

**Constitution of the
Rocky Mountain Section of
the Optical Society of America***

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Society shall be the Rocky Mountain
Section of the Optical Society of America.

ARTICLE II

Aim and Purpose

The aim and purpose of this Society, in full agreement
with the purposes and scope of the Optical Society of
America, its parent body, shall be to stimulate the interest
and knowledge of optics and closely allied sciences in the
Rocky Mountain region in addition to promoting the mutual
interest of its members and encouraging free discussion of
problems and discoveries among investigators of optical
problems, designers, students, manufacturers, and users of
optical apparatus.

ARTICLE III

Officers

The officers of this Society shall be:

President
President-Elect
Vice-President
Secretary-Treasurer

The Officers shall hold office for a term of one year.

*As amended, 1983

ARTICLE IV

Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers who shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors, the Past-President, and four Directors-at-Large.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Membership in the Society shall be either honorary, fellow, regular, student, or corporate.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

After recommendation by two-thirds of the Board of Directors, this constitution shall be amended when any proposed amendment is favored by three-fourths of all members voting upon it. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be mailed to each member of the Society at least ten days before the vote is taken. The vote shall be taken by mail ballot.

ARTICLE VII

By-Laws

This constitution shall be supplemented by a set of by-laws.

By-Laws

I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person or corporation interested in optics is eligible for membership.

Section 2. Honorary Membership. Any person who has done eminent service in the management of optics or closely allied sciences is eligible for Honorary Membership in this Society. Election to Honorary Membership will be by unanimous vote of all ten members of the Board of Directors. At no time shall the number of Honorary Members exceed 5 or 2% of the membership, whichever is larger; however, the number of Honorary Members will not be reduced because of a decrease of membership. Honorary Members shall pay no dues but shall be eligible to hold office, vote, and participate

in all activities, duties, and privileges of the Society. Honorary Members shall be residents of the Rocky Mountain Region.

Section 3. Fellow Membership. Any regular member of the Society who has served this Society faithfully and well shall be eligible for transfer to the class of Fellow. Election to Fellow shall be by affirmative vote of not less than seven members of the Board of Directors. At no time shall the number of Fellows exceed 25% of the total membership of the Society except that no member so elected shall be displaced because of a subsequent decrease in the total membership. Fellows shall pay the same dues as regular members.

Section 4. Regular Membership. Any person interested in optics is eligible for regular membership.

Section 5. Student Membership. Any full time Student in a college or university shall be eligible for Student Membership in this Society. Student Members shall neither vote nor be eligible to hold office.

Section 6. Corporate Membership. Any corporation interested in the advancement of optics and/or closely allied sciences shall be eligible for Corporate Membership. Official representatives of the corporation may attend all meetings of the Society.

Section 7. Application for Membership. Application for individual and corporate membership in the Society shall be made in writing and forwarded to the secretary of the Society with the first year's dues enclosed. The application shall state the applicant's name, position, interest in optics, and mailing address.

Section 8. Election to Membership. Applicants shall be admitted to membership in the Society when their admission is approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Charter Members. Charter Members of this Society shall be those members who attend the organizational meeting of August 30, 1968.

Section 10. Duties and Privileges. All Honorary, Regular, and Fellow Members in good standing shall have the right to vote at elections, to attend meetings of the Society, and to hold office, except that the President and President-Elect shall also be members of the Optical Society of America.

Section 11. Termination of Membership. Membership in this Society may be terminated by action of a majority of the Board of Directors. If a member fails to pay his dues

within 90 days following the beginning of the fiscal year for which said dues apply, he shall be served with a bill for dues together with a copy of this section. If the arrears are unpaid at the end of thirty days following service of such bill, the member shall be considered not in good standing.

II. COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Section 1. Dues. Each member of the Society shall contribute \$5.00 annually except that Student Members shall contribute \$1.00 annually and Corporate Members \$50.00 annually toward the expenses of the Society.

Section 2. Disbursements. Disbursements shall be made only when recommended by the Secretary-Treasurer and approved by the President and at least one other member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Remuneration. No officer nor any member of the Society shall receive any remuneration for his services to the Society.

Section 4. Financial Records. A yearly statement of financial conditions shall be prepared and presented by the Secretary-Treasurer at the annual business meeting. Included in this statement shall be the amount collected from dues and other sources during the preceding year, the principal disbursements, and the amount on hand in the treasury. This statement shall be audited by two members of the Society appointed by the President.

Section 5. Ownership of Society Property. The Society shall not be operated for profit and no member shall have the right to or any share or interest in any of the property and assets of the Society. In the event of dissolution of the Society, all assets of the Society shall revert to the Optical Society of America.

Section 6. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of this Society shall extend from September to the following September.

III. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. Officers. All actions of the Society shall be conducted by the officers with approval of the Board of Directors and the assistance of duly appointed committees. The officers of the Society shall be:

President
President-Elect
Vice-President
Secretary-Treasurer

Their duties shall be the usual ones pertaining to such offices. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President-Elect shall be the chairman of the program committee. The Vice-President shall be the chairman of the membership committee. The term of office shall be one year. The President shall be ineligible for election to a second successive term since the President Elect shall automatically assume the position of president at that time. Other officers may be reelected to successive terms.

Section 2. Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, the Past-President, and four additional Directors-at-Large elected from the individual members in good standing in a manner provided for in the by-laws. The term of office for a Director-at-Large shall be one year. Directors-at-Large may be reelected to successive terms.

Section 3. Committees. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, committees from time to time which, in his opinion, will further the aims of the Society.

Section 4. Mode of Election. The President shall appoint a nominating committee of not less than three members in good standing. This committee shall nominate one person each for President-Elect, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Additional candidates may be nominated by a petition signed by at least five members in good standing of the Society. Such petitions shall be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than September 1 of the current fiscal year. Notice of all nominations and a ballot shall be mailed to each member of the Society in September. The ballots shall be counted by the Secretary-Treasurer and at least one other member of the Board of Directors during the third week in September. The new officers will be installed at the annual business meeting. Directors-at-Large will be nominated, voted for, and installed at the annual business meeting in the usual manner. At no time will a nominee's name appear on the ballot without his consent.

Section 5. Vacancies. Any vacant office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of the Society. Meetings of the Society shall be held at least once each year. The annual business meeting will take place in September. The annual installation of officers and election of Directors-at-Large will take place at this meetings. Regular meetings will be held monthly from September through May, unless canceled by the Board of Directors. Additional meetings will be held

from time to time if recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall call meetings of the Board of Directors as he deems necessary. Ordinarily, such meetings shall be held before or after the close of the regularly scheduled Society meeting.

Section 3. Quorum. A quorum necessary for the transaction of business of the Society shall be 15 members in good standing, and for the transaction of business of the Board of Directors shall be 6 members of the board.

Section 4. Credibility. Use of the Society's name for any purpose shall have prior approval of the Board of Directors.

V. DEMISE OF THIS SOCIETY

Section 1. Membership. In the event that the number of dues-paying members of this Society falls below ten, the Society may be disbanded by a majority vote of surviving members.

Section 2. Ownership of Society Property. In the event that this Society disbands, all properties and assets of this Society shall become the property of the Optical Society of America. The President shall appoint two surviving members to make all the necessary arrangements to transfer said property and assets to the Optical Society of America. Upon completion of the transfer, this Society shall cease to exist.

VI. REVISION OF BY-LAWS

After recommendation by a majority of the entire Board of Directors, by-laws may be enacted, suspended, or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the Society or a two-thirds vote of the members submitting ballots by mail if the issue is to be decided by a mail ballot at the discretion of the Board of Directors.