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**\*BYLAWS OF THE  
SOUTH FLORIDA SECTION  
OF THE  
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

**BYLAW I  
Name**

~~This~~~~The name of this~~ organization shall be known as the South Florida Section (hereinafter referred to as "the "Section") of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (hereinafter referred to as "the "SOCIETY").

**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 addition, the objects shall be the encouragement and advancement of chemistry in all its branches, the increase and diffusion of chemical knowledge, the promotion of scientific interest and inquiry, and the stimulation of the well-being of its members.

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**

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## Members and Affiliates

Section 1. The rolls of the Section shall include those ~~members~~MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, and ~~Society~~National Affiliates of the SOCIETY residing 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. 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 affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. An ASSOCIATE MEMBER may not hold an elective position or serve as a Temporary Substitute Councilor. A National Affiliate or Local Section Affiliate may not vote for or hold an elective position, or vote on articles of incorporation and bylaws. A Local Section Affiliate may not serve as a member of the Executive Committee; a National Affiliate may not serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee.~~

Section 3. Members and affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 4. STUDENT MEMBERS may not serve as Councilors, Alternate Councilors, or Temporary Substitute Councilors.

Section 5. A Society Affiliate or a Local Section Affiliate may not 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.

## BYLAW V

### Officers, Executive Committee, and Councilors

#### Organization

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be MEMBERS of the SOCIETY and the Section and shall consist of the a-Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The ~~offices of the~~ Secretary and of Treasurer positions may be held by the same person.

Section 2. ~~The Section shall have Councilors and Alternate Councilors as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.~~

~~Section 3. The Section members shall have the privilege of forming Subsections for the purpose of achieving or furthering the objectives of the Section, as stated in the bylaws. Each Subsection must be approved by the Executive Committee and function in the geographical territory or subject matter area assigned by the Executive Committee. The Subsection shall function under all the rules and regulations of the Section. A Subsection may be dissolved by the order of the Executive Committee.~~

~~Section 4. The officers of a Subsection shall be a Chair, a Secretary, and such other offices as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee and Subsection for the proper conduct of the activities of the Subsection.~~

~~Section 5. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section, the Immediate Past Chair, the Councilors, the Alternate Councilors, the Subsection Chairs, the Editor of the Section bulletin, and the Chairs of the Standing Committees listed in the bylaw on committees.~~

~~Section 6. All officers, Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and other persons elected by the members shall be chosen from the MEMBERS.~~

## **~~BYLAW VI~~**

### **~~Manner of Election and Terms of Office~~**

~~Section 1. The Chair and Chair Elect of the Section and each Subsection shall serve for a term of one year beginning on January 1, or until their successors qualify. Upon completion of the Chair's term of office, the Chair Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair. The terms of office for the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years beginning on January 1. The Treasurer shall be elected for a term beginning in even-numbered years. The Secretary shall be elected for a term beginning in odd-numbered years. The Editor shall be appointed for a two-year term, to begin on January 1 of even years, by the Chair in consultation with the Executive Committee.~~

~~Section 2. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years, beginning on January 1 and in such a manner as to produce rotation of terms.~~

~~Section 3. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Chair Elect shall assume the added duties of the Chair for the unexpired term. All other vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee from among the MEMBERS by interim appointment for the period up to the next annual election, at which time the Section shall choose a MEMBER to fill out the unexpired term, if any. In the event that the office of the Chair Elect is filled by such interim appointment, the Section shall elect both a Chair and a Chair Elect at its annual election.~~

~~Section 4. (a) On or before April 1, the Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a chair and two (2) or more members to provide nominees for the elective positions to be filled. Not more than one member of the Executive Committee may be a member of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more MEMBERS for each elective position for which a vacancy will occur and shall make a report at a regular meeting of the Section.~~

~~(b) With the exception of Chair and Chair Elect, an incumbent of any elective position may be renominated. An incumbent Councilor, whose term expires and who has attended at least two-thirds of the Council meetings during the current term and who has indicated a willingness to continue to serve if elected, shall automatically be renominated.~~

~~(c) The Nominating Committee shall report at the next Executive Committee meeting and at the next Section meeting. They shall make known their report to all members of the Section in the Section bulletin or by direct mailing before August 1.~~

~~(d) After the report of the Nominating Committee, additional nominations may be made from the floor or submitted by written petition, signed by not less than five (5) members of the Section and delivered to the Secretary on or before September 1. Such nominations shall be accompanied by the pertinent biographical data and a letter from each nominee indicating a willingness to serve if elected. Only nominees who have agreed to serve if elected may be named on the ballot.~~

