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<p>B1 - NAME</p> <p>1. The official name of this organization shall be the Virginia Section of the AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the Section and Society, respectively.</p>	<p>R1 – NAME</p> <p>1. The VIRGINIA SECTION of the AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY and the AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY shall hereinafter be referred to as the SECTION and the SOCIETY respectively, as is appropriate.</p>
<p>B2 - OBJECTIVES</p> <p>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."</p> <p>2. The Section shall undertake activities for the more active furtherance of the objectives in its locality. These activities shall be identified in Section Rules or Procedures.</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>R2 - OBJECTIVES</p> <p>1. For the more active furtherance of the objectives of the Society in its locality, the Section shall undertake:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. To encourage the public understanding of nuclear science and engineering;b. To foster closer professional and personal relations among the members;c. To cooperate with other scientific and professional groups having similar objectives;d. To engage in such other activities as may be appropriate for the fulfillment of the objectives of the Society; ande. To stimulate membership growth and participation by encouraging the creation of Branches at locations within the Section assigned area
<p>B3 - OBLIGATIONS TO THE SOCIETY</p> <p>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. As specified in the Section Rules, the Section will also comply with obligations established by a State authority whenever the Section is incorporated in a State within its territory.</p> <p>2. No action, obligation, or expression of the Section shall be considered an action,</p>	

<p>obligation, or expression of the Society as a whole. Any publication issued by the Section shall be imprinted with a statement that the Section assumes sole responsibility regarding an action, obligation, or expression with respect to the Society.</p> <p>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 elected Corporate Officers, provided, however, that the Section on local matters may represent the official position of the Section upon the approval of the Section Executive Committee and after consultation with the Chair of the Society's Public Policy Committee or the Executive Director of the Society.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>B4 - TERRITORY AND MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>1. The territory in which the Section may operate shall consist of the area designated by the Society.</p> <p>2. Members of any grade in good standing in the Society shall be eligible to become members of this Section. The grade of membership held in the Section shall be the same as the member holds in the Society.</p> <p>3. Voting members of the Society in good standing shall be entitled to the right to vote and hold office in the Section, except that Student Members of the Society shall not be eligible to hold the positions of Chair or Vice Chair. Voting Society members may hold elective office in no more than one (1) Section concurrently. Friends of the ANS (FANS) may be granted the right to vote or to hold office in the Section, except for the position of Chair or Vice Chair, as specified in the Section Rules.</p>	<p>R4 – TERRITORY AND MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>1. The territory in which the Section may operate includes the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the exception of the area around Washington D.C., and all of the State of West Virginia. This region is defined by Zip Codes 22400 through 26899.</p> <p>2. Student Members of the Society shall be eligible for membership in the Section and shall have the right to vote on Section matters and may to hold positions on the Executive Committee.</p> <p>3. Section Participants have the right to vote in all Section matters and shall be eligible to hold positions on the Executive Committee.</p> <p>4. Society Members, Student Members and Section Participants shall hereinafter be referred to as Section members.</p> <p>5. The Section may establish Branches to</p>

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<p>4. Non-Society members may be eligible to become Section Participants of the Section if their association will result in the furtherance of the objectives of the Section as set forth in Article B2. Section Participants whose qualifications for participating in Section activities have been approved by majority vote of the Section's Executive Committee shall be entitled, upon payment of a contribution, or mailing fee, not less than the annual Section dues, to receive notices of, to attend meetings, and to have other privileges specifically granted by the Section.</p> <p>Section Participants may be granted the right to vote on Section matters, as specified in the Section Rules.</p> <p>Participants cannot hold Section offices of Chair or Vice-chair, Participants may be granted the right to hold other Officer or Executive Committee positions, with all Committee rights, in no more than one Section at any time, as specified in the Section Rules.</p> <p>Participants shall be encouraged to apply for Society Membership.</p>	<p>conduct the activities of the Section in locations where there may be a cluster of Section members or participants. Each Branch shall report to the Section Executive Committee and is bound by the Section Bylaws and Rules.</p> <p>a. The members of a Branch shall be members in good standing of the Section and shall have all rights and privileges thereof.</p> <p>b. The Chair of each Branch shall be elected by the Branch membership and shall become an Executive Committee member. Each Branch may elect other officers as necessary to conduct the business of the Branch</p>
<p>B5 - ASSESSMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</p> <p>1. The Section shall have the right to levy special and reasonable assessments when authorized by affirmative vote of not fewer than two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a regular meeting.</p> <p>2. The Section may also accept local noncompulsory financial contributions, but solicitation and acceptance of such contributions shall be subject to the following conditions. (These conditions not required for Sections outside the USA.):</p> <p>a. Limited to solicitation for those activities consistent with the objectives of the Society.</p>	<p>R5 - DUES AND FISCAL YEAR</p> <p>1. The annual dues for Section membership shall be determined by the Section Executive Committee.</p> <p>2. The Section fiscal year shall start on July 1 and end on June 30.</p> <p>3. To maintain their rights of Section membership, Members must pay their dues by October 1 of each year.</p> <p>4. No fee or honorarium will be paid to any speaker or volunteer for their participation in Section sponsored activities or events. In rare circumstances, and with the specific approval of the Executive Committee, the Section may agree to help defray the costs associated with the participation in a Section activity of a speaker or</p>

