



***BYLAWS OF THE
CALIFORNIA SECTION
OF THE
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

**BYLAW I
Name**

This organization shall be known as the California 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 California.

**BYLAW II
Purposes**

Section 1. The Purposes of the Section shall be those of the SOCIETY as stated in the ACS Governing Documents, which consist of the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, Schedule of Dues and Benefits, and Regulations of the SOCIETY and the Articles of Incorporation of the Section. In particular, the Purposes shall be to include the advancement of all chemical activities; development of social relations among those interested in this science; promotion of general welfare of the members of the Section; cooperation with the SOCIETY and with other local and general technical associations, groups, and societies; advancement of chemistry as a profession; promotion of chemical research; advancement of applied chemistry; advancement of chemical education at all levels, and dissemination of information on subjects appertaining to any of the above-named Purposes.

Section 2. Nothing in these bylaws shall be inconsistent with the ACS Governing Documents.

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.

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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 within the territory of the Section provided that any exceptions to this rule shall be made in conformity with the ACS Governing Documents.

Section 2. STUDENT MEMBERS shall be entitled to all privileges of membership unless otherwise specified.

- a. They may not hold an elective position of the SOCIETY.
- b. They may not serve as a Councilor, Alternate Councilor, or Temporary Substitute Councilor.
- c. They may not serve as an officer of the Section.
- d. They may not hold an elective position of the Section as noted elsewhere in these bylaws.
- e. They may be appointed as a committee chair.

Section 3. Society Affiliates may be assessed dues in the amount specified by the Executive Committee. A Society Affiliate may not (1) vote for or hold an elective position, (2) vote on Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of the Section, (3) vote for Councilor(s) or Alternate Councilor(s), or (4) serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee. Except as mentioned above, a Society Affiliate may be appointed as a committee chair.

Section 4. The Section may have Local Section Affiliates, who are neither members nor Society Affiliates, as authorized in the ACS Governing Documents. 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. A Local Section Affiliate may not (1) vote for or hold an elective position, (2) vote on Articles of Incorporation and bylaws, (3) vote for Councilor(s) or Alternate Councilor(s), or (4) serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee. Except as mentioned above, a Local Section Affiliate may be appointed as a committee chair.

Section 5. Members and affiliates, which includes Society Affiliates and Local Section Affiliates, shall have such rights and privileges as accorded to them by the ACS Governing Documents and these bylaws.

BYLAW V
Officers, Executive Committee, and Councilor(s)

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be MEMBERS of the SOCIETY and the Section, and shall consist of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body and legal representative 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 ACS Governing Documents, the Articles of Incorporation, and these bylaws of the Section. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chair, and two Directors-at-Large. The Chair shall be deemed the President of the

Section for the purposes of the laws of the state of California under which the corporation exists. The officers and Director(s)-at-Large shall be designated as Directors.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall approve the chairs and all appointments to standing committees, fill vacancies as described elsewhere in these bylaws, approve the formation and policies of the Subsections or groups of the Section, and be responsible to the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Section, the Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s), two elected Representatives of each Subsection, two Directors-at-Large, six Members-at-Large, any Past Presidents of the SOCIETY who are MEMBERS of the Section, and the Editor of *THE VORTEX*.

Section 4. Terms of Office

- a. The Chair shall serve for a term of one year beginning on January 1 following election or until a successor takes office. The Chair is not eligible for reelection and may not serve in the position of another Section officer until the end of the term as Immediate Past Chair.
- b. The Chair-Elect shall serve for a term coincident with that of the Chair and is not eligible for reelection. At the end of the Chair-Elect's term of office, the Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair.
- c. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for a term of two years beginning on January 1 following election or until their duly elected successors take office; they shall be elected in alternate years, whenever possible, to provide for a rotation of terms.
- d. The six Members-at-Large shall serve for a term of two years beginning January 1 following election with three elected every year, whenever possible, to provide for a rotation of terms.
- e. The two Directors-at-Large shall serve for a term of two years beginning January 1 following election and shall be elected in alternate years, whenever possible, to provide for a rotation of terms.
- f. Unless specified elsewhere in these bylaws, the incumbent of any position is eligible for reelection.

Section 5. The duties of the officers, six Members-at-Large, and two Directors-at-Large shall be such as usually pertain to their offices, together with those required by these bylaws and by the ACS Governing Documents, 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 and the Board of Directors, as described elsewhere in these bylaws, to carry into effect the decisions and recommendations of the Executive Committee, to preside at meetings of the Section to conduct governance business, to appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, all committee chairs and committee members except as stated elsewhere in these bylaws, to serve as Chair of the Budget Committee, and to carry out the duties required by these bylaws and the ACS Governing Documents.
- b. The duties of the Chair-Elect shall be to serve as Chair of the Program Committee and assist the Chair with the direction and management of the Section. In the absence of the Chair, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the Chair-Elect.

