committee, and shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the NN-TG with the activities of the Society. b. The Chair shall be responsible for calling all meetings of the Executive Committee and shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and the Division. c. The Chair shall be responsible for representing the NN-TG at the meetings of the Society Professional Divisions Committee and Society Board of Directors. f. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all NN-TG Committees, with voting rights.
7.3 The Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer shall record and file with the Executive Director within thirty (30) days after the meeting date(s) the minutes of the NN- TG Executive Committee meetings. Separate teleconference meetings minutes may be recorded by the Division (or TG) and do not have to be filed with the Executive Director.	 7.3 Designated Chair-Elect and Vice-Chair: a. The Vice-Chair may be the designated Chair-Elect and, at the expiration of that term, will automatically succeed to the office of Chair. b. The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in conducting the duties of the office. c. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair if the Chair is unable to serve.
7.4 For Divisions that do not have a Treasurer, the Secretary-Treasurer shall	7.4 Secretary:a. The Secretary shall act as custodian of the
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 also serve as a member of the Division's Finance committee, and shall be the responsible custodian of any special funds of the Division. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have the same duties as the Treasurer. 7.5 The Treasurer shall send the NN-TG budget to the Executive Director after approval of the Executive Committee. 	 NN-TG Bylaws and Rules and shall keep records and minutes of the Division's activities. b. The Secretary shall provide notices to NN-TG members and for publicity releases, and shall be responsible for obtaining a roster of NN-TG members from the Executive Director. c. In the absence or incapacity of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Secretary (if not a student member) shall be responsible for performing the duties of the Chair. 7.5 Treasurer: a. The Treasurer shall review the financial statements provided by the Society's staff and shall monitor the financial health of the NN-TG. b. The Treasurer shall assist with the preparation of the NN-TG's budget. c. The Treasurer shall advise the other officers on issues of expenses and revenue. d. In the absence or incapacity of the other Officers, the Treasurer (if not a student member) shall be responsible for performing the duties of the Chair and revenue.
 B8 – Election and Eligibility 8.1 The members of the NN-TG Executive committee and the Officers (except the Chair) shall be elected as specified in Article B6.2 and B7.1 of these Bylaws, respectively. 8.2 Officers and Executive Committee members shall be Fellows, Members, Student Members, Emeritus or Honorary Life Members of the Society. 8.3 The Nominating Committee shall place in the hands of the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director no later than the completion of the Winter Meeting (or seven [7] months before the Annual Meeting for Divisions that were unable to meet during the Winter Meeting) the names of candidates for the Executive Committee and for the NN-TG Officers. The Executive Director 	R8 – Election and Eligibility 8. Reserved

shall prepare and forward to each
member of the NN-TG a ballot
containing the nominations submitted by
the Nominating Committee, and others
made by petition of not fewer than ten
(10) members of the Division, received
in writing either by the Nominating
Committee or by the Secretary or
Secretary-Treasurer at least twenty-two
(22) weeks before the Annual Meeting.

- 8.4 At least one candidate shall be named by the Nominating Committee for each Officer and Executive Committee membership expiring or vacated and for each elective Office other than the Office of Chair, which will be filled by the Vice-Chair. The ballot shall contain spaces for writing in additional candidates.
- 8.5 Ballots, in order to be counted, shall be completed as instructed and shall be validated by the Executive Director as having been received from a NN-TG member in good standing. The NN-TG shall be responsive to electronic voting initiatives introduced by the Society, as appropriate.
- 8.6 Voting shall be by secret ballot under the general procedure stipulated for voting and for handling the ballots in the Bylaws and Rules of the Society. The Executive Director shall declare elected to each position the candidate receiving the most votes for that position. If a tie occurs, the NN-TG shall resolve the tie by a vote of the members of the Officers and Executive Committee. The elected candidates shall be installed and their terms of office shall commence at the close of the Annual Meeting of the Society.
- 8.7 Members, elected at large, shall not be eligible for election to more than two