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<p>b. Notification be given to the President of the Society, in writing, of the intent and purpose of the solicitation; the President may disapprove of such solicitation within 30 days of notification.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>volunteer</p>
<p>B6 – OFFICERS</p> <p>1. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The duties of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into a single office. The Chair and Vice-Chair must be voting members of the Society.</p> <p>2. Each year the Secretary shall provide the Society with a report which includes a review of Section activities, membership details,</p>	<p>R6 – OFFICERS</p> <p>1. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Vice Chair shall 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. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be Fellows or Members of the ANS.</p> <p>a. The Chair shall have supervision over the</p>

names of Officers and Executive Committee members and copies of meeting minutes. The report shall be filed with the Executive Director by August 31. Other information may be requested from time to time by the Executive Director of the Society or the Chair of the Local Sections Committee.

affairs of the Section under the direction of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall preside at meetings and shall have the power to perform other duties as may be provided in these Bylaws or may be delegated to the office by the Executive Committee.

- b. The Vice Chair at the time of election shall be designated Chair-Elect. While serving, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence or when the Chair is unable to serve, and such other duties as may be delegated to the office by the Executive Committee. At the expiration of the term of office, the Vice Chair shall automatically succeed to the office of Chair.
- c. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Section and shall have such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or these Rules. The Secretary shall act as custodian of the Section Bylaws and Rules. The Secretary shall see that a notice of each Section meeting is provided to each member of the Section not less than ten (10) days before the date of that meeting. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Secretary shall preside at the meetings of the Section.
- d. The Treasurer shall collect and disburse funds as authorized by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall deposit the funds of the Section in a repository approved by the Executive Committee, shall handle the financial accounting, shall present a financial report at Section meetings while in office, and shall submit the books of account to be audited when leaving office. The Treasurer shall be responsible for filing with the Executive Director of the Society not later than February of each year an annual financial report consisting of an operating statement

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	<p>of income and expenses. The Treasurer shall also have such other duties as may be assigned the office by the Executive Committee. In the absence of the other officers, the Treasurer shall preside at meetings of the Section.</p>
<p>B7 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Executive Committee 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. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Section and include the Chair of each Branch if the Chair of the Branch is elected by the Branch membership. Additional members may be specified by the Section Rules 3. In order to provide for handling the affairs of the Section, the Executive Committee shall prepare and adopt, in connection with these Bylaws, suitable rules. Section 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. 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. 	<p>R 7 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Section, the two immediate past Chairs of the Section, the Chair of any Section Branch, and not fewer than two, nor greater than nine, other members of the Section elected at-large. The Chair of the Section shall be the Chair of the Executive Committee. A quorum shall be a majority of the members of the committee. 2. Members-at-Large shall be elected to serve three-year terms, to be staggered to provide overlapping memberships. 3. Any vacancy among the officers or on the Executive Committee shall be filled by an Executive Committee appointment. 4. Rules shall be adopted by affirmative vote of not fewer than two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee. A copy of Section Rules and of any amendments shall be filed with the Executive Director of the Society. 5. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the Chair, or at the request of any two members of the Committee. The Executive Committee should meet during the Summer to plan for the next year's program.
<p>B8 – MEETINGS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Section shall hold no fewer than two (2) meetings each year, one of which shall be the annual meeting. 	<p>R8 – MEETINGS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings shall be held as determined by the Executive Committee at the times and places designated. The Annual Meeting of the Section shall be held in the Spring, but shall not conflict with the Society's Annual Meeting. 2. A notice of each Section meeting shall be

	<p>made available to each Member and Participant by the Secretary or the Secretary's delegate not less than ten days before the date of that meeting.</p>
<p>B9 - RULES OF ORDER</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>R9 - QUORUM AND RULES OF ORDER</p> <p>1. A quorum for the transaction of business at Section meetings shall consist of not fewer than twenty percent of the voting Members and Participants.</p> <p>2. Rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall be used for interpreting the Bylaws and Rules of the Society and Section.</p> <p>3. Electronic Voting: The Executive Committee, and other Section committees may resolve issues before them by normal voting procedures at meetings or they may use e-mail voting. In order to properly transact committee business using e-mail, the following shall be included in the committee procedures.</p> <p>a. An issue may be introduced by any committee member, but the electronic voting process must be initiated by the Chair or Secretary.</p> <p>b. The issue, in the form of a motion, shall be sent to all committee members, requesting a second to the motion. Members are requested to include all subsequent correspondence on the issue to the entire committee.</p> <p>c. Once a second is received, the committee Chair or Secretary shall establish a time period for the receipt of comments on the motion.</p> <p>d. Following the comment period, a call for a vote by a certain date shall be sent by the Chair or Secretary. Member's votes on the issue shall be sent to all committee members. Alternatively, in the event of a</p>

