

## **RESILIENCE ANALYSIS SPECIALTY GROUP (RASG) BY-LAWS**

### **I. Name and Purpose of Specialty Group**

The name of the group is the Risk and Resilience Specialty Group (RASG) of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA). The objectives of the group are:

- a) to facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge among practitioners, researchers, scholars, teachers, and others interested in applications of resilience thinking, analysis, and application,
- b) to encourage collaborative research on resilience analysis, and
- c) to provide leadership and play an active role in advancing issues related to resilience in various application areas.

### **II. Members of the RASG**

Members shall consist of all people with an interest in applying resilience methods in settings including, but not limited to ecological, infrastructural, psychosocial, economic, and other domains who indicate a desire to be members by submitting their names to the RASG Secretary-Treasurer and who pay the annual dues to the Society for Risk Analysis. It is the option of the Executive Committee to request dues for membership to RASG.

### **III. Meetings of Members**

Annual meetings of RASG will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis. Announcements of the annual meetings will be included in the printed program of the Society.

### **IV. Government of the RASG**

A. Four Officers will govern the RASG: President, President-Elect, Past President, and Secretary/Treasurer. These four officers will form the Executive Committee.

B. The duties of these officers are:

President: Chair an Annual RASG Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis, work with SRA officials to organize RASG meetings or panels, and take other actions requested by the RASG's Officers or that are in the interest of the RASG.

Secretary-Treasurer: Maintain a record of actions of the RASG's Officers and the meeting, working as appropriate with the SRA Secretariat, maintain the financial records of the RASG, and communicate relevant information to the RASG membership.

President-Elect and Past President: Coordinate and encourage the development of symposia for the annual meeting and solicit and track ideas for presentations at open teleconferences or other activities of the group. The president-elect may stand in for the president at a meeting should the president be unavailable.

C. The election of officers shall be by e-mail ballot prior to the RASG Meeting at the Annual Meeting, with the elected officers taking office at the conclusion of the RASG Meeting. The election of officers shall proceed as follows:

1. Prior to the annual RASG Meeting, the Executive Committee shall inform RASG members of the nominations through the *RISK Newsletter*, a mailing, or other means. The Executive Committee shall also inform members to whom they can send additional nominations. Any nominee who indicates a willingness to serve if elected shall be added to the ballot. The period for additional nominations will close 30 days after the sending of the Executive Committee's list of nominees to members.

2. If no nominations for the position of President-Elect are made, the Executive Committee, at its discretion, will (1) appoint one of the Officers to this position for a term ending at the next annual business meeting of the RASG, or (2) create a position of rotational Chair for that year, and appoint individual members of the Executive Committee to terms of rotation, each to be specified by the Executive Committee.

3. If no nominations for the position of Secretary-Treasurer are made, the vacant position will be appointed by the Executive Committee (1) from the Officers, or (2) if no Officer is willing to accept the vacant position, then from the RASG general membership, for a term ending at the next annual business meeting of the RASG.

4. At the conclusion of the period for addition nominations, the Executive Committee shall send a ballot to members at least 30 days before the Annual RASG Meeting. The results shall be announced at the Meeting.

5. Election shall be by confidential ballot. Officers shall be elected by a plurality vote. In the case of a tie, the winner will be chosen by drawing lots.

6. Question or conflicts regarding any election shall be settled by the Executive Committee.

7. In the event that an officer is unable or unwilling to complete their term of office, the Executive Committee may fill the vacancy with an individual of their choosing on an interim basis until the next election, at which time a replacement (possibly the individual selected for the interim) will be elected to fill the remaining term of the officer (i.e., for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year position).

D. The terms of office for RASG Officers are:

President: 1 year, after which she or he succeeds to Past- President.

President-Elect: 1 year, after which she or he automatically succeeds to President.

Past-President: 1 year.

Secretary-Treasurer: 1 years.

#### **V. Amendments to the By-Laws**

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by the Executive Committee, by a majority vote of the participants at the Annual RASG Meeting, or by a petition containing the signatures of 25 percent of RASG members submitted 30 days prior to the Annual RASG Meeting. Amendments to these By-Laws become effective immediately after approval by two-thirds of the members returning their mail ballots – a mail ballot will take place at the request of 10 percent of the members at the Annual RASG Meeting.

#### **VI. Implementation of these By-Laws**

These By-Laws will go into effect when approved by a majority vote of those present at the Annual RASG Meeting or immediately after approval of these By-Laws.