ARTICLE 1 - NAME
The name of this organization shall be the Technologist Section of the Southwestern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Section".

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES
The objectives of this organization shall be:
2.1. To encourage members of the Southwestern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Chapter", who have received formal training in Nuclear Medicine Technology, or who by experience have attained those skills, to join together in an association within the society.
2.2. To aid in the development and implementation of continuing education programs for the purpose of improving the technological aspects of Nuclear Medicine to ensure a high standard of quality patient care.
2.3. To assist in establishing approved standards of training and qualifications for those engaged in Nuclear Medicine Technology.
2.4. To support the establishment of the identity and qualifications of the technologist members of the Society and to promote the continued development and improvement of Nuclear Medicine Technology.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP
Membership in the Section will be open to any member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and/or any member in the Southwestern Chapter, regardless of category, who can provide evidence of training and/or experience in Nuclear Medicine satisfactory to the Membership Committee of the Section.

3.1. In making its judgments, the Committee will take into consideration the following evidence:
   3.1.1. Graduation from a formal training program in Nuclear Medicine Technology accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA).
   3.1.2. Certification or registration by a nationally recognized board or registry of Nuclear Medicine Technology.
   3.1.3. Other types of experience gained in Nuclear Medicine Technology or in a related field may be considered, provided the Committee feels that applicant possesses sufficient interest and experience to make a positive contribution to the aims and objectives of the Section.

3.2. Membership in the Section shall confer the following privileges:
   3.2.1. All members shall receive official publications of the Section.
3.2.2. All members shall have the right to vote on any question submitted to the membership, and may serve as an officer of the Section in any elected office, except as stated in Article 3, number 4 and 5 as indicated below.

3.3. **Transfer of Membership:** A member of the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging may transfer membership to the Section.

3.4. **Student Affiliates:** Student Affiliates are persons enrolled in a Nuclear Medicine Technology (CAHEA) approved training program and verified as students by the Director of Training for that institution. They pay fees and dues as outlined in the Bylaws of the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, Inc. They shall receive the same privileges as any member of the Section and they may hold an appointive office only.

3.5. **Suspension of Privileges:** Any member of the Section who has been suspended by the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine is not able to vote, hold an elective or appointed position within the Section.

**ARTICLE 4 - ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION**

4.1. **Elected officers:** President, President-Elect, Secretary, National Council Representative and two Nominating Committee Members.

4.2. **Appointed Positions:** The President shall appoint a program chairperson for the Annual Spring Meeting of the Chapter. The President-elect shall appoint a program chairperson for the Annual Fall Educational Symposium of the Section.

4.3. **Terms of Office:** The terms of office are as follows:

   4.3.1. National Council Representative 2 years
   4.3.2. Secretary 2 years
   4.3.3. President - Elect 1 year
   4.3.4. President 1 year

4.4 **Term Limits:** Officers may serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

4.5 **Executive Board:** The Executive Board of the Section will be comprised of the President, President-Elect, National Council Representative, and the Secretary. The Executive Board of the Section is ex-officio members of the Chapter Board of Trustees, with voting privileges.

4.6 **Technologist Leadership Council:** The Technologist Leadership Council will be comprised of the elected officers and the committee chairpersons of the Section and one representative from each local Technologist Section, which is recognized by the
Chapter. The Section President will preside over the meetings of the Council. This Council will serve as an advisory committee to the Chapter on technologist’s affairs.

ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

5.1. President: The President of the Section presides at the meetings and is responsible for the general affairs of the Section. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President is responsible for appointing the Technologist Program Chairperson for the Annual Spring Educational Meeting. The President is an ex-officio member of the Chapter’s Board of Trustees, with voting privileges. He/she shall prepare an annual report of the activities of the Section, including the budget and financial statement. The President may establish special committees to function in areas of concern to the Section and prepares the agenda for the annual meeting. In conducting the meeting, Robert’s Rules of Order (newly revised) will be followed. The term of office shall be for one year.

5.2. President-Elect: The President-Elect acts for the President in the case of temporary or permanent absence or disability and functions as the primary delegate of the President in selected matters of the Section. The President-Elect serves as Chairperson of the Membership Committee. The President-Elect is responsible for appointing the Technologist Program Chairperson for the Annual Fall Educational Meeting. At the SWC Annual Spring Meeting, one year following election, the President-Elect becomes the President of the Section. To qualify for nomination to this office, each candidate must furnish a letter of support from his/her employer.