	<p>confidential issue, votes should be sent only to the committee Chair. Members who do not respond within the voting period may be prompted to do so.</p> <p>e. The Chair or Secretary will validate the votes and make the final count. Generally, in order for the motion to be resolved, there must be a number of affirmative, or negative, votes, greater than ½ the number of committee members (see R13.4). Motions that do not receive this majority will be considered unresolved. Some issues may require a supermajority (e.g. 2/3 majority) for passage (see. R10.1).</p> <p>f. There will be a hard-copy summary of all issues resolved by electronic voting, including the vote tally numbers. This summary will become a part of the committee minutes or annual report.</p>
<p>B10 - AMENDMENTS</p> <p>1. Amendments to these Standard Bylaws may be proposed by any Local Section, the Local Sections 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 Local Sections, in keeping with the intent of the Standard Bylaws.</p> <p>2. All proposed amendments shall be forwarded to each Local Section for comment. Comments should be filed with the Local Sections 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 in the ANS Rule R17.5.1.</p> <p>3. The Local Sections Committee shall notify all Local Sections of approved</p>	<p>R10 –AMENDMENTS</p> <p>1. Proposed amendments to these Rules must be endorsed by 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee and submitted to the Society Bylaws and Rules Committee for review.</p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee (BRC) shall check for consistency with Society Bylaws and Rules and file a letter with the Section Secretary stating the results of the review.</p> <p>3. The proposed amendment, as endorsed by the BRC, shall then be presented to the members of the Section for a vote. Section approval of a proposed amendment shall require the affirmative votes of no fewer than two-thirds of the members voting and the total vote shall not be less than twenty-five percent of the total voting membership of the Section.</p> <p>4. The proposed amendment shall become effective following Section approval and the Section Secretary’s filing of a certified copy</p>

<p>amendments to the Standard Bylaws. Each Local Section shall be responsible for reviewing approved amendments to determine if corresponding changes to the Local Section's Rules are required.</p>	<p>of the approved amendment with the Executive Director of the Society. A copy of the letter of affirmation from the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall be attached to the amendment.</p> <p>5. The Section Secretary shall be responsible for notifying members of amendments to the Rules as soon as possible after adoption.</p>
<p>B11 – DISSOLUTION</p> <p>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©(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.</p>	
	<p>R12 – ELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY</p> <p>1. The Section officers (except the Chair) and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Section membership.</p> <p>2. A Nominating Committee constituted under the provisions of these Rules shall place their list of nominees in the hands of the Secretary by the middle of April or at least 4 weeks before the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>3. For each elective office at least one (1) candidate shall be provided by the Nominating Committee. Each nominated candidate shall have agreed to serve if elected.</p> <p>4. The Secretary shall prepare, and provide electronically to each member of the Section, not later than 3 weeks before the Annual Meeting, a ballot containing the nominations</p>

	<p>submitted by the Nominating Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. The ballot shall also be placed on the Section web site at the same time. The ballot shall also allow for write-in names for each office.6. Ballots shall be returned to the Secretary who shall determine the eligibility of each voter. In order to be counted, ballots must reach the Secretary not later than 2 weeks before the Annual Meeting.7. The Secretary shall turn over all accredited ballots to the Inspectors of Election. The Inspectors of Election shall be appointed by the Chair from members of the Section who are not members of the Executive Committee or nominees for office.8. The Inspectors shall report the results of the election, not later than 1 week before the Annual Meeting, to the Secretary who shall declare elected to each office the candidate receiving the largest number of votes for that office.9. Should a tie occur, the Section shall resolve the tie by a vote at the Annual Meeting. The elected candidates shall be installed and their terms of office shall commence concurrently with the term of officers of the Society.
	<p>R13 – SECTION COMMITTEES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standing Committees of the Section may be created by the Executive Committee, as required. The functions of Standing Committees may include, among others: Membership, Program, Finance, Publicity, Honors and Awards, Public Information and Science Teacher Workshops. Committee membership assignments shall be made by the Chair of the Section.2. Special Committees shall be established by the Chair of the Section, subject to approval of the Executive Committee, to address certain,

	<p>annually recurring issues or to address specific, short-term matters. The Chair shall appoint Special Committee members. The Special Committees shall typically include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Nominating Committee - composed of not fewer than three Section members who shall nominate candidates for the elective offices and the Executive Committee. Normally the immediate past Section Chair shall Chair the committee.b. Auditing Committee - composed of not fewer than two Section members whose sole function shall be to audit the outgoing Treasurer's book of account.c. Inspectors of Election - composed of not fewer than two Section members, none of whom is a candidate for election, who shall supervise the conduct and certify the results of the annual election of the Section officers and Executive Committee members. <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Special Committees shall be dissolved upon completion of the task assigned to them. The Committee Chair shall submit a report to the Section Chair, detailing its results and any recommendations the committee may have.4. A majority of the members of a Standing or Special Committee shall constitute a quorum at all committee meeting.5. The Chair may appoint individuals to serve as Liaisons between the Section and its partnering organizations, e.g. NA-YGN. The Liaison may be a member of the Section, the partnering organization or both. Liaisons may attend Section Executive Committee meetings, and receive Executive Committee correspondence. However, they shall not be voting members of the Executive Committee. Liaisons will serve at the will of the Section Chair.
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