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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ISOTOPE SOCIETY, INC.
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CONSTITUTION

Article I     Name

The name of this organization is the US Central Regional Chapter, International Isotope Society, Inc. hereafter in this document referred to as the Chapter. As a chapter of the International Isotope Society this organization will be subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of that organization.

Article II     Mission and Objectives

The mission and objectives of the Chapter shall be those stated in the Constitution of the International Isotope Society, Inc. The Chapter shall carry out the mission and objectives of the International Isotope Society within the US Central Region.

Article III     Powers

III.1. The Chapter shall vest its general management in the Board of Trustees hereafter referred to as the Board which is made up of its officers.

III.2. The Board must adhere to the provisions of the Constitution and bylaws of the International Isotope Society, Inc.

III.3. Acting through its Board, subject to the powers and restrictions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Isotope Society, Inc., the Chapter is empowered to all and only such acts as are necessary or convenient to the same extent and as fully as any natural person might or could do to purchase, lease, hold, sell, mortgage or otherwise acquire or dispose of real or personal property; it may enter into, make, perform, or carry out contracts with any firm, person, corporation or association; it may perform any acts necessary or expedient for carrying out any or all of the objectives and purposes of the Chapter; it may promote or carry out its objectives and purposes within or without the states, the District of Columbia, the territories and colonies of the United States, in Canada or elsewhere.

III.4. The Chapter shall have no capital stock, and is not organized for profit.

III.5. The existence of this Chapter is intended to be perpetual.
Article IV Amendments, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions

IV.1. The Articles of this Constitution of the Chapter may be adopted, altered or replaced at any regular meeting of its members or by an established scheduled vote by way of e-mail or by written ballot within 30 days. Upon a favorable vote of ratification of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting or by an established scheduled vote by way of e-mail or by written ballot returned within 30 days the amendment motion shall become effective. Members must be notified in writing or by e-mail at least 30 days prior to any such vote or ratification.

IV.2. The Bylaws of the Chapter may be adopted, altered or replaced at any regular meeting of its members or by an established scheduled vote by way of e-mail or by written ballot within 30 days. Upon a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting or by an established scheduled vote by way of e-mail or by written ballot returned within 30 days, the bylaw motion will become effective. Members must be notified in writing or by e-mail at least 30 days prior to such a vote.

IV.3. Continuing Resolutions of the Chapter may be adopted by the Board or the membership at a regular meeting of the Chapter. Upon a favorable vote of the majority of the members present at the meeting, the motion shall become effective. The Continuing Resolution shall remain effective until rescinded by a majority vote of the Board or of the membership at a regular meeting of its members. The Secretary of the Board shall maintain a record of the resolutions.

IV.4. Any member or group of members may petition to the Board, or the Board itself may propose amendments to this Constitution or to the Bylaws at least 30 days prior to a regular meeting of the membership.
BYLAWS

Title 1  Members

Any member in good standing according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Isotope Society, Inc, and showing an interest in the Chapter shall be considered a member.

Title 2  Officers

2.1. Only regular members of the International Isotope Society are eligible for election to the Board.

2.2 The Board shall consist of the two Immediate Past-presidents, President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

2.3 The president shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Chapter for the term of one year and shall assume office on January 1 following his/her election. In this capacity he/she will preside over the meetings of the Board and the membership, and for a year set the course of the activities of the Chapter. If the office of the President becomes vacant for any reason, the Secretary shall succeed to the office of President.

2.4 A Secretary shall be elected for one year and shall assume office on January 1 following his/her election. At the end of that term the Secretary shall become the President. The Secretary assesses and oversees the daily activities of the Chapter as decided by the Board, shall be custodian of the Chapter records, shall sign the correspondence pertinent to the several activities of the Chapter, shall keep minutes of all meetings, and report the Chapter's activities to the International Isotope Society, Inc.

2.5. A Treasurer shall be elected for two years and shall assume office on January 1 following his/her election. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Chapter and shall pay or designate someone to pay all of its expenses or vouchers approved by the Board or bills presented for activities approved by the Board. The treasurer shall keep the books of accounts of the Chapter, and shall present a report on its financial status to the Board, the membership, and the International Isotope Society, Inc.

2.6. The two Immediate Past –presidents responsibilities will be to advise the Board, to provide consistency, continuity and to vote on matters of the Board.

Title 3  Powers of the Board

3.1. All activities of the Chapter, including the holding of elections and oversight of the annual meeting of the members, shall be the responsibilities of the Board.

3.2. Affirmative action of the majority of the Board shall be considered the action of the entire Board for consent to or approval of issues.

3.3 Vacancies on the Board, other than the President, due to disability, death, or resignation or other causes, shall be filled for the balance of the appropriate unexpired term by Presidential appointment subject to Board approval.
3.4 The Board shall appoint committees as deemed necessary to carry out the activities of the Chapter.

3.5 The Board may propose amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws of the Chapter.

3.6 The Board shall nominate from the membership of the Chapter a slate of candidates for Secretary and/or Treasurer.

Title 4 Election of Officers

4.1 The Secretary and Treasurer are elected by a plurality vote of the members present at the annual business meeting by a show of hands. In the event that a plurality of votes is not obtained, the vote shall be by written ballot with names listed in alphabetical order for each office or by a show of hands at the annual business meeting. Space will be provided for write-in votes. Nominations may be accepted from the floor of the annual business meeting. In the event of a tie, a runoff ballot between the candidates with equal number of votes will be conducted.

4.2 Members of the Board may be reelected to their office no more than two consecutive terms.

Title 5 Advisory Committee

An Advisory Committee may be assembled by the Board. The committee should be concerned with the long-range planning of the Chapter and shall act as an advisory group to the Board. The members of the groups should be representative of the geographical and multi-disciplinary base of the Chapter.

Title 6 Finances

The Chapter shall be financially self-supporting.

Title 7 Meetings

The members shall meet annually to conduct the business of the Chapter. This should be held in conjunction with a scientific meeting of the Chapter of the International Isotope Society, Inc.

Title 8 Central US Representative to the International Board of Representatives

8.1 Only regular members of the Central US Chapter International Isotope Society are eligible for election to the position of Central US Representative to the International Board of Representatives.

8.2 The responsibilities of the Central US Representative to the International Board of Representatives (BoR) are to represent the interests of the Central US Chapter at BoR meetings and to communicate information back to the Central US Chapter membership concerning the actions of the BoR.
8.3 The Central US Representative to the BoR is elected by a plurality vote of the members present at the annual business meeting by a show of hands. Nominations may be accepted from the floor of the annual business meeting or by write-in vote for written ballots. In the event that a plurality of votes is not obtained, the runoff ballot shall be by written ballot with names listed in alphabetical order or by a second show of hands at the annual business meeting. In the event of a tie, a runoff ballot between the candidates with equal number of votes will be conducted.

8.4 The Central US Representative to the BoR is elected for a three-year term to coincide with the terms served by other members of the BoR of the International Isotope Society, Inc. The Central US Representative to the BoR will be elected in 2003 and every three years after that and shall assume office on January 1 of the year following his/her election.

8.5 In the event the elected Central US Representative to the BoR cannot fulfill their term of office, a replacement Representative will be selected by the Central US Board to complete the term.