

***BYLAWS OF THE
ST. LOUIS SECTION
OF THE
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

**BYLAW I
Name**

This organization shall be known as the St. Louis Section (hereinafter referred to as the “Section”) of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (hereinafter referred to as the “SOCIETY”). The Section is incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri.

**BYLAW II
Objects**

Section 1. The objects of the Section shall be those of the SOCIETY as stated in the Charter and Constitution of the SOCIETY. In particular, the objects shall be to encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry in all its branches; the promotion of research in chemical science and industry; the improvement of the qualifications and usefulness of chemists through high standards of professional ethics, education, and attainments; the increase and diffusion of chemical knowledge; and by its meetings, professional contacts, reports, papers, discussions, and publications, to promote scientific interests and inquiry, thereby fostering public welfare and education, aiding the development of our country’s industries, and adding to the material prosperity and happiness of our people.

Section 2. Nothing in these bylaws shall be inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution, and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 3. The Section is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**BYLAW III
Territory**

The territory of the Section shall be that assigned to it by the SOCIETY.

**BYLAW IV
Members and Affiliates**

Section 1. The rolls of the Section shall include those MEMBERS and STUDENT MEMBERS (hereinafter collectively referred to as “members”) and Society Affiliates of the SOCIETY residing

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within the territory of the Section provided that any exceptions to this rule shall be made in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 2. STUDENT MEMBERS shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except that of holding an elective position of the SOCIETY. STUDENT MEMBERS may not serve as Councilors, Alternate Councilors, or Temporary Substitute Councilors.

Section 3. The Section may have Local Section Affiliates as authorized in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. A Local Section Affiliate shall retain affiliate status only so long as payment is made of Local Section Affiliate dues of not less than two dollars (\$2.00) per annum.

Section 4. Neither a Society Affiliate nor a Local Section Affiliate may vote for or hold an elective position or vote on Articles of Incorporation or bylaws of the Section. A Society Affiliate may not serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee; a Local Section Affiliate may not serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Members and affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY and these bylaws.

BYLAW V **Officers, Executive Committee, and Councilors**

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be MEMBERS of the SOCIETY and the Section shall consist of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chair and Chair-Elect shall be President and Vice-President, respectively, of the corporation.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be the Executive Committee and shall be the governing body of the Section and as such shall have full power to conduct, manage, and direct the business and affairs of the Section in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY and these bylaws. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Section, the Immediate Past Chair, six elected Directors-at-Large, who shall be MEMBERS of the Section, the Councilors, and the appointed Chairs of the following committees: Awards, Education, Professional Activities, Program, and Publicity and Public Relations. Any person holding two or more positions on the Board of Directors shall have one vote.

Section 3. Elected officers of the Section shall serve for a term of one year beginning on January 1 or until their successors are elected. At the end of the Chair-Elect's term of office, the Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair. Directors-at-Large shall serve for a term of two years beginning on January 1. With the exception of the Chair and Chair-Elect, the incumbent of any position is eligible for reelection. No MEMBER shall be eligible to hold more than one elective position on the Board of Directors at one time.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to their offices, together with those required by these bylaws and by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY, and such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Board of Directors.

- a. The duties of the Chair shall be to preside at meetings of the Section and of the Board of Directors; to carry into effect the decisions and recommendations of the Board of Directors; to preside at meetings of the Section to conduct governance business; to appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, all committee chairs and committee members except as

stated elsewhere in these bylaws; and to carry out the duties required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

