

# ARPS and Its Future Role

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# Provide value and professional support for members and promote excellence in the practice of radiation protection

To be the professional radiation protection society of choice, and the authoritative voice of the radiation protection professional by being:

- **Accessible**

Connected to and connecting members, partner societies, international peers and stakeholders

- **Relevant**

Adding value by providing access to authoritative, contemporary radiological protection advice; regardless of discipline, age groups, gender, or social status

- **Professional**

Leading with integrity, with due consideration of science, social and community aspects and independent of any government or industry pressures

- **Sustainable**

To be financially secure and to have a strong and thriving membership spanning the constituency and career life-cycle

# Improve Networking and Broader Involvement

- Establish formal mutually beneficial links with AIOH, SPERA
- Promote benefits of ARPAB
- Promote benefits of the Journal of Radiation Protection
- Improve communication links with ARPS Branches

# Recognition as the National Voice of the Radiation Protection Profession

- Actively seek opportunities to provide input to regulatory and policy matters with the aim of improving radiation protection, uniformity and ensuring effectiveness
- Aid in the implementation of regulatory and policy matters to assist members
- Reach out to countries in local region and provide advice and assistance

# Continue to Increase Membership and Member benefits

- Increase membership by 15% per year
- Pursue transitioning members to fellows, and associate/affiliate members to higher grades
- Develop program for retaining older members
- Establish a Young Generations Group
- Focus on membership at universities
- Review benefits to corporate members

# Maintain the Highest Levels of Financial Management

- Finalise financial procedures
- Establish annual and 3-year budgeting and review process
- Establish a financial sub-group to review the funding request protocol and ARPS-ORC Scholarship Fund

# Ensure that ARPS Operates at the Highest Levels of Governance

- Promote diversity in all areas
- Executive members to undertake governance training
- Finalise executive committee role descriptions
- Finalise ARPS Executive Handbook
- Finalise member-approved constitutional changes
- Develop risk management policy
- Ensure executive member turnover by having two new members each year

# Maintain a Professional Administrative Function

- Develop common templates for use by secretary
- Develop an archive and storage protocol
- Ensure access to ARPS electronic folder by all executive members
- Consider and, if appropriate, renew professional secretary contract when due.



# Improve Connectivity

- Identify and implement improvement opportunities for the website
- Upgrade ARPS website
- Identify how existing facebook account may be better used, and nominate a facebook ambassador

# Conduct Regular Conferences and Webinars

- Annual ARPS conference locations to be identified at least 2 years in advance
- Consider and, if appropriate, renew professional conference organizer contract when due.
- Consider conference improvements by looking to other conferences
- Maintain the current webinar program

# Maintain a high quality ARPS Journal and Newsletter

- Gradually adapt Journal to make increasingly relevant to range of members and take on member improvement suggestions
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- Move to accessing the Journal electronically as a standard method, with paper copies by exception.