5.3. Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for recording minutes of official meetings of the Section and maintaining the archives of the Section as they accumulate. The term of Secretary shall be for two years.

5.4. National Council Representative and HOD: The National Council Representative shall represent the Section at all meetings of the National Council of Representatives (NCOR) of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and attend the House of Delegates meeting at both Annual and Mid-winter SNMMI meetings. To qualify for nomination to this office, each candidate must furnish a letter of support from his/her employer, attended and graduated from the SNMMI Leadership Academy, and/or held an elected position within the Section or the SNMMI Technologist Section. The term of office shall be for two years.

5.5. Immediate Past-President: The immediate Past-President serves as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

5.6. Standards of Operation: While these bylaws define the scope and rules for members and officers of the Section, which can only be changed by consent of the general Section Membership, Section leadership also created and maintains a document entitled "Standards of Operation" which allows flexibility and can be readily adapted by the Executive Board to accommodate planned and unforeseen circumstances in the Society.

5.7. Removal of Official from Office: The President of the Southwestern Chapter and the President of the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging must be notified prior to the intended removal of an official from their elected or appointed office. Once these individuals have been notified, than any elected or appointed official
may be removed from office with cause by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Board.

5.8. **Vacancies of Elected Officials:**

5.8.1. President: Should the office of President become vacant prior to the election of new officers, the current President-Elect will automatically assume the office for the remained of the unexpired term and automatically assumes the elected duties the year following.

5.8.2. President-Elect: Should the office of President-Elect become vacant prior to the election of new officers, the President shall appoint an acting President-Elect from the membership of the Chapter to perform duties until the next regular election, at which time a new President and President-Elect shall be elected by the membership.

5.8.3. Should the office of Secretary, or the National Council Representative become vacant prior to the election of officers, the President of the Section can make a temporary appointment to fill the office until the next election.

**ARTICLE 6 - ELECTIONS**

At least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting of the Chapter Section, the Nominating Committee will present by mail, or by any other form of transmission, electronic or otherwise, as may be permitted by law to the membership its recommendations for the elected officers together with a ballot. Names to be considered must be accompanied by a brief resume of credentials.

6.1. Ballots shall be returned to the Executive Director at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Ballots received less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting will not be counted.

6.2. The ballot shall contain: for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and National Council Representative, there shall be at least two names listed for each office. Space shall be provided for one (1) write-in candidate for each office. For the Nominating Committee, there shall be at least four names listed. Space shall be provided for two (2) write-in candidates.

6.3. To be elected, each write-in candidate must indicate willingness to accept no later than one day after tabulation of the ballots.

6.4. Tabulation of the ballots shall be conducted by the Executive Director and the Executive Board. It is recommended that the board shall notify newly elected officers no later than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

6.5. For each office, the nominee who received the largest number of votes by ballots and has indicated a willingness to accept shall be elected. For the Nominating Committee the two nominees receiving the largest number of votes by ballot and who have indicated a willingness to accept shall be elected.

6.6. In the event of a tie vote, the members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting shall break the tie.

6.7. The results of the election shall be reported at the Annual Meeting of the Section and newly elected officers shall begin their terms at the close of the Business Meeting of the year in which they are elected.
6.8. The Section, through the National Council Representative, shall provide in writing to the Chairman of the National Nominating Committee, names for nomination to National office. The Section may submit as many names as desired. Local sections will submit names for nomination through the Chairperson, Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE 7 - COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

All councils and committees will meet at least annually with one meeting occurring during the meeting of the Chapter prior to the Annual Meeting of the Section.

7.1. **Nominating Committee:** The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee will be the Immediate Past President of the Section. Two additional members will be elected annually by ballot. The committee will act in accordance with the duties set forth in Article 6 and submit the slate of candidates to the Executive Board for approval before activating the election.

7.2. **Educational Committee:** The President of the Section serves as Chairperson of this committee. In addition to the President, the Educational Committee consists of the President-Elect, appointed annual meeting chairperson and the fall educational symposium chairperson, the National Council Representative (past and current) and all Past-Presidents.

7.3. **Technologist Leadership Council:** The Technologist Leadership Council will be comprised of the elected officers and those appointed by the Executive Board. The Section President will preside over Council teleconferences. The function of the council will be to advise the Section’s Executive Board on matters of concern of the Section.