- b. The duties of the Chair-Elect shall be to assist the Chair with the direction and management of the Section and to chair the Steering Committee as described elsewhere in these bylaws. In the absence of the Chair, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the Chair-Elect.
- c. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the minutes of the meetings of the Section, the Board of Directors, and the Steering Committee; to maintain a list of members and affiliates; to send to members and affiliates such notices as the business of the Section may require; to bring to the attention of the Board of Directors communications directed to the Section; and to carry out the duties required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY and elsewhere in these bylaws. The Secretary shall preside over meetings in the absence of both the Chair and Chair-Elect. The Secretary may be allowed funds for clerical assistance as approved by the Board of Directors.
- d. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Section, keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, receive dues, and make those disbursements approved in writing either by the chair of the standing committee involved or by an officer of the Section other than the Treasurer. The Section Chair shall be authorized to disburse funds in the event the Treasurer is unable to do so. The Treasurer shall render an account of all transactions and of the financial condition of the Section to the Board of Directors at times set by the Board of Directors, and shall submit such reports as are required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.
- e. The Immediate Past Chair shall deliver an address to the Section within four months of the end of the term as Chair.

Section 5. Vacancies

- a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Chair-Elect shall assume the duties of Chair for the remainder of the term. In such case, the Chair-Elect moving into the position of Chair shall also hold that position during the normal term as Chair as part of the leadership transition.
- b. All other vacancies, except for Councilors and Alternate Councilors, shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors through interim appointment for the period up to the next annual election. At that time, the procedures for election as outlined in the bylaws of the Section shall be followed.
- c. An interim appointee to the vacated office of Chair-Elect shall not automatically succeed to the office of Chair. At the next election, both a Chair and a Chair-Elect shall be elected.

Section 6. Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and Temporary Substitute Councilors

- a. The Section shall have Councilors and Alternate Councilors as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. The Section's Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall carry out those duties assigned to them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. In particular, the Councilors (or Alternate Councilors or Temporary Substitute Councilor if so designated to serve in place of the Councilor for a particular meeting), shall attend meetings of the Council of the SOCIETY and represent the Section at such meetings.

- b. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected by ballot from among the MEMBERS for three-year terms beginning January 1. Reelection is permissible. Councilors shall be elected in separate years, whenever possible, to provide for a rotation of terms in accordance with the Constitution of the SOCIETY. A partial term of one or two years shall be used whenever necessary to establish or to restore rotation of three-year terms provided that the Councilor and/or Alternate Councilor agree to the partial term before the election.
- c. In the event that a Councilor is unable to attend a specified meeting of the Council of the SOCIETY, the Chair of the Section shall appoint one of the Alternate Councilors to serve as Councilor at the specified meeting. Such appointment of an Alternate Councilor shall be for only one meeting.
- d. If every Councilor and Alternate Councilor of the Section will be absent from a Council meeting, thus leaving the Section without representation at such meeting, the Board of Directors may designate one MEMBER of the Section as a Temporary Substitute Councilor in accordance with the Bylaws of the SOCIETY.
- e. The Board of Directors shall designate one or more Councilors to be disqualified under the SOCIETY's Bylaw provisions for reallocation of Councilors among the Sections.
- f. Any vacancy in the position of Councilor or Alternate Councilor shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term at the time of the next annual election. The vacancy may be filled until the next annual election by appointment by the Board of Directors.

BYLAW VI

Manner of Election

Section 1. The election of officers, Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and Directors-at-Large shall be conducted by a ballot distributed to the members of the Section in accordance with the Bylaws of the SOCIETY. Affiliates may not vote for officers, Directors-at-Large, Councilors, and Alternate Councilors.

Section 2. By the February meeting of the Board of Directors, the Chair shall appoint the Chair of the Nomination Committee and two other members.

Section 3. The Secretary shall prepare a nominating form for the positions of Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, three Directors-at-Large, and the Councilors and Alternate Councilors whose terms end at year-end. The nominating form shall be distributed to Section members by May 1. The Secretary shall transmit the names of the MEMBERS nominated for each position to the Chair of the Nomination Committee by May 31.

Section 4. In September, the Nomination Committee shall report to the membership its nominations for each office to be filled. All candidates nominated shall have indicated willingness to serve if elected.

