CHARTER OF THE NEW MEXICO CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM SAFETY SOCIETY

ARTICLE I – Name

Section 1 The name of the Chapter shall be the New Mexico 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 the area of the state of New Mexico from a horizontal line 20 miles north of Albuquerque southward. These boundaries include the ZIP codes of 870XX, 871XX, 872XX, 873XX, 878XX, 879XX, 880XX, 881XX, 882XX and 883XX.

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 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.

Section 2 Any unaffiliated member whose address is outside the Chapter jurisdiction (ZIP Code area) may petition the Society and become a member of and retain membership in the New Mexico Chapter.

ARTICLE VI – Administration

Section 1 The Leadership Team 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 Leadership Team shall consist of the elected Chapter officers, the immediate past president, and standing committee chairpersons. The officers shall be persons who hold a membership grade of Member, Senior Member, Fellow, and Member/or Fellow Emeritus.

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 30th following the second full year. Subsequent Chapter terms shall begin on July 1st of each year and end on June 30th 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 Leadership Team. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the executive secretary of the Society for concurrence with rationale for requested changes.

CHAPTER AUTHORIZATION

The New Mexico 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 19th day of April, 2016, as witnessed by the signatures below.

Officers of the New Mexico Chapter

Stacey Burr
President, New Mexico Chapter

Rod Earl
Vice-President, New Mexico Chapter

Stephen Sheen
Secretary, New Mexico Chapter

Scott N. Smith
Treasurer, New Mexico Chapter

Officers of the System Safety Society

Chad D. Munro
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Executive Secretary, System Safety Society

Treasurer, System Safety Society