- c. The duties of the Immediate Past Chair shall be to serve as Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee and to preside over meetings in the absence of both the Chair and Chair-Elect.
- d. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the minutes of the meetings of the Section to conduct governance business and of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, to maintain a list of members and affiliates, to distribute to members and affiliates such notices as the business of the Section may require, to collect data for and to prepare an annual directory of members and affiliates of the Section, to submit membership applications to the Chief Executive Officer of the SOCIETY, to receive and transmit to the Treasurer monies coming to the Section for membership dues, to keep an itemized account of such monies received, to make such reports to the SOCIETY as are regularly required, and annually at a meeting of the Executive Committee, to make a summary report of the annual activities of the Section, and to carry out the duties required by these bylaws and the ACS Governing Documents. The operations of the Section are the responsibility of the Secretary. The Secretary shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Immediate Past Chair.
- e. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Section, including receiving all monies coming to the Section, other than income from investment of funds in the custody of the Board of Trustees as provided elsewhere in these bylaws. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, receive dues, and make those disbursements approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall serve as custodian of all funds of the Section, except the Investment Funds and such other funds as may be placed in custody of the Board of Trustees, as described elsewhere in these bylaws by the Board of Directors. At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall submit a written report of all monies received and disbursed during the preceding fiscal year of the Section. The Treasurer shall prepare a reviewed statement of receipts and expenditures and investments of funds and submit such reports as are required by the ACS Governing Documents and the Board of Directors.
 - (1) The Treasurer may, subject to approval and appointment by the Board of Directors, designate an Assistant Treasurer as may be deemed desirable to receive monies and keep records for such other funds as described elsewhere in these bylaws. The Assistant Treasurer shall be a MEMBER of the Section and shall be responsible to the Treasurer; the term of appointment shall not exceed that of the Treasurer.
 - (2) The officers, chairs of committees, and Board of Directors responsible for carrying on activities for which money is appropriated by approval of the budget, shall be authorized by the Board of Directors to receive funds from the Treasurer.
- f. The duties of the six Members-at-Large shall include bringing before the Executive Committee such items of concern to members of the Section that have been brought to their attention, as well as any duties assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. 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 Councilor(s), Alternate Councilor(s), and Board of Trustees 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 7. Councilor(s), Alternate Councilor(s), and Temporary Substitute Councilor

- a. The Section shall have Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) as provided in the ACS Governing Documents. The Section's Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) shall carry out those duties assigned to them by the ACS Governing Documents. In particular, the Councilor(s) (or Alternate Councilor(s) 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. Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) shall be elected by ballot from among the MEMBERS for three-year terms beginning January 1 following election. Reelection is permissible. Councilor(s) shall be elected in separate years, whenever possible, to provide for a rotation of terms in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents. 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 candidate(s) 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 Councilor(s) 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 ACS Governing Documents.
- e. The Executive Committee shall designate one or more Councilor(s) to be disqualified under provisions of the ACS Governing Documents for reallocation of Councilor(s) 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 by a special election; by appointment by the Executive Committee until the next annual election; or as described elsewhere in the ACS Governing Documents and in these bylaws.

BYLAW VI **Board of Trustees**

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall be responsible to the Board of Directors. The Board of Trustees shall consist of four MEMBERS of the Section qualified to be nominated for office and the Section Treasurer, who shall be an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees. Trustees, except the Treasurer, shall each be elected for a term of four years by the Board of Directors at the January meeting of the Board of Directors and at other times as needed to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees. They shall

each be elected so as to produce rotation of the terms. Any member of the Board of Trustees, except the Section Treasurer, may be removed from office before the expiration of the term by a vote of five or more members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Trustees shall be eligible for reelection on expiration of their terms of office.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees shall elect its own Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and one of its members as a liaison to the Executive Committee of the Section. Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at the call of its Chair or two Trustees, to be held at the time and place designated. Three members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees shall be the custodian of the Investment Funds and of any other funds of a permanent character, such as an endowment fund or the like, which may be established by the Board of Directors, together with the income and gains from such funds. Transfer of funds in the custody of the Board of Trustees shall be carried out in accordance with the policies of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees shall develop an Investment Policy, which shall detail the type of depositories and investments, and submit the Investment Policy to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall either approve or modify the Investment Policy. The Board of Trustees shall follow the approved Investment Policy and shall review the Investment Policy at least annually and submit modifications as appropriate to the Board of Directors for approval.

- a. All decisions regarding investments must be approved by at least three Trustees.
- b. In the judgment of the Board of Trustees, investments shall be prudent, with due regard given to their diversification.