~~Section 5. If, on or before September 1, any candidate for an elective office should die, withdraw, or be unable to serve, the Nominating Committee shall submit the names of new nominees.~~

~~Section 6. Not later than November 1, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Editor, shall send to all members of the Section biographical information concerning the candidates either through the use of the Section's bulletin or by mailed notices.~~

~~Section 7. Not later than November 1, the Secretary shall mail to all members of the Section a secret ballot. No fewer than three weeks must be provided between the date of mailing of the ballots to the members and the deadline for their return to the Secretary or other designated officer of the Section.~~

~~Section 8. The mailing envelope containing the ballot shall be hand inscribed with the name of the voter in a manner prescribed by the Executive Committee so that the Secretary may validate the hand inscribed name on the envelope against the official list of members of the Section for all ballots received by the deadline. Ballot envelopes not hand inscribed by an eligible voter shall be marked VOID.~~

~~Section 9. The Secretary shall transmit all envelopes to a committee consisting of two (2) or more tellers, appointed by the Chair, who are neither candidates for office nor members of the Executive Committee. The tellers shall open all envelopes verified as valid and shall count the ballots in an open committee meeting at a time and place designated by the Chair. Ballots that violate specified voting procedures shall be rejected in whole or in part, depending on the extent of the violation(s). The vote tally, including the number of rejected ballots and the number of invalidated envelopes, shall be reported to the Section Chair and to the Executive Committee.~~

~~Section 10. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the case of a tie, the winner shall be determined by lot at the next regular Executive Committee meeting of the Section.~~

~~Section 11. The Chair shall inform all candidates of the election results, shall arrange for transmitting this information to all members and affiliates of the Section, and shall certify the results to the Executive Director of the SOCIETY by December 1, as required by the Bylaws of the SOCIETY.~~

~~Section 12. The Secretary shall retain all mailing envelopes and all ballots for at least 90 days after either the announcement of the results to the membership or until any disputes have been resolved, whichever is later.~~

~~Section 13. Nominations for Subsection officers shall be made in a manner to be determined by the members of the Subsection. The manner of election shall provide every member in a Subsection territory/subject matter area the opportunity to vote and the results of the elections shall be reported to the Section Secretary by December 1.~~

## **BYLAW VII**

### **Duties of Officers and Executive Committee**

~~Section 1. The duties of the officers shall be those customarily performed by such officers, together with those responsibilities prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY and by these bylaws and such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Executive Committee.~~

~~Section 2. The Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section, the Immediate Past Chair, the Councilors and Alternate Councilors, and the chairs of the standing committees. The Executive Committee shall meet upon due notice either at~~

the call of the Chair or upon request of a majority of its members. A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee.

Section 3. ~~The Chair of the Section shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee and shall appoint all committees and committee chairs authorized in these bylaws.~~ The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to their offices, together with Chair shall also include those required by these bylaws, by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY, and such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Executive Committee.

- a. The duties of the Chair shall be to preside at meetings of the Executive Committee, to carry into effect the decisions and recommendations of that Committee, to preside at business meetings of the Section, to appoint all committee chairs and committee members, and to carry out the duties required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. In the absence of the Chair, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the Chair-Elect.
- b. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the minutes of the meetings of the Section and of the Section 4. The Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount agreed upon by the Executive 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 submit a report to the Section at its—A final audited annual meeting, and to carry out the duties required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY and elsewhere in these bylaws. The term of office shall be for one year; reelection is permissible.
- c. 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 by the Executive Committee. The report of the Treasurer shall render an account of all transactions and of the financial condition of the Section to the Executive Committee at times set by the Committee, and shall submit such reports as are required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. The term of office shall be for one year; reelection is permissible.

#### Section 4. Vacancies

- a. In the event of a vacancy~~be printed~~ in the office of Chair, the Chair-Elect shall assume the duties of Chair for the remainder of the term.
- b. All other vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Committee 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 5. 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.
- b. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected from 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.

- 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 Executive Committee may designate one MEMBER of the Section as a Temporary Substitute Councilor in accordance with the Bylaws of the SOCIETY.
- e. The Executive Committee shall designate any Councilors to be disqualified under SOCIETY Bylaw provisions for reallocation of Councilors among the Sections.
- f. Any vacancy in the position of Councilor~~Section bulletin~~ 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 Executive Committee.

## **BYLAW VI**

### **Manner of Election and Terms of Office**

Section 1. 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. Officers, Councilors, and Alternate Councilors shall be elected by a ballot of those eligible to vote.