Section 5. The candidates for each office and for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) shall be listed in an order to be selected by lot on a ballot to be distributed to each member of the Section by October 10. With the name of each candidate shall be the candidate's professional affiliation, together with any offices and committee positions previously held within the SOCIETY. For each office to be filled, there shall not be more than two candidates; for Directors-at-Large, Councilors, and Alternate

Councilors, not more than twice as many candidates as vacancies to be filled. The ballot shall provide for a write-in candidate for each position to be filled. A paper ballot shall be provided to any member who requests it.

Section 6. The ballots shall be tabulated and validated not later than November 7. Except as noted below, the candidate(s) for each position receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote for any position, the Board of Directors, by ballot, shall elect from among the candidates who share the tie vote; the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 7. The Secretary shall certify the election results to the Section Chair. The results shall be announced by the Section Chair, or the Chair's designee, as soon as possible after the election, and published in the Section's newsletter and/or on the Section's website soon thereafter. The results shall be certified to the Executive Director of the SOCIETY not later than December 1.

Section 8. In accordance with the SOCIETY's Bylaws, balloting procedures should ensure fair balloting that is open to all eligible members, protection against fraudulent balloting, and the timely reporting and archiving of balloting results.

BYLAW VII

Recall of Elected Officials

Section 1. The elected officials of the Section (officers and Directors-at-Large) are subject to recall for neglect of duties or conduct injurious to the SOCIETY. Recall procedures are not applicable to Councilors and Alternate Councilors.

Section 2. The recall of an official shall be initiated when a signed petition, indicating in writing the specific charges and reasonable substantiating evidence, is submitted to the Chair from at least five members of the Section. In the event the Chair is the official in question, the Chair-Elect shall receive the petition and shall assume the duties of the Chair with respect to this issue until the issue is resolved.

Section 3. The Chair shall, without delay, determine that the petitioners are aware of the gravity of their actions and the procedures to be followed. The Chair shall seek an alternate resolution to the problem and a withdrawal of the petition at this time. In the absence of a resolution to the problem, the Chair shall notify the members of the Board of Directors and call a special meeting within thirty days.

- a. The Board of Directors shall promptly continue the recall process or dismiss the petition as ill-founded or find an alternate resolution to the problem. The Chair shall promptly inform the petitioners and the official of the decision of the Board of Directors. If no contact with the official can be made after a reasonable effort, the Board of Directors may remove the official in question with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining members.
- b. If the proceedings continue:
 - (1) The Chair shall assign the duties of the official to another qualified MEMBER of the Section until the issue is resolved.
 - (2) The official shall be offered an opportunity to answer the allegations in the petition before the Board of Directors. A certified letter shall be sent to the last known address on the

official SOCIETY membership roll. Upon notification, the official shall have thirty days to make a written response to the allegations.

- (3) The Board of Directors shall decide whether or not to proceed after studying the official's response. The Chair shall inform the official and the petitioners of the decision of the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors decides that the proceedings shall continue, the official shall choose one of the following options:
 - (a) The official may resign.
 - (b) The official may request a recall vote. Section members shall be informed, through brief written statements prepared by the Board of Directors and the official, of the issues involved with the recall vote. Both statements shall be distributed to the members with the ballot. A paper ballot shall be provided to any member who requests it. At least two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast shall be required for the official to be removed from office. The membership shall be informed of the results of the recall vote.
 - (c) The official may request a hearing and a recall vote by the remaining members of the Board of Directors. At least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall be required to recall the official.
 - (d) The official may choose not to respond and thus forfeit the position.

Section 4. The vacancy provisions of these bylaws shall be used to fill a vacancy caused by a recall process. The Executive Director of the SOCIETY shall be informed of the recall and the filling of the vacancy.

BYLAW VIII Committees

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall establish committees as necessary for the proper operation of the Section. All committee members shall be members and/or affiliates of the SOCIETY and the Section.

Section 2. The Section shall have the following standing committees: Awards, Education, Professional Activities, Program, Publicity and Public Relations, Nomination, and Steering. The chair of each standing committee shall submit an annual written report to the Board of Directors and shall make such other reports as requested by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Awards Committee shall carry out all steps for administering awards bestowed by the Section.

