

Engineering and Infrastructure Specialty Group By-Laws

December 10, 2007

I. Name and Purpose of Specialty Group

The name of the group is the Engineering and Infrastructure Specialty Group (EISG) of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA). The purpose of the group is to facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge among practitioners, engineers, researchers, scholars, teachers, and others interested in development and application of risk analysis for engineered systems and infrastructure, to encourage collaborative research on risk analysis for engineered systems and infrastructure, and to provide leadership and play an active role in advancing issues related to risk analysis for engineered systems and infrastructure.

II. Members of the EISG

Members shall consist of those individuals with an interest in development and application of risk analysis for engineered systems or infrastructure systems who indicate a desire to be members by submitting their names to the Secretary or the Secretariat, and who pay the annual dues to the SRA. At the option of the Executive Committee, dues may be requested for EISG membership.

III. Meetings of Members

The annual meeting of the EISG will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the SRA. Announcements of the annual meeting will be included in the printed program of the SRA's Annual Meeting.

IV. Government of the EISG

A. Three Officers will form the Executive Committee and govern the EISG. The Executive Committee consists of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary/Treasurer. The duties of these officers are as follows:

Chair: The Chair serves as chair of the EISG annual meeting, works with SRA officials to organize EISG meetings or panels, coordinates and encourages the development of symposia for the Annual Meeting, and takes other actions that are in the interest of the EISG.

Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair serves as the Chair-Elect and may stand in for the Chair at a meeting should the Chair be unavailable.

Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer maintains a record of actions of the EISG's Officers, records and distributes minutes from the EISG annual meeting, works, as appropriate, with the SRA Secretariat, to maintain the financial records of the EISG, tallies election results, and communicates relevant information to the EISG membership.

B. The responsibilities of the EISG Executive Committee are to: fill vacancies in any office, including its own membership until the next election; nominate candidates for Officer positions and solicit nominations from the membership; propose amendments to these By-Laws or receive petitions for changes in the By-Laws; make decisions and recommendations for any other business of the EISG; encourage and promote the advancement of issues related to the development and application of risk analysis for engineered systems and infrastructure; establish liaisons where appropriate within the SRA, and with other societies and groups engaged in similar or related activities; and

interpret these By-Laws. Liaisons within the SRA and with other societies or groups will be members of the EISG Executive Committee or appointees of the Executive Committee. The immediate past officers serve the EISG Executive Committee in an advisory capacity, as requested by the current officers.

- C. The election of officers shall be by mail (or e-mail) ballot prior to the EISG annual meeting at the SRA Annual Meeting; newly elected Officers will take office at the conclusion of the EISG Meeting. The election of Officers shall proceed as follows:
1. Prior to the annual EISG Meeting, the Executive Committee shall inform EISG members of the nominations through the RISK Newsletter, a mailing, e-mail, or other means. The Executive Committee shall also inform members of the process for making 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 transmittal of the Executive Committee's list of nominees to members.
 2. If no nominations for the position of Vice-Chair are made, the Executive Committee, at its discretion, will (a) appoint one of the Officers to this position for a term ending at the next EISG annual meeting, or (b) 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 are made, the vacant position will be appointed by the Executive Committee (a) from the Officers, or (b) if no Officer is willing to accept the vacant position, then from the EISG

general membership, for a term ending at the next EISG annual meeting.

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 EISG annual meeting. The results shall be announced at the EISG annual meeting.
5. Elections shall be by ballot. Officers shall be elected by a majority of those voting. In the case of a tie, the winner will be chosen by drawing lots. Question or conflicts regarding any election shall be settled by the Executive Committee
6. 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 will be elected to fill the remaining term of the officer (i.e., for the second year of a two-year term).

D. The terms of office for EISG Officers are:

- Chair: One year.
- Vice-Chair: One year, after which she or he automatically succeeds to Chair.
- Secretary/Treasurer: Two 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 EISG annual meeting, or by a petition containing the signatures of 25 percent of EISG members submitted 30 days prior to the EISG annual meeting. Amendments to these By-Laws become effective immediately after approval by two-thirds of the members returning their mail (or e-mail) ballots. A mail (or e-mail) ballot can be

requested by ten percent of the members at the EISG annual meeting.

VI. Implementation of These By-Laws

These By-Laws are effective when approved by a majority vote of those present at the EISG annual meeting.

(These By-Laws were adopted by voice vote at the EISG's December 10, 2007 annual meeting.)