

CHARTER

FOR A PACIFIC NUCLEAR COUNCIL TO PROMOTE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION (i)

The PACIFIC NUCLEAR COUNCIL (PNC) is the successor organization to the Pacific Basin Nuclear Cooperation Committee. It was founded in November 1989 by its Charter Members: American Nuclear Society, Canadian Nuclear Association, Canadian Nuclear Society, Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, Atomic Energy Society of Japan, Korea Atomic Industrial Forum, and Sociedad Nuclear Mexicana. The Chinese Nuclear Society (Beijing, China, 100822), and the Nuclear Energy Society (Taipei, China, 10772) became members in March 1990, and the Australian Nuclear Association became a member in November 1991. Subsequently, the Latin American Section of the ANS and the Indonesian Nuclear Society joined, and the Nuclear Society of Russia and the Nuclear Society of Thailand became observers. All of the aforementioned organizations comprise the Pacific Nuclear Council on April 25, 2000. The basic purpose and governance of the PNC, as amended by the members of the PNC on April 25, 2000 are set forth below.

1. The name of the organization shall be the PACIFIC NUCLEAR COUNCIL, hereinafter referred to as "PNC."
2. Organizations in the Pacific Basin area (ii) that meet one of the membership categories described in Section 4 and that support the purposes of the PNC as set forth in Section 4 shall be eligible to apply for membership in the PNC subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
3. The purposes of PNC are to:
 - (a) Promote the sharing of the peaceful uses of nuclear technologies among members
 - (b) Identify nuclear-related topics of interest warranting consideration by the PNC members. Topics to be pursued will reflect the particular interests and concerns of the PNC members.
 - (c) Provide a strong voice as an internationally recognized, regional, non-government organization (NGO) at important regional and international forums
 - (d) Conduct studies on topics and issues of importance to the members, by specific workshops and working groups; take action within the authority of the Council to publicize, promote and implement results of the studies.
 - (e) Promote safe and environmentally sound nuclear technologies to serve the energy and other needs of the region.
 - (f) Cooperate actively with other regional and international organizations in the sharing of the peaceful applications of nuclear technologies.
 - (g) Sanction periodic Pacific Basin Nuclear Conferences that are sponsored by Professional Association members and that are normally held in a Council member country every two years.

- (h) Develop appropriate policies and procedures for the conduct of approved activities.
4. There shall be three classes of membership in PNC as follows:
- (a) Professional Association Membership -- This class consists of two subgroups:
 - Technical and professional societies and associations from countries and areas within the Pacific Basin, and
 - Not for profit trade organizations and associations from countries and areas within the Pacific Basin.
 - (b) Institutional Membership -- This class consists of colleges, universities and other not-for-profit educational and research institutions from countries and areas within the Pacific Basin.
 - (c) Commercial Organization Membership - This class consists of commercial, for-profit organizations from countries and areas within the Pacific Basin. Each member organization shall designate an official representative to constitute the Council for implementing the above purposes of the PNC. The official designated representative may, in turn, designate an alternate provided the alternate is assigned full delegation of authority to act for the member organization.
5. The PNC shall have an Executive Committee composed of the Professional Association representatives (Membership category (a) in Section 4 above). The Immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. Each Executive Committee Member shall have one (1) vote.

The Council shall elect a Vice President/President elect and such other officers, as the Council shall decide. The Executive Committee shall have responsibility for approval of new members, and for all financial matters of the PNC. The Council as a whole shall have authority over all other activities of the PNC.

The term of the President shall nominally be two years, starting on July 1st of even numbered years. However, in even numbered years in which a Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference is held, the outgoing President's term will end and the incoming President's term will begin at the conclusion of the Conference. The President shall not serve two consecutive terms.

6. The PNC will provide funding for Secretariat services to support meetings of the PNC and such other activities as may be designated by the PNC. Member organizations may assign individuals to the Secretariat and/or provide certain services for Secretariat activities. Unless such services are requested by the Secretariat, such services shall be furnished at the provider's expense.

7. The PNC shall operate as a not-for-profit organization. The PNC shall establish a two-year budget each even numbered year to correspond with the term of its President. Funding of the budget shall be the biennial contribution from the Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference and annual fees from member organizations. The Council will determine the assessments for member organizations, which need not be on an equal share basis. The base annual fees shall be in the ratio of 2 : 1 : 4 for Professional, Institutional and Commercial members unless changed by Charter amendment. The annual funding of the PNC shall not exceed a fee (assessment) of Two Thousand (\$2000.00) U.S. dollars from any Professional member organization, subject to adjustment for inflation. Any proposed amendment to increase the assessment in excess of the above may be vetoed by any Professional member organization. Provisions for inflation shall be determined periodically by the Executive Committee.
8. Working Groups will be appointed from time to time by the President. The topics and related scope of activities to be considered by working groups should be directed primarily to technical issues and should address only technical information and factors that have a bearing on the potential areas of cooperation of the members.
9. This charter may be amended from time to time. Amendments shall be approved by a vote of two-thirds of the member organizations in favor.

Footnotes:

(i) Revision adopted by the Council, April 25, 2000

(ii) The Pacific Basin area is defined as those countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean and adjacent seas