Section 2. In September of ~~mailed to~~ each year, the Nominating Committee shall report to the membership its nominations for each office to be filled. Prior to October 15, any member of the Section may, in writing or from the floor at a meeting, nominate additional candidates for office, if the nomination is seconded by another member. Nominations so made shall be equally valid as those from the Nominating Committee. All candidates nominated shall have indicated willingness to serve if elected.

Section 3. The candidates for each office shall be listed in an order to be selected by lot on a ballot to be distributed to each member of the Section by November 1. A paper ballot will be mailed to any member who requests it.

Section 4. The ballots shall be tabulated and validated not ~~no~~ later than November 15. The candidate for each office receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote, the Executive Committee, 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~~April 15~~.

The results shall be announced by the Section Chair as soon as possible after the election, and also 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 in accordance with the Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 5. 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 elected Executive Committee members) 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 Executive Committee and call a special meeting within thirty days.

a. The Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee. If no contact with the official can be made after a reasonable effort, the Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee. 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 Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee and the official, of the issues involved with the recall vote. Both statements shall be distributed to the members before the vote conducted by ballot. A paper ballot will be mailed 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 Executive Committee. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee shall establish committees as necessary for the proper operation of the Section.

Section 2. The Section shall have the following standing committees: ~~The following standing committees shall have the functions delegated to them by these bylaws and those assigned to them by the Chair. The membership of the Committees shall be appointed in accordance with these bylaws. Where they are not otherwise specified, the number and manner of selection of committee members will be determined by the Chair.~~

- 1. ~~Auditing, : At least three members, who are not members of the Executive Committee, shall audit all of the financial records of the Section at least once a year.~~
- 2. ~~Awards, : Unrestricted.~~
- 3. ~~Budget, : The Treasurer shall be an *ex officio* member of this Committee.~~
- 4. ~~Bylaws, : Unrestricted.~~
- 5. ~~Education, : Unrestricted.~~
- 6. ~~Membership, Nominating, : Secretary of the Section and others as deemed necessary by the Chair.~~
- 7. ~~Nominations: Restricted, as specified in bylaw VI, Section 4(a).~~
- 8. ~~Program, : Chair Elect and others as deemed necessary by the Chair.~~



9. ~~Publications. The Editor of the Section bulletin shall be an *ex officio* member of this Committee.~~

10. ~~Public &and Professional Relations, Senior Chemists, and Unrestricted.~~

11. ~~Women Chemists: Unrestricted.~~

## BYLAW IX Meetings

Section 1. The Section shall hold regular meetings at places and times designated by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall designate one of the regular meetings of the Section as the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Section ~~and Subsections~~ may have special business ~~each hold other meetings upon the written request of a majority of from time to time for the purpose of initiating business to be referred to the Executive Committee or upon the written request of for action, reading of papers, and exchange of scientific information, but no business of the Section shall be transacted at meetings other than those designated in advance by the Executive Committee as regular Section meetings, or called under the provisions of Section 3, following.~~

~~Section 3. The Section may hold special meetings at the call of the Executive Committee or at the request of fifteen (15) members of the Section. Such request shall be received by the Secretary at least ten days before the date requested for the meeting and The notices of special meetings shall state the exact nature of the business intended to be transacted. No, and no other business shall transpire be transacted at such meetings. Special meetings of the Section 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 ~~3.4.~~ Due notice of all meetings shall be sent to each member and affiliate of the Section. A quorum for the transaction of business at a Section meeting shall consist of ~~ten (10)~~ members of the Section. No business shall be conducted~~transacted~~ in the absence of a quorum. ~~In the absence of a quorum all meetings shall adjourn to a later date.~~

Section ~~4.5.~~ The Executive Committee shall set the order of business for ~~meet a minimum of three times a year upon due notice to its members at either the call of the Chair or at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee at a time and place to be designated by the Chair. Executive Committee meetings shall be open to all members of the Section. In the absence of a quorum, which shall be five (5) members of the Executive Committee, a meeting of the Executive Committee shall adjourn to a later date.~~

Section 6. ~~At the Executive Committee and~~ regular meetings of the Section, the order of business shall be as follows:

- a. ~~Minutes of previous meeting~~
- b. ~~Reports of officers~~
- c. ~~Reports of committees~~
- e. ~~Old business~~
- f. ~~New business~~

~~g. —~~Adjournment

The ~~foregoing~~ order of business may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Section 5. The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters—The rules of order in the conduct of Section meetings, not covered specifically provided in these bylaws or in the SOCIETY's documents, shall be those in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

## **BYLAW X**

### **Finances**

#### **Dues**

Section 1.