Section 6. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall keep minutes of all meetings and either the Chair or Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall make a financial report to the Board of Directors annually and when requested by the presiding officer of the Board of Directors.

BYLAW VII

Manner of Election

Section 1. The election of officers, the two Directors-at-Large, the six Members-at Large, and the Councilor(s), and Alternate Councilor(s) shall be conducted by a ballot distributed to the members of the Section in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents and these bylaws.

Section 2. Nominations

- a. Prior to September 1, the Secretary of the Section shall notify the Executive Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee, as described elsewhere in these bylaws, of the elective positions to be filled. The Executive Committee may decide that for Councilor(s), the candidate(s) with the majority of votes shall be declared elected as Councilor(s); the candidate(s) with the next largest number of votes shall be declared elected as Alternate Councilor(s). The Nominations and Elections Committee shall be promptly notified of such a decision.

- b. In October of each year, the Nominations and Elections Committee shall report to the membership its list of nominees for each office, for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s), and for any other elective positions.
- c. Prior to October 20, any member or affiliate of the Section may, in writing or from the floor at a meeting to conduct governance business nominate additional candidates for office, provided that the candidates are MEMBERS of the Section for officers, Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s), and other elective positions, as required elsewhere in these bylaws. To go forward, the nomination must be seconded by a member or affiliate of the Section. Nominations so made shall be equally valid as those from the Nominations and Elections Committee. All candidates nominated shall have indicated willingness to serve if elected.

Section 3. The candidates for each office and for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) shall be listed in an order to be selected by lot. The ballot shall be distributed by November 15 to eligible voters as noted above. Affiliates may not vote for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s). The ballot shall provide for a write-in candidate for each position to be filled. A paper ballot shall be provided to any eligible voter who requests it.

Section 4. The ballots shall be tabulated not later than November 25. The candidate for each position receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote for any position, 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.

Section 5. The results shall be announced by the Section Chair or the Chair's designee as soon as possible after the election, to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and published in *THE VORTEX* and on the Section's website soon thereafter. The results shall be certified to the Chief Executive Officer of the SOCIETY not later than December 1.

Section 6. In accordance with the ACS Governing Documents, 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 VIII **Recall of Elected Officials**

Section 1. The officers and elected Executive Committee members, but not the Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s), are subject to recall by the Section for neglect of duties or conduct injurious to the SOCIETY.

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 alternative solution 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, as required elsewhere in these bylaws, 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 with the ballot. A paper ballot shall be provided to any member who requests it. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the 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. At least 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 Chief Executive Officer of the SOCIETY shall be informed of the recall and the filling of the vacancy.

BYLAW IX

Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall establish committees as necessary for the proper operation of the Section. Any individual serving on a committee shall be a member or affiliate of the Section as provided elsewhere in these bylaws.

Section 2. The Section shall have the following standing committees: Budget, Media, Nominations and Elections, Policy, and Program.

Section 3. The Chair-Elect of the Section shall serve as Chair of the Program Committee. The Editor of *THE VORTEX* shall serve as Chair of the Media Committee. The Immediate Past Chair of the Section shall serve as Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. The Chair of the Section shall serve as Chair of the Budget Committee.

Section 4. The Policy Committee, which is responsible to the Executive Committee, shall consist of the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Immediate Past Chair of the Section. If one or more of these officers is unavailable, the Secretary and Treasurer, in that order, shall be asked to attend meetings. The Policy Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that any official publications, correspondence, notices, or informational releases from the Section are in accordance with the Section's bylaws and policies. The Policy Committee shall make any policy decisions as necessary regarding the operation of the Section.

BYLAW X Publications

Section 1. The official publication of the Section shall be designated as *THE VORTEX*. It shall be issued periodically at the direction of the Executive Committee to all members and affiliates of the Section. It shall include announcements, such as the monthly meetings. The Editor of *THE VORTEX*, who shall be a MEMBER of the Section, shall be appointed each year by the Chair of the Section with the approval of the Executive Committee and serve in this position until a successor is appointed. The Editor shall serve as Chair of the Media Committee.

Section 2. The Editor may appoint such staff as deemed necessary, including a Business Manager and Associate or Assistant Editors, who shall be members of the Section.

BYLAW XI Meetings

Section 1. The Executive Committee 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. The annual meeting of the Section shall be held in March of each year to receive reports from the previous year by the various officers, boards, and committees as designated elsewhere in these bylaws. Any member may make a presentation at the annual meeting provided that the member has submitted a written proposal to the Secretary at least seven business days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. The Executive Committee 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 Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year to handle the business of the Section and to approve the budget. The officers of the Board of Directors shall present their annual reports and shall receive the report from the Board of Trustees. Other meetings shall be held at the call of