Section 4. The Education Committee shall promote education in the chemical sciences and provide Section members with opportunities for continued education.

Section 5. The Professional Activities Committee shall have charge of activities that relate to professional affairs of Section members.

Section 6. The Program Committee shall arrange programs and secure speakers for meetings of the Section.

Section 7. The Publicity and Public Relations Committee shall maintain communications among the members and affiliates and between the Section and other parties. The Section newsletter, the *Chemical Bond*, shall be issued in accordance with instructions from the Board of Directors.

Section 8. The Steering Committee shall consist of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary of the Section, and two Section members appointed by the Chair-Elect. The Steering Committee shall provide long-range planning for the Section, review Section bylaws, and work on tasks assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

BYLAW IX

Meetings

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall designate the times and places of the Section's meetings as it finds necessary or desirable for the proper functioning of the Section. The Section shall hold at least one meeting annually to conduct governance business; however, this requirement may be modified by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall set the order of business for meetings of the Section to conduct governance business. The order of business may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 3. The Section may hold special meetings to conduct governance business upon the written request of a majority of the Board of Directors or upon the written request of 20 members of the Section. To be valid, such request shall be received by the Secretary at least ten days before the date requested for the meeting and shall state the exact nature of the business to be transacted. No other business shall transpire at such meetings.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the Section to conduct governance business, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may be held by means of electronic communications technology that permits those in attendance to read or hear the proceedings substantially concurrently with their occurrence, to vote on matters submitted, to pose questions, and to make comments.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet upon due notice either at the call of the Chair or upon request of a majority of its members. A quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors. In the absence of a quorum, called meetings of the Board of Directors shall adjourn to a specific date.

Section 6. Due notice of the Section's meetings, not including committee meetings, shall be sent to each member and affiliate of the Section. A quorum for the transaction of governance business at such a Section meeting shall consist of 20 members of the Section. No governance business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

Section 7. The fee for registration at any special meeting shall be decided by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution of the SOCIETY.

Section 8. The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters not covered in these bylaws or in the SOCIETY's documents.

BYLAW X

Finances

Section 1.

- a. Members of the Section may be assessed voluntary Local Section dues in an amount set by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the option to waive or discount dues for STUDENT MEMBERS and for others as provided in the SOCIETY's Bylaws for waived or discounted dues.
- b. Society Affiliates shall be assessed annual dues in an amount set by the Board of Directors.
- c. The annual dues of Local Section Affiliates shall be determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY, and as mentioned elsewhere in these bylaws.

Section 2. No salary shall be paid to any officer. Expenses incurred by officers and committee members in performance of their duties may be paid by the Section as approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Section may raise or collect funds to be expended for local purposes, and may have the entire management and control of such funds insofar as such management and control shall not conflict with any provision of these bylaws or with the Constitution or Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 4. The Section may receive donations or bequests made to it, and may expend or invest the same on behalf of the Section. Such expenditures or investments shall be made by the Treasurer of the Section upon authorization by the Board of Directors.

- a. The Board of Directors shall appoint no fewer than three Section MEMBERS as Investment Trustees. At least one Investment Trustee shall be a Director-at-Large. The term of each Investment Trustee shall be three years. Provisions may be made by the Board of Directors to stagger the terms of the Investment Trustees. The Board of Directors may replace any Investment Trustee at any time.
- b. Through the Board of Directors, the Section may accept gifts or bequests, hereinafter referred to as "Special Funds." Special Funds and other investments shall be administered by the Investment Trustees on behalf of the Section in accordance with the instructions of the donors. Withdrawals and appropriations from the Special Funds and other investments, for purposes other than reinvestment, shall be authorized by the Board of Directors, consistent with the terms of the gifts or bequests.
- c. In February, the Investment Trustees shall distribute to the Board of Directors a report of all investment transactions of the previous year and the status of the Special Funds.

