

## **Specialty Groups Committee Charter**

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**I. Purpose:** The Specialty Groups Committee will help develop and maintain a network of active Specialty Groups within the Society, which in turn will provide members with opportunities for technical and policy interchange with fellow experts in the various disciplines and topic areas represented within the Society.

**II. Composition:** The SRA President will appoint the Chairperson of the Specialty Groups Committee from among the SRA Council. Each Specialty Group will appoint one representative (usually the group's President or Chair) to serve on the Committee.

**III. Duties:** The Committee shall have the following duties:

- Meet in person during the Annual Meeting, and at least one other time each year via teleconference.
- Provide the members of the Specialty Groups with a liaison to the SRA Council, so that their concerns can be addressed.
- Encourage the Specialty Groups to actively participate in the planning of the Annual Meeting, particularly in the development of topical symposia, pre-meeting workshops, and with representation on the Annual Meeting Committee.
- Monitor the roster of Specialty Groups, so that important fields within risk analysis are appropriately represented by one or more Specialty Groups, while minimizing duplication and overlap among groups.
- Develop and maintain criteria used to determine whether proposals for additional Specialty Groups are meritorious.
- Interact with the Secretariat to maintain accurate and up-to-date lists of the membership of each Specialty Group, and to provide electronic distribution lists so that group officers can readily communicate with group members.
- Work with the Sections and Chapters Committee to increase membership in the appropriate Specialty Groups among the SRA members from outside the U.S.
- Work with the Education, Membership, and Conferences & Workshops Committees to provide technical resources from among the Specialty Group membership to assist in projects undertaken by those Committees.
- Evaluate the dues of each Specialty Group annually and in consultation with the Finance Committee.