 consecutive terms on the Executive Committee, or more than two consecutive terms of office as Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer. After one full term in office, the Chair shall automatically be succeeded by the Vice- Chair. Except as provided in these Bylaws, no member shall hold more than one office simultaneously. 8.8 No member shall be eligible for the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect until having served on the Executive Committee in any capacity for at least one year except during the initial year of the NN-TG or in the event the office of Chair is declared vacant. 8.9 The retiring Chair shall not be eligible for election as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for the term immediately succeeding the term as Chair. B9 – Standing and Special Committees 	R9 – Standing and Special Committees
 9.1 The NN-TG may establish Standing and Special Committees. 	 9.1 Standing and Special Committees 9.1 Standing and Special Committees: a. As part of the strategic planning process for the Division, the Vice-Chair may, prior to assuming the office of Chair, submit for approval by the Officers and Executive Committee a succession plan, including the appointment or reappointment of Committee members and Committee Chairs, that strives to achieve a balance between continuity of experience and new members. b. The NN-TG Chair may, at any time, appoint additional members to serve on a Standing or Special Committee for a term of up to four (4) years. c. With the approval (simple majority) of the Officers and Executive Committee, the NN-TG Chair may remove the Committee Chair or any Executive Committee member from any Standing or Special Committee.
9.2 A simple majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum at all committee meetings	9.2 NN-TG Standing Committees:a. Program Committee – composed of not fewer than five (5) members, including the

 Chair. The Chair of the Program Committee shall be appointed by the NN-TG Chair for a term of four (4) years. The Program Committee is responsible for organizing technical sessions of interest to NN-TG members at National Meetings and Topical Meetings. The Program Committee Chair shall be responsible for representing the NN-TG at meetings of the Society National Program Committee. b. Membership Committee – composed of not fewer than four (4) members, including the NN-TG Liaison with the Society's Membership Committee and the Chair. The NN-TG Chair is the Chair of the Membership Committee. c. The Membership Committee is responsible for bringing the advantages of Society and NN-TG membership to the attention of qualified candidates. c. Finance Committee – composed of not fewer than three (3) members, including the two (2) immediate past NN-TG Treasurers and the Chair. The Chair. The Chair of the Finance Committee is responsible for bring for bringing the function of the function for the Finance Committee is responsible for the Finance
 most effective use of the Division's financial resources. d. Honors and Awards – Composed of not fewer than four (4) members, including the Program Committee Chair and the Chair. The Honors and Awards Committee is responsible for stimulating the recognition of NN-TG members, and for interacting with the Honors and Awards Committee of the Society. e. Planning – Composed of not fewer than four (4) members including the Chair. The Chair is the NN-TG Vice-Chair. The Planning Committee is responsible for annually developing a one-year tactical plan and a five-year strategic plan.
f. Newsletter and Publications – Composed of not fewer than four (4) members including the Secretary, Program Committee Chair, Vice- Chair and the Chair. The Newsletter and Publications Committee is responsible for publishing a semi-annual newsletter and at

least one (1) non-meeting publication (e.g. an
exceptional NN-TG presentation in the
Society's technical journals or an honoree's
acceptance speech in Nuclear News) each
year.
g. Website – Composed of not fewer than three
(3) members including the Secretary. The
Chair is the NN-TG Web Content Chair. The
Website Committee is responsible for
providing the NN-TG governance documents
and facilitating knowledge exchange among
NN-TG members.
h. Students and Young Members – Composed
of not fewer than four (4) members including
the Liaison with the Young Member Group
and the Vice Chair. The Chair is appointed by
the NN-TG Chair for a term of four (4) years.
The Students and Young Members Committee
is responsible for coordinating NN-TG support
and activities related to students and young
members (e.g., NN-TG scholarship recipients,
and student conference attendees), and related
to the transition from student to full member
status.
i. Special Advisory Committee on Nuclear
Nonproliferation (SACNN): Composed of
interested individuals who can provide critical
advice and consultation, but are not
particularly interested in additional NN-TG
governance activities.
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9.3 NN-TG Special Committees: Special
committees may be established from time-to-
time by the Chair, subject to authorization by
the Executive Committee. Special Committees
shall be dissolved upon completion of the
duties assigned to them. a. Nominating Committee – composed of not
fewer than three (3) members, including
the Committee Chair. The Committee
Chair is the immediate past chair of the Division. The Nominating Committee is
Division. The Nominating Committee is
responsible for assembling a slate of
candidates for elected offices that
represents a broad cross-section of the
segments or groups within the Division.