7.4. **Publications Committee:** The President is directly responsible for all communications between local sections and the National Office. All communications regarding publications shall go through the President of the Section. The members of the Committee will include the chairpersons of all committees, standing and special, and representatives of the local Technologist Sections.

7.5. **Executive Board:** The Executive Board shall consist of the Section President, President-Elect, National Council Representative and the Secretary. The President of the Chapter will function as an advisor when necessary. The function of this committee is to facilitate the business of the Section, administer the policies and any directions of the Chapter, plan for the New Year, act as an advisory body to the President, and keep records of the minutes of the Committee. This Committee shall meet at the Annual Chapter Meeting and the Fall Planning Meeting of the Chapter.

7.6. **Special Committees:** The President of the Section may appoint chairpersons and/or members of special committees when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 8 - MEETINGS

The Section will meet annually in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Chapter. A business meeting will be held in addition to Scientific-Teaching Sessions. A quorum for conducting the business of the Section will be those members present and voting at the Annual Meeting. Unless suspended by a majority vote at the time of the meeting, the order of business will be as follows:
8.1. Call to Order
8.2. Minutes
8.3. President’s Report
8.4. Standing Committee Reports
8.5. Special Committee Reports
8.6. Old Business
8.7. New Business
8.8. Announcements
8.9. Adjournment

ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENTS

9.1. Any person having the privilege of full membership of the Section may initiate a proposal for amendment to the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Section. Such a proposal shall be presented to the President of the Section in writing. The President shall submit it to the Executive Board. If approved by the Executive Board, the proposed amendment shall then be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Section after proper notification of the membership.

9.2. Proposed amendments of the Bylaws of the Section will be submitted to the membership in the form of a ballot, electronic or otherwise, as may be permitted by law at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Section. The ballot must be returned to the Executive Director at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Only those received on or before the thirty (30) day deadline will be counted. The ballot shall include a rationale for the proposed amendment. The Bylaws of the Section may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the returned ballots.

9.3. The Constitution and/or Bylaws will be consistent with the Bylaws of the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, Inc., and the Bylaws of the Southwestern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging.

ARTICLE 10 - LOCAL SECTIONS

Local Sections: A local section should constitute a group of Chapter members with a clearly identifiable career interest in Nuclear Medicine. The Section should advance the scientific and educational aspects of Nuclear Medicine and provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas. The local section will conduct itself according to rights, restrictions and obligations set forth below:

10.1. Rights:
   10.1.1. Establishment of proper name
   10.1.2. Election of officers
   10.1.3. Establishment of nominal dues
   10.1.4. Holding of meetings
   10.1.5. Petition the Chapter on matters of mutual interest or welfare

10.2. Prerequisites:
   10.2.1. Proposed section’s bylaws must state that the actions of the group are bound by the Bylaws of the Chapter.
10.2.2. Claimed only the Chapter can approve status or affiliation of the Chapter, meeting in regular session, and this privilege may be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Chapter.

10.3. **Restrictions:**
10.3.1. May not obligate the Chapter in any way.
10.3.2. May not speak for the Chapter.
10.3.3. May not include members who are not members in good standing of the Chapter.
10.3.4. May not write Bylaws in conflict with the Bylaws of the Chapter.

10.4. **Obligations:**
10.4.1. Must submit minutes, membership rosters, and proposed Bylaws changes to the President of the Chapter for approval and transmission to the Chapter.
10.4.2. Enact no bylaws, or changes in the Bylaws, without prior approval of the Chapter.

10.5. **Termination of Affiliation:**
10.5.1. Automatic, if no meeting is held within one (1) calendar year.
10.5.2. Upon majority vote of the Chapter.
10.5.3. Upon termination, clear title to all assets, property and records reverts to the Chapter.

**ARTICLE 11 - RELATION TO THE SOCIETY**

11.1. The Section is bound in its actions by the Bylaws of the Chapter and by the rules and actions of the Executive Committee and the Trustees of the Chapter.

11.2. The Section may not obligate the Chapter in any way; however, when specifically charged by the President, Executive Committee or Board of Trustees of the Society, the Section may represent the Chapter on matters of information or political interest.

11.3. The Section will submit to the President of the Chapter written minutes of their Annual Business Meeting and current membership roster on an annual basis.