

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NUCLEAR PHYSICIANS**

## **1. NAME:**

The Association is an official group of the South African Medical Association (SAMA) and its name shall be THE ASSOCIATION OF NUCLEAR PHYSICIANS (hereinafter called "The Association").

## **2. OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

The objects for which the Association is established are:

- 2.1 To promote the practice of nuclear medicine.
- 2.2 To promote health for all.
  - 2.2.1 To define and establish relationships amongst nuclear physicians and between them and medical physicists, nuclear medicine radiographers, hospitals, public and private institutions, government authorities, the medical professions generally and the public.
- 2.3 To promote the professional and legitimate interests of nuclear medicine.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- 3.1 Any person who is a registered medical practitioner within the Republic of South Africa who is a member of the SAMA is eligible for membership, provided that:
  - 3.1.1 His professional practice is confined to the practice of the speciality of nuclear medicine, or
  - 3.1.2 The nature of his practice is such to give him a special interest in the subject of nuclear medicine.
- 3.2 Membership of Candidates who are not qualified nuclear physicians or registered as registrars in Nuclear medicine shall be elected by majority vote by Executive Committee of the Groups after being duly proposed and seconded in writing by at least two active (paid up) members of the Group.
- 3.3 Every member shall remain a member until his membership is terminated either by his resignation in writing addressed to the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, or by decision of the Executive Committee of the Group. His membership may be suspended if after 12 (twelve) months he has not paid his due subscriptions; but he may be reinstated on payment of arrear subscriptions due. During this period of suspension, he shall not retain his vote.
- 3.4 The activities of the Group shall be suspended if, at any time its membership shall be less than 11 (eleven) active (paid up) members.

#### **4. CONTROL OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- 4.1 The general control and direction of the policy and affairs of the Group shall be vested in the Executive Committee of the Group.
- 4.2 In exercising control over the Association, the Executive Committee shall at all times abide by the Articles and By-Laws of the SAMA.
- 4.3 The Executive Committee shall hold office for 2 (two) years and consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, an Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and three members. The method of election of members of the Executive Committee shall be by popular vote at the Biennial General Meeting of the Group.
- 4.4 Any member may be elected as president, provided that he is an active member.
- 4.5 The president may be re-elected for a second term, but may not serve for more than two consecutive terms.
- 4.6 A list of office-bearer, together with a list of members of the Group shall be furnished bi-annually to the Secretary General of the SAMA within 30 (thirty) days of the election of such office-bearers.
- 4.7 The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Group shall keep records of all meetings of the Group and of its Executive Committee and shall conduct all correspondence with the affairs of the Group. He shall receive all monies due to the Group and shall make all disbursements authorized by the Executive Committee.

#### **5. MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- 5.1 The General Meeting of the Group shall be held, as far as is practicable, during the Biennial Congress of the South African Society of Nuclear Medicine.
- 5.2 Extraordinary General Meetings of the Group may be held from time to time and shall be called by the Executive Committee on the written request of two thirds active (paid up) members of the Group.
- 5.3 Voting by Proxy according to the Articles of the SAMA shall be allowed at all general meetings.
- 5.4 Only members who have paid their subscription fees in full are eligible to vote at official meetings of the Association.

#### **6. ACTION OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- 6.1 The Group may take such action as may be deemed necessary in all matters affecting the legitimate interests of its members, provided that the Association as a whole be not involved or pledged to any action and that any action contemplated by the Group be in conformity with the policy of the Association for the time being in force.
- 6.2 Should the Group refer a matter affecting the interests of its members to the National Council of the SAMA for action, it shall take no further independent action unless requested to do so by the National Council.

## **7. ORGANISATION OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- 7.1 It shall be competent for the Group to allow the formation of Sub-Groups of the Group within the framework of the Divisions or Branches of the SAMA or in such other manner as may be desirable. Such sub-groups may be allowed powers of independent action in local matters provided that such action is not in conflict with the general policy and rules of the Group, and of the SAMA in general.
- 7.2 Such sub-groups shall elect a Chairman, an Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Committee consisting of 2 (two) members annually at the Biennial Meeting of the sub-group, which shall be held not less than 1 (one) month prior to the General Meeting of the Association.
- 7.3 Reports of local action shall be submitted by the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Sub-Group to the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.
- 7.4 Each Sub-Group shall have a minimum membership of 4 (four) active members.

## **8. SUBSCRIPTION OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- 8.1 An annual subscription shall be payable by members of the Association to provide funds for the carrying out of the work of the Association. The amount of the subscription may be determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 8.2 Only members who have paid their subscription fees in full are eligible to vote at official meetings of the association.

## **9. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall submit a biennial Report and a Financial Statement at the Biennial General Meeting of the Association. A copy of each shall thereafter be sent to the Secretary General of the SAMA within 30 (thirty) days of the Meeting.

## **10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:**

Amendments to the Constitution shall be effected only if passed by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a General Meeting of the Association. Any amendment to the Constitution of the Association shall be approved by the National Council of the SAMA before becoming operative.

## **11. DISSOLUTION:**

In the event of the Dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be given or transferred to some other organization or organizations engaged in activities similar to those for which the Association was established. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for selecting the organization or organizations in accordance with the stipulations of this clause provided that such organization or organizations be a Group within the SAMA. The assets may also be transferred or given to the SAMA.