B10 – Meetings	R10 – Meetings
 10.1 Meetings of the NN-TG shall be held as determined by the Officers and Executive Committee, at times and places it shall designate. If a business meeting is held, it shall be scheduled to coincide with the Annual Meeting of the Society and shall precede the annual reorganization of the NN-TG Officers and Executive Committee. The Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer shall send an advance notice of all intended meetings of the NN-TG to the Executive Director of the Society not less than six (6) weeks before the date of that meeting. In addition, notices of all meetings will be sent to the members of the NN-TG not less than six (6) weeks before the meeting. These meetings are open to all members in good standing in the Division. 10.2 A quorum for the transaction of 	10. Reserved
business at all NN-TG meetings shall consist of fifteen (15) qualified voters or twenty (20) percent of the qualified voters.	
B11 – Amendments	R11 – Amendments
 11.1 Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any Division, the Professional Divisions Committee, the Society Bylaws and Rules Committee, or the Society Board of Directors. Amendments must be of a nature that they can be applied equitably to all Divisions in learning with the intent of 	 11.1 Proposed Amendments to the Standard Bylaws: a. Amendments proposed by the NN-TG shall have received an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the Officers and Executive Committee.
 Divisions, in keeping with the intent of the Standard Bylaws. All proposed amendments shall be forwarded to each NN-TG member for comment. Comments should be filed with the Professional Divisions Committee Chair no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the next ANS national meeting. Further detailed procedures for approval of amendments to the Standard Bylaws are 	b. Comments filed by the NN-TG on proposed amendments, which were forwarded to the Professional Divisions Committee in accordance with B11.1, shall have received an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the NN-TG Officers and Executive Committee.

in the ANS Rule R18.9.1.	
11.2 The Professional Divisions Committee shall notify all Divisions and TGs of approved amendments to the Standard Bylaws. Each Division or TG shall be responsible for reviewing approved amendments to determine if corresponding changes to the its Rules are required.	 11.2 Approved Amendments to the Standard Bylaws a. When notified of an approved amendment to the Standard Bylaws, the Secretary shall obtain an updated copy of the NN-TG Bylaws from the National Bylaws and Rules Committee, and prepare reconciling changes in the NN-TG Rules for review and approval by the Executive Committee. b. NN-TG members shall be notified of the amended Bylaws and Rules by appropriate means, such as posting the amended Bylaws on the NN-TG webpage or including a notice in the NN-TG newsletter.
B12 – Rules of Conduct	R12 – Rules of Conduct
12.1 In all procedural matters not covered by the Bylaws and Rules of the Division, Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be used as the authority for parliamentary procedures.	 12.1 Electronic Voting. The Officers and Executive Committee, and other NN-TG committees may resolve issues before them by normal voting procedures at in-person meetings, teleconference meetings, or e-mail voting. In order to properly transact committee business using non in-person meetings, the following concepts shall be followed. a. The Chair will conduct a meeting via teleconference to address and resolve the issue. Documentation will be by meeting minutes. b. In the event the Chair of the unit determines an issue is to be voted upon electronically, the guidance below will be followed. c. Documents / issues for comment and vote will be sent to the Officers and Executive Committee with a request to review and comment. d. Deadline dates for comment and voting periods will be provided. Votes can be submitted during the comment period and must be received prior to the voting deadline. All members are to reply to all other members to review both comments and votes.

 e. Once the voting deadline has passed, the Chair will review the votes and inform unit members of the outcome of the vote. To be valid, all votes taken outside of a meeting must have a quorum of unit members registering a vote. To pass, the vote must have a majority of the quorum of unit members submitting an affirmative vote. f. Between ANS national meetings, issues that have successfully passed through the electronic comment and voting process will be considered approved and activity may commence in accordance with the approved item. R13 – Dissolution
13. Reserved