Section 5. An annual audit of the books of the Treasurer and of any other transactions regarding the Section's funds shall be conducted by two or more disinterested MEMBERS, appointed by the Board of Directors. If authorized by the Board of Directors, a certified public accountant may be employed to conduct the audit. The audit report shall be submitted to the Board of Directors by April 30.

BYLAW XI

Groups

Members and affiliates of the Section interested in a specialized field of chemistry may, with approval of the Board of Directors, organize as a group of the Section. Privileges and obligations of each group shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Any rules for operation adopted by a group shall conform to the bylaws of the Section and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

BYLAW XII

Midwest Award

Section 1. An award may be given annually by the Section under conditions set forth in this bylaw. The award shall be known as the Midwest Award.

Section 2. Persons eligible for the Midwest Award are those who have made meritorious contributions to the advancement of pure or applied chemistry, or chemical education. These contributions must have been made during a period of residence in the geographic area defined by the territories of the Local Sections that participate in the Midwest Regional Meeting of the SOCIETY. Nominees need not be members of the SOCIETY. Those ineligible to receive the award are the Section Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, members of the Awards Committee, members of the Midwest Award Jury, and prior recipients of either the Midwest Award or any national award administered by the SOCIETY.

Section 3. The Chair of the Awards Committee shall be responsible for facilitating the nomination process for the Midwest Award.

Section 4. Nominations shall be closed no later than March 31 or an alternate date set by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.

- a. The recipient of the Midwest Award shall be selected by an award jury. The Midwest Award Jury shall make its selection from the list of nominees submitted. The Midwest Award Jury may vote to select no awardee.
- b. The Midwest Award Jury shall consist of eleven members. Six voting members shall be members of the Section, two appointed each year by the Chair of the Section and approved by the Board of Directors. The jury term for those serving from the Section shall be three years. Two voting members shall become members of the Midwest Award Jury by acceptance of an invitation from the Section Chair to persons from two other Local Sections located within the area as defined elsewhere in these bylaws. The jury term for those serving by invitation shall be one year. In the event of a vacancy, the Chair shall appoint or invite a person in like manner as above to fill the unexpired term. The Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary of the Section also shall be members of the Midwest Award Jury without voting power except in the event of a deadlock vote, in which case these three

nonvoting members shall vote. Nominators or those who second a nomination shall not be eligible to serve on the Midwest Award Jury.

- c. It is the intent that the Midwest Award Jury ~~to~~ confer collectively to evaluate the respective merits of the candidates. Under no circumstance shall selection of the recipient be made by fewer than six voting members.
- d. By June 30, or an alternate date set by the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall notify the Board of Directors of the person selected by the Midwest Award Jury to receive the award. As soon as possible thereafter, the Chair of the Section shall notify the person selected.

Section 6. A condition of acceptance of the Midwest Award shall be that the recipient delivers an address upon either the subject of the recipient's work or one of general interest to the profession. The address is to be made at the time of presentation of the Midwest Award.

Section 7. The Midwest Award shall consist of a medallion and an honorarium of at least \$2,000 to be established by the Board of Directors. Funding and expenses for the Midwest Award are to be provided from Special Funds dedicated to this purpose.

BYLAW XIII **St. Louis Section ACS Award**

Section 1. An award may be given annually by the Section under conditions set forth in this bylaw. The award shall be known as the St. Louis Section ACS Award.

Section 2. Persons eligible for the St. Louis Section ACS Award are members or affiliates of the Section with the following exceptions: the Section Chair, Immediate Past Chair, members of the Awards Committee, members of the St. Louis Section ACS Award Jury, and prior recipients of either the St. Louis Section ACS Award, the Midwest Award, or any national award administered by the SOCIETY.

Section 3. The St. Louis Section ACS Award shall be presented for outstanding contributions to the profession of chemistry and demonstrated potential to further the advancement of the chemical profession. It is preferred that the St. Louis Section ACS Award recognize these abilities relatively early in an awardee's career.

Section 4. The Chair of the Awards Committee shall be responsible for facilitating the nomination process for the St. Louis Section ACS Award.

Section 5. Nominations shall be closed no later than April 30 or an alternate date set by the Board of Directors.

