

**EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT SPECIALTY GROUP BY-LAWS**  
**PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 2020; TO BE VOTED ON AT 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

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

The name of the group is the Exposure Assessment Specialty Group (EASG) of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA). The purpose of the group is to facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge among practitioners, researchers, scholars, teachers, students, and others interested in applications of exposure assessment; to encourage collaborative research in the field of exposure science; to advance the state of exposure science; and to promote the role of exposure science within the broader context of risk analysis.

**II. Members of the EASG**

Members shall consist of all members of SRA with an interest in exposure assessment, and who indicate a desire to be members by submitting their names to the Secretary-Treasurer or the Secretariat, and who pay the annual dues to the Society for Risk Analysis.

**III. Meetings of Members**

Annual meetings of the EASG 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.

Additionally, at least one conference call per year is recommended to engage the group and to solicit ideas and member input. Quarterly conference calls per year are encouraged, including additional group webinars on focused topics or areas suggested by the membership.

**IV. Government of the EASG**

A. The EASG will be governed by a Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The position of Chair can be split between two co-Chairs. The Secretary and Treasurer positions can be filled by the same individual. In addition, these officers may designate a Student Representative by consensus of the officers.

B. The duties of these officers are:

Chair: Chair an Annual EASG Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Society; work with the SRA Program Committee to organize EASG sessions at the Annual Meeting; Select annual student Merit Award winner (based on consensus of all officers). Initiate and lead conference calls for the EASG.

Past Chair: Advise the current Chair and assist with maintaining continuity of EASG operations.

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

Student Representative: Promote the EASG and SRA among students who are involved in relevant research.

C. On or around October 1, EASG officers shall communicate to the membership that nominations are being accepted for officers to be voted on at the December Annual Meeting. Elections are held for Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer; the position of Past Chair is automatically filled by the Chair at the end of the Chair's term. Nominations are accepted up to and including the time of the EASG Meeting at the SRA Annual Meeting. The election of officers at the EASG Meeting shall be by confidential ballot, with the elected officers taking office at the conclusion of the SRA Annual Meeting. Officers shall be elected by a plurality vote. In the case of a tie, the winner will be chosen by drawing lots. If there is only one nominee for any position, the Chair may move to accept said nominee without formal balloting. If any EASG member present at the meeting objects, the election shall proceed in the usual way, i.e., by confidential ballot.

6. In the event that an officer is unable or unwilling to complete their term of office, the current officers may fill the vacancy with an individual of their choosing on an interim basis until the next election.

D. The terms of office for EASG Officers are:

Chair: 1 year

Past-Chair: 1 year

Secretary and Treasurer: 2 years

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

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by the Officers, by a majority vote of the participants at the Annual EASG Meeting, or by a petition containing the signatures of 25 percent of EASG members submitted 30 days prior to the Annual EASG 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 EASG Meeting.