

**Missouri River Valley Chapter
American Association of Physicists in Medicine**

CONSTITUTION

Article I

The name of the organization shall be the "Missouri River Valley Chapter of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine," hereafter to be referred to as the "Chapter".

Article II

The purposes for which the Chapter is organized are, within the area of jurisdiction of the Chapter:

1. A. To promote the application of physics to medicine and biology.
1. B. To encourage interest and training in medical physics and related fields.
1. C. To provide representation to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, hereafter to be known as the "Association", for persons who are simultaneously members of the Chapter and the Association.

The Chapter is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article III

The jurisdiction of the Chapter shall include the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska and contiguous areas not served by other Chapters of the Association. The Chapter shall have the authority to solicit members in the Missouri River Valley Region of the United States without prejudice towards future formation of other chapters within this region.

Article IV

Upon approval by the Board of Directors of the Association of the petition to form a Regional Chapter and the signature of the petitioners to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter, the Chapter shall become obligated with respect to the relevant provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association.

In particular, no part of the net earnings of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons except that the Chapter shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

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

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Chapter shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States

Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the Officers of the Chapter shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Chapter, dispose of all of the assets of the Chapter exclusively for the purposes of the Chapter in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Officers shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Chapter is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article V

The Chapter shall not use the name of the Association nor obligate in any way the officers or members of the Association without first obtaining written approval of the duly authorized representative of the Association.

Article VI

The Chapter shall be divided into several classes of membership, including Members, Junior Members and Associate Members. Further classes of members may be specified in the Bylaws. Only members who are simultaneously members of the Association may hold the offices of President, President-Elect and Representative Board Member to the Association. The privilege of voting for the Representative Board Member and amendments to the Constitution shall be limited to members who are simultaneously members of the Association.

Membership is open to individuals who are professionally engaged in the application of physics to medicine or biology. They shall be interested in the purposes of the Chapter as expressed in Article II. They shall meet standards as specified in Article III, Section 3 of the Bylaws. Only members may hold the office of Secretary/Treasurer and the Chairmanship of a Committee.

Junior Membership shall be open to students preparing for a career in the application of physics in medicine or biology.

Associate Membership may be held by individuals who are interested in the application of physics to medicine or biology and in the purposes of this Chapter, but who are ineligible for Membership or Junior Membership.

Additional requirements for the several classes of membership may be defined in the Bylaws. Except as provided, Junior Members and Associate Members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of membership.

Article VII

The manner of election of the officers shall be provided in the Bylaws.

Article VIII

Any and all amendments to this Constitution must be proposed in writing, bearing the signature of at least three members of the Chapter in good standing who are also members of the Association.

The proposed amendment with a supporting statement explaining why the proposed amendment is thought desirable shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer at least one month before the next Chapter meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment with its supporting statement shall be mailed to each eligible member by the Secretary-Treasurer at least two weeks before the next Chapter meeting, and the agenda for the meeting shall provide for a discussion of the proposed amendment. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a summary of the discussion, a copy of which, after it has been approved by the Executive Committee, shall be mailed with a paper ballot to each eligible member no later than one month after the Chapter meeting. Only ballots returned within one month from the date of mailing by the Secretary-Treasurer will be valid. The Secretary-Treasurer shall tabulate results. The adoption of the proposed amendment shall require the affirmative vote or two-thirds of the members voting. After announcement at the next Chapter meeting of such adoption by vote, the amendment shall become effective.