Section 6.

- a. The recipient of the St. Louis Section ACS Award shall be selected by an award jury. The St. Louis Section ACS Award Jury may vote to select no awardee.

- b. The St. Louis Section ACS Award Jury shall consist of the Directors-at-Large and the Immediate Past Chair of the Section who shall serve as Chair of the jury. The Chair of the jury shall vote only in the event of a tie. Nominees, nominators, and those who second a nomination shall not be eligible to serve on the St. Louis Section ACS Award Jury. In the event that a Director-at-Large is ineligible to serve on the St. Louis Section ACS Award Jury, the Section Chair shall appoint a Section MEMBER to replace said Director-at-Large on the jury, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.
- c. It is the intent that the St. Louis Section ACS Award Jury meet to discuss the respective merits of the candidates.
- d. The St. Louis Section ACS Award Jury shall notify the Section Chair of its selection within six weeks of its receipt of the nominations. As soon as possible thereafter, the Chair of the Section shall notify the person selected.

Section 7. The St. Louis Section ACS Award shall be presented at a banquet honoring the awardee, who is expected to deliver an address at that time.

Section 8. The St. Louis Section ACS Award shall consist of an engraved plaque, a citation, and an honorarium of at least \$1,000 to be established by the Board of Directors. Funding and expenses for the St. Louis Section ACS Award are to be provided from Special Funds dedicated to this purpose.

BYLAW XIV

St. Louis Section ACS Distinguished Service Award

Section 1. An award may be given annually by the Section under conditions set forth in this bylaw. The award shall be known as the St. Louis Section ACS Distinguished Service Award.

Section 2. Persons eligible for the St. Louis Section ACS Distinguished Service Award are Section members.

Section 3. The St. Louis Section ACS Distinguished Service Award shall be presented for excellent contributions, outstanding leadership, and continuing service to the Section.

Section 4. The recipient of the St. Louis Section ACS Distinguished Service Award shall be selected by the Steering Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The Steering Committee may elect to recommend that no award be given.

Section 5. The St. Louis Section ACS Distinguished Service Award shall be presented at an annual member recognition event of the Section.

Section 6. The St. Louis Section ACS Distinguished Service Award shall be an engraved plaque. Funding and expenses for the St. Louis Section ACS Distinguished Service Award are to be provided by the Section.

BYLAW XV

Amendments

Section 1. A petition to amend the bylaws may be initiated by the Board of Directors or by petition signed by at least 15 members of the Section. If the proposed amendment is approved by the Board of Directors, if practical, it shall be submitted to the SOCIETY's Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for review.

Section 2. The Board of Directors will then incorporate all the required changes and either accept or reject any recommended changes that are suggested by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. The revised bylaws shall then be submitted to the Section members for adoption. This may be accomplished at a business meeting of the Section provided that at least eight weeks prior notice is given to the Section members.

Section 3. If a proposed amendment is not approved by the Board of Directors and if the petition is signed by at least 15 members of the Section, if practical, it shall be submitted to the SOCIETY's Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for review before being distributed to the members of the Section.

Section 4. At least two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast shall be required to approve the amendment provided a quorum is present. Alternatively, or failing the presence of a quorum, the vote may be taken by a ballot distributed to all members of the Section. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the valid ballots returned must be affirmative for adoption.

Section 5. The Secretary shall distribute the outcome of the vote regarding the amendment(s) to the Section members and within one month shall meet all requirements for submitting the results to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 6. Amendments to these bylaws, after adoption by the Section, shall become effective upon approval by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the SOCIETY, unless a later date is specified.

BYLAW XVI Dissolution of the Section

Upon the dissolution of the Section, any assets of the Section remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to such organization then existent, within or without the territory of the Local Section, as is dedicated to the perpetuation of objects similar to those of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, or to the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, so long as whichever organization is selected by the governing body of the Local Section at the time of dissolution shall be exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended or under such successor provision of the Code as may be in effect at the time of the Section's dissolution.