

April 20, 2004

BY-LAWS

OF

THE DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICISTS IN MEDICINE

Article I. Name

The name of the Chapter shall be the Delaware Valley Chapter of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine.

Article II. Jurisdiction

The Chapter headquarters shall be located in the vicinity of Philadelphia, PA and the Chapter shall have the authority to solicit members primarily employed in Delaware, Southern New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania.

Article III. Objectives

The objectives of the chapter are to encourage interests in the field of physics in medicine and biology and to promote and improve the practice of medical physics in its application to human welfare within area of the Chapter's jurisdiction.

Section 1. The purposes of this Chapter are:

- A. To promote the application of physics in medicine and biology.
- B. To encourage interest and training in medical physics and related fields.
- C. To prepare and disseminate scientific and technical information in medical physics and related fields.

It is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes as defined under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the Chapter shall insure the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the chapter 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 herein. 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 the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Chapter shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation 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) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue

Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Section 3. In the event of dissolution of the Chapter, the Executive Board of the Chapter shall pay or make provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Chapter. The residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501 (C) (3) and 170 (C) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public purpose, as the Executive Board shall determine.

Article IV. Chapter Relationship

Section 1. The Chapter shall function under the sponsorship of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM).

Section 2. The By-Laws, when signed by the duly authorized officers of the Chapter and of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, shall admit the Chapter to the AAPM and shall obligate the officers of both the Chapter and the AAPM in accordance with the provisions of both By-Laws.

Section 3. The Chapter shall not use the names of the AAPM, nor obligate in any way the officers or members of the AAPM without first obtaining written approval of the duly authorized representatives of the AAPM.

Section 4. The Chapter shall submit to the Secretary of the Association an Annual Report concerning the activities of the Chapter.

Section 5. The Executive Board of the Association may, at its discretion dissolve the Chapter, when, in its opinion, the Chapter has ceased to function or its actions are considered detrimental to the objectives of the Association.

Article V. Membership

Section 1. There may be Full Members, Emeritus Members, Associate Members and Student Members.

Section 2. Full Members of the Chapter shall be persons who are Members or Emeritus Members of the AAPM.

Section 3. Associate Members of the Chapter shall be persons interested in the purpose of the Chapter.

Section 4. Student Members are persons interested in the purpose of the Chapter who are recognized as students or trainees by an accredited college, university or teaching hospital.

Section 5 Emeritus Members are persons who have completed a career in medical physics and have retired from the field of medical physics. Requirements and privileges of emeritus members shall be specified in the Rules (Article IV –AAPM By-Laws).

Section 6. Chapter Membership dues may be payable in addition to national membership dues of the AAPM. Chapter dues shall be the same for Full Members and Associate Members. There shall be no dues for Student Members or Emeritus Members. Dues shall be set up by the Officers of the Chapter, approved by the membership; and are payable to the Chapter Treasurer at the beginning of each business year.

Section 7. Non-payment of dues may terminate membership.

Article VI. Officers, Executive Committee and Tenure

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be the President, the President Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Past President, and the Representative Board Member to the AAPM. Eligibility to hold office is defined in Article VI of the By-Laws.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the six elected officers. They shall be responsible for the affairs of the Chapter. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The President, the President Elect and the Representative to the Association shall be full members of the AAPM.

Section 4. The number of representatives to the Executive Board of the AAPM shall be in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the AAPM.

Section 5. The terms of office shall be one year for the President, the President Elect and the Past President. After the one-year term, the President Elect becomes the President and the President becomes the Past President. The terms of office are two years for the Secretary and the Treasurer, and three years for the Chapter Representative to the AAPM Board. Newly elected officers shall take office at the beginning of the calendar year following the fall business meeting. All officers are eligible for re-election, with the exception of the Chapter Representative to the AAPM Board, who shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of one year.

Section 6. Elections for the President Elect shall be held by October of each calendar year. Elections of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be held by October in alternative years. Election for Representative to the AAPM Board shall be held in June to report the results to the AAPM Board at its Annual Meeting (July/August).

Section 7. If an officer resigns or is unable to fulfill his/her duties (or in the case of the President, the President Elect, or the AAPM Representative, ceases to be a member of AAPM), the vacancy so created shall be filled for the remainder of the current year by election through mail (email) ballot.

Article VII. Election and Nomination Committee

Section 1. Nominations for all officers shall be made by a Nominating Committee consisting of a Chairman and two other members of the Chapter appointed by the President of the Chapter with the consent of the Executive Committee. No current officers shall be eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall select at least one nominee for each elective office. Two Full Members of the chapter can submit nominations. No nominee shall be eligible for election without his/her consent.

Section 3. A notice listing the nominees under Section 2 shall be sent to the Chapter membership at least two weeks before the deadline for returning the mail (email) ballot.

Section 4. The Chapter officers shall be elected by Full Members and Associate Members except for the Representative to the AAPM Board, who shall be elected only by Full Members of the Chapter.

Section 5. All the officers shall be elected by the membership in good standing by mail (email) ballot.

Article VIII. Meetings

Section 1. The business year shall run from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. Chapter business meetings shall be held at times to be arranged by the Executive Committee during the calendar year. There shall be at least one business meeting per year. A petition of at least 20% of the membership shall cause a special meeting to be held.

Section 3. The Annual Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with a Chapter meeting, which shall normally be held before the end of the

year. A minimum of two elected officers and three other members shall constitute a quorum.

Article IX. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the By-Laws shall require the approval of a majority of the Members of the Chapter in good standing. This shall be conducted by mail (email) ballot. A simple majority (51% or more) shall decide the vote.

Section 2. Amendments to the By-Laws must be approved by the Executive Board of the AAPM.

Section 3. Amendments to the By-Laws will not come into effect until approved by the Executive Board of the AAPM.

Section 4. Intended amendments should be circulated to the Membership at least two weeks prior to the deadline for returning mail (email) ballots.

Article X. Attestation

The Delaware Valley Chapter of the AAPM is duly authorized by the Board of Directors of the AAPM to function as a Chapter of the AAPM in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing By-Laws as amended.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20 ____

Signed _____ President _____ Secretary
For the Delaware Valley Chapter For the Delaware Valley Chapter

_____ President
For the American Association of Physicists in Medicine