



**CHARTER OF THE VIRTUAL CHAPTER  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM SAFETY SOCIETY**

**ARTICLE I – Name**

Section 1. The name of the Chapter shall be the Virtual Chapter (herein referred to as the Chapter) of the International System Safety Society (herein referred to as the Society).

**ARTICLE II – Jurisdiction**

Section 1. The Chapter's boundaries shall incorporate all society areas that are not cover by a chapter and allows any society member an opportunity to volunteer to join the chapter.

**ARTICLE III – Objectives**

Section 1. The objectives of the Chapter are to advance the management and technology of system safety in all areas of human endeavor where a systematic approach and analytical evaluation directed toward hazard control can be applied, to improve the dissemination of information between individuals in this field and related fields, to improve public understanding of the discipline, to promote and improve system safety as a profession, and to promote within the Chapter's jurisdiction the activities and objectives of the International System Safety Society.

**ARTICLE IV – Chapter-Society Relationship**

Section 1. The Chapter shall function under the direct sponsorship of the International System Safety Society and shall be governed by the provisions of the Society By-Laws and those of the Chapter.

Section 2. The Charter shall be prepared in duplicate form. The original shall be in the custody of the officers of the Chapter; the duplicate copy shall be retained by the executive secretary of the Society. The duly authorized signature of the president of the Society appearing on the Charter obligates the Chapter to the provisions of the Charter.

Section 3. The Chapter shall not use the name of the International System Safety Society or obligate in any way the officers or members of the society without first obtaining the approval of the duly authorized representatives of the Society.

Section 4. Any conflict requiring an interpretation of the provisions of the Charter shall be resolved by the Executive Council of the Society.

Section 5. The Chapter President shall submit to the Director of Chapter Services of the Society an Annual Report that includes a Financial Report and EC Presentation concerning the activities of the Chapter. A notice, with the Chapter of the Year criteria



and due date of this report will be sent to the Chapter President, by the Director of Chapter Services, in time to present the chapter report for consideration.

Section 6. The Executive Council of the Society may, at its discretion, discontinue the Charter of the Chapter when, in its opinion, the Chapter has ceased to exist or its actions are considered detrimental to the objectives of the Society.

### **ARTICLE V – Membership**

Section 1. Every person who is listed on the official roster of the Society and whose address is located within the geographical jurisdiction of the Chapter shall automatically become a member of the Chapter.

### **ARTICLE VI – Administration**

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Chapter shall administer the affairs of the Chapter in accordance with its objectives; performing those functions as may be customary with the office and as further defined in the By-Laws of the Chapter.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected Chapter officers, the immediate past president, appointed directors and standing committee chairpersons. The officers shall be persons who hold a membership grade of Member, Senior Member or Fellow in the Society.

Section 3. The officers of the Chapter shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Section 4. The president shall be chosen by the vote of the membership for a Chapter term.

Section 5. The vice president shall be chosen by the vote of the membership for a Chapter term.

Section 6. The secretary shall be chosen by the vote of the membership for a Chapter term.

Section 7. The treasurer shall be chosen by the vote of the membership for a Chapter term.

Section 8. The initial Chapter term shall not exceed 36 months and will terminate on June 30<sup>th</sup> following the second full year. Subsequent Chapter terms shall begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and end on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the second year.



Section 9. The By-Laws of the Chapter shall provide for the election or appointment of persons and committees to assist in the administration of the affairs of the Chapter.

Section 10. An office shall be declared vacant in the event that an officer resigns or ceases to be a member of the International System Safety Society. The vacated office may be filled as provided for in the By-Laws of the Chapter.

### **ARTICLE VII – Election Procedures**

Section 1. Nominations for all elective offices shall be made by a Nominating Committee (appointed by the Chapter president) consisting of a chairperson and at least two other members. Committee members shall not be eligible for nomination.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall select at least one nominee for each elective office and the Chapter membership given an opportunity to nominate additional members. In no case shall an individual's name be placed in nomination for more than one elective office. No member shall be placed in nomination without their consent.

Section 3. The polling of the membership shall be done by means of an email ballot, with provisions for write-in candidates. Balloting shall be conducted for a period of not less than 30 days following the mailing of the last ballot to the membership. A plurality vote of the membership voting shall constitute election. Ties will be decided by lottery.

### **ARTICLE VIII – Meetings**

Section 1. The Chapter shall hold not less than two meetings each Society year.

### **ARTICLE IX – Chapter By-Laws**

Section 1. The administration of the activities of the Chapter shall be performed in accordance with the By-Laws established by the Chapter and in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

Section 2. The By-Laws of the Chapter shall in no way conflict with the provisions of the By-Laws of the International System Safety Society or the Charter of the Chapter.

### **ARTICLE X – Amendment to the Charter**

Section 1. Amendments may be initiated by a petition of at least 10% of the current Chapter membership or by a majority of the Executive Council. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the executive secretary of the Society for concurrence with rationale for requested changes.



# SYSTEM SAFETY SOCIETY

Organized 1962  
Incorporated 1973

Professionals Dedicated to the Safety of Systems, Products & Services

## CHAPTER AUTHORIZATION

The Virtual Chapter of the International System Safety Society is duly authorized by the Executive Council of the Society to function as a Chapter of the Society in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2010, as witnessed by the signatures below.

### Officers of the Virtual Chapter


  
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President, Virtual Chapter


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Vice-President, Virtual Chapter


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Secretary, Virtual Chapter


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Treasurer, Virtual Chapter

### Officers of the System Safety Society

  
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President, System Safety Society

  
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Vice-President, System Safety Society

  
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Executive Secretary, System Safety Society

  
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Treasurer, System Safety Society