Members —All members and assigned National Affiliates of the Section, except members in emeritus status of the SOCIETY, may be assessed voluntary requested to pay voluntarily such annual Local Section dues in an amount as may be set by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee 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.

a. Society Affiliates may be assessed annual dues in an amount set by the Executive Committee.

b. ~~Section 2.~~ The annual dues of Local Section Affiliates shall be determinedset by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY, and as mentioned elsewhere in these bylaws.

Section 2. The Section may raise or collect funds. Failure to be expended for local purposes, and may have the entire management and control of such funds insofar as pay such management and control shall not conflict with any provisiondues for the current year shall automatically terminate the affiliation. At the discretion of these bylaws or with the Constitution or Bylawsthe Executive Committee, Student Affiliates of the SOCIETY.

Section 3. The Section may receive donations or bequests made to it, and may expend or invest may be enrolled as Local Section Affiliates without the same on behalfpayment of the Section. Such expenditures or investments shall be made by the Treasurer of the Section upon authorization by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. An annual audit shall be conducted by two or more disinterested members, appointed by an officer with no authority to disburse funds. The audit report shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by January 31Section dues.

## **BYLAW XI**

### **Amendments**

~~Sec. Section 1:-~~ A petition to amend the bylaws may be initiated by the Executive Committee, or by petition signed by at least 15 members of the Section. If the proposed amendment is approved by the Executive Committee, it ~~to these bylaws~~ shall be submitted ~~in writing~~ to the SOCIETY's Bylaws Committee ~~on~~, which shall then draft it in a form that is legal and consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws for review. After any required changes are incorporated, and any recommended changes reviewed of the SOCIETY and accepted or rejected by is acceptable to the amenders.

~~Section 2.~~ The Bylaws Committee shall submit its draft of the proposed amendment to the Executive Committee ~~or~~:-

~~Section 3.~~ If approved by a majority of the petitioners, Executive Committee, the Secretary shall, as soon as practical, distribute ~~send to all members of the Section, or cause to be published in the amendment(s) to each member~~ Section bulletin, copies of the Section with either proposed amendment. At the next subsequent regular meeting of the Section, the Chair shall call for a discussion of the proposed amendment and may allow the Secretary to present communications concerning the amendment from members not in attendance.

~~Section 4.~~ Following announcement of the proposed amendment at a meeting of the Section and provided that due notice of the next meeting or notice of a impending vote is given, the amendment will be adopted at the subsequent meeting of the Section if it receives an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. Alternatively, or in the absence of a quorum at the meeting during which the vote is scheduled, a mail ballot on the amendment may be used, provided that both the current language and the amended language of the affected bylaw(s) together with an explanation of the change(s), have been published or accompany the ballots. A deadline, at least 3 weeks after mailing of the ballots, shall be specified for return of the ballots to the Secretary or other designated officer of the Section. The amendment is adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the valid ballots returned.

~~Sec. 2, Section 5.-~~ If a proposed amendment is not approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, and if the petition is it may, nevertheless, be brought to the members for a vote in an alternative manner. To bring about such a vote, a petition supporting the amendment, which has been signed by at least fifteen (15) members or 3% of the members of the Section, it shall if practical, whichever is larger, must be submitted presented to the SOCIETY's Executive Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. The procedure subsequently followed for review before being distributed to the members general announcement of the Section. After any required changes are incorporated, and any recommended changes reviewed amendment and accepted or rejected by a majority of the petitioners, the Secretary shall, as soon as practical, distribute the amendment(s) to each member of the Section with either notice of the next meeting or notice of a ballot on the amendment.

~~Sec. 3.~~ At least two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast shall be required to approve the amendment.

~~Sec. 4.~~ The Secretary shall distribute the outcome of the vote regarding the amendment(s) to the Section members and within one month balloting shall meet all requirements be identical to that used for submitting an amendment approved by the results to the Executive Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

~~Sec. 5, Section 6.~~ The Secretary shall report the results of the vote at the next regular meeting.

~~Section 7.-~~ 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 in the amendment.

**BYLAW XII**  
**Dissolution of the Section**

**~~Tax-Exempt Status~~**

~~Notwithstanding any provisions of these bylaws, the Section shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.~~

**~~BYLAW XIII~~**  
**~~Dissolution~~**

Upon the dissolution of the ~~Local~~ Section, any assets of the Section remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to such organization~~(s)~~ 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(s) 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.