

CONSTITUTION OF THE MATERIALS RESEARCH SOCIETY

Article I - Name and Objectives

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Materials Research Society.
- Section 2. The objectives of this Society are to serve professionals working in the field of materials science and engineering by
- (a) fostering interaction between those working on different classes of inorganic and organic materials such as metals, ceramics, polymers and electronic materials;
 - (b) sponsoring interdisciplinary meetings of interest to materials scientists and engineers;
 - (c) disseminating information relevant to the interests of the materials community.

Article II - Membership

- Section 1. Membership in the Materials Research Society is open to all persons professionally involved in materials science and engineering.
- Section 2. Dues and other responsibilities of membership will be established in response to need by the Council.

Article III - Administration

- Section 1. The general administration shall be the responsibility of the officers and the Council.
- Section 2. The officers of the organization shall be a President, a 1st Vice-President, a 2nd Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- Section 3. The Council shall be composed of the officers, the immediate Past President, and fifteen (15) Councillors elected from the Society. The Meeting Chairpersons shall be non-voting members of the Council.
- Section 4. The term of office of the President, the 1st Vice-President, and the 2nd Vice President shall be one year. The term of office of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years. The term of office of Councillors shall be three years. No Councillor shall normally serve more than two consecutive terms.

Article IV - Responsibilities of Officers and Council

- Section 1. The President shall be the chairman of the Executive Committee and the Council, shall make appointments to committees, and generally act as the representative for the Society.
- Section 2. The 1st Vice-President shall act for the President on any occasion when the latter is unable to carry on his normal duties and shall assume the office of President if it becomes permanently vacant. The 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in the business of the Society.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, maintain the records of the Society, conduct the business of the election and carry on all correspondence for the Society as directed by the President or the Council.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall act as custodian of all funds received by the Society, shall maintain financial records for the Society and shall make disbursements as directed by the President or the Council. The Treasurer shall provide financial reports at the Council meetings and otherwise as requested by the President and shall perform such additional duties as are assigned by the President.
- Section 5. The Council shall have the responsibility for the direction of all affairs and activities of the Society. Council meetings shall be called by the President by notifying all Council members at least two weeks in advance. A quorum for a Council meeting shall consist of seven members of the Council including the President.

Article V - Meetings and Conferences

- Section 1. The Society shall sponsor conferences concerning subjects of interest to its members.
- Section 2. The conferences to be sponsored may originate within the Society or brought to the Society for sponsorship by outside groups.
- Section 3. Conferences of the Society shall be organized and overseen by the Program Committee appointed by the President. The Committee shall include two members of the Council.
- Section 4. Conferences jointly sponsored shall include two members of the Council, or their delegates, on the organizing committee.

Section 5. The Society shall disseminate technical information to its members and to the general materials community through a broad range of publication formats. Special issues of existing journals or monographs may be used to report the proceedings of its conferences. The Society can establish official journals.

Article VI - Finances

- Section 1. The annual dues shall be payable in advance, the amount to be determined by the Council. The dues shall be applied to the costs of the communications and the administration of the Society.
- Section 2. The organizational committee of a conference shall insure its financial support by the establishment of suitable registration fees and solicitation of institutional support. Financial obligations shall be approved by the Council.
- Section 3. The records and an annual financial report of the Treasurer shall be examined each year by the Finance Committee which shall arrange an annual audit.
- Section 4. In the event of dissolution, disposal of funds shall be decided by the Council. Such funds are to be used only for the advancement of the purposes of the organization.
- Section 5. The officers, Councilors, executive staff and members of the Society shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the organization.

Article VII - Amendments

- Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Council for ratification by the membership.
- Section 2. Amendments may be proposed to the Council by any fifteen (15) members. The Council shall indicate whether it approves or disapproves, but in either case the amendments shall be submitted to the members for ratification.
- Section 3. The amendment is accepted if ratified by two-thirds of those members voting on it.

Article VIII - Bylaws

Section 1. The Council shall enact, by a majority vote, regulations or Bylaws to administer the Society.

Section 2. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be made by the Council and the membership notified. Any fifteen (15) members may petition the Council for a referendum on any such amendment or other action of the Council; such a petition shall be submitted to the membership by mail ballot and must be approved by two-thirds of those voting on it to be accepted.

Article IX - Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Should questions of Parliamentary authority arise, Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed.

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