



MATERIALS RESEARCH SOCIETY
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5.6.3: MRS Sections

Purpose: This policy sets forth the criteria for establishing MRS Sections and the structure and responsibilities of each chapter

Applies to: MRS Members

Policy:

Sections of the Materials Research Society

- A. Establishment of a Section shall be authorized by the Board of Directors. Petitions requesting the organization of a Section shall be addressed to the Board of Directors and shall be signed by at least ten Members in good standing who live in the region to be served by the proposed Section. The title of the Section shall depict the region with which it is associated.
- B. The geographical area to be served by the proposed Section shall be described in the petition, and shall be limited to that area within which members can reasonably be expected to travel for meetings. The geographical area may not include any already served by an existing Section.
- C. Any Member living or working within the defined area of the Section may become a Member upon payment of Section dues.
- D. Members residing and working outside the defined geographical area of the Section and nonmembers of the Society may, upon approval of the Section executive committee and payment of dues, become members or associate members of the Section.
- E. The officers of the Section shall include a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined and held by one person.
- F. The Section executive committee shall consist of the officers of the Section.
- G. The Section executive committee shall manage the affairs of the Section; pass upon and authorize the annual budget controlling expenditures; pass upon the eligibility of applicants or membership; fill all vacancies; approve all appointments; and consider and dispose of all matters referred to it by the Section. Any duties not otherwise specifically mentioned which tend to better the welfare of the Section may be assumed by the Section executive committee, insofar as they are consistent with the objectives of the Society.
- H. By February 15 of each year the Section shall submit to the Society a summary of Section activities for the previous calendar year including the number of meetings held, a list of newly elected officers, the number of current members, and a notice of significant meetings for the current calendar. It shall also submit a brief financial statement including total revenues and expenditures for the prior calendar year, and the current balance.

I. The Section shall not incur indebtedness on behalf of the Society without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

J. A Section shall be placed on inactive status if its membership declines to below five section members for a period of 12 months. Assets of an inactive Section shall be forwarded to the Society. Application for reactivation shall follow the same procedure as a petition for a new Section. A Section that is inactive for two years shall be dissolved.

K. No action or obligation of the Section shall be considered an action or obligation of the Society. A statement to this effect shall be imprinted in any contractual or financial agreement entered into by a Section.

L. The Society reserves the right to dissolve a Section at any time if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, such action is in the best interests of the Society.

Deliverables: N/A; Review every three years or as needed

Who: Secretary/OpsCom

When: At least 8 weeks before the Board meeting at which amendments should be considered.

To: President

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Party responsible for this policy: Membership Committee