

Society for Risk Analysis
Foundational Issues in Risk Analysis
Specialty Group
By-laws

FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES IN RISK ANALYSIS SPECIALTY GROUP BY-LAWS

I. Name and Purpose of Specialty Group

The name of the group is Foundational Issues in Risk Analysis Specialty Group (FRASG) of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA). The objectives of the group are:

- a) To provide leadership and play an active role in advancing on the foundational issues of risk analysis;
- b) to facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge on the subject among practitioners, researchers, scholars, teachers;
- c) to encourage collaborative research on the subject.

II. Members of the FRASG

Members consist of all people with an interest in foundational issues in risk analysis who indicate a desire to be members by submitting their names to the FRASG 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 the FRASG.

III. Meetings of Members

Annual meetings of the FRASG 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 FRASG

A. Five Officers will govern the FRASG: President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Past President, and Secretary/Treasurer (the first period Vice-President-Elect replaces Past President). These officers will form the Executive Committee.

B. The duties of these officers are:

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

Secretary-Treasurer: maintain a record of actions of the FRASG's Officers and the meetings, while working with the SRA Secretariat as appropriate, maintain the financial records of the FRASG, and communicate relevant information to the FRASG members.

President-Elect and Past President: coordinate and encourage the development of symposia for the annual meeting and solicit and track ideas for presentations at meetings/conferences 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 FRASG Meeting at the Annual Meeting, with the elected officers taking office at the conclusion of the FRASG Meeting. The election of officers shall proceed as follows:

1. Prior to the annual FRASG Meeting, the Executive Committee shall inform FRASG

Members, through the RISK Newsletter, e-mail, or other appropriate means, that nominations will be accepted up to a certain date. Any nominee who indicates a willingness to serve if elected shall be added to the ballot. The period for nominations will close 60 days before the annual FRASG meeting.

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 FRASG, 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 FRASG general membership, for a term ending at the next annual business meeting of the FRASG.

4. At the conclusion of the period for additional nominations, the Executive Committee shall send a ballot to members at least 30 days before the Annual FRASG 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 his or her term of office, the Executive Committee may fill the vacancy with an individual of its 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 first or second year of a two-year position).

D. The terms of office for FRASG Officers are:

President: 2 year, after which she or he succeeds to Past-President.

President-Elect: 2 year, after which she or he automatically succeeds to President.

Secretary-Treasurer: 2 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 FRASG Meeting, or by a petition containing the signatures of 25 percent of FRASG members submitted 30 days prior to the Annual FRASG 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 FRASG 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 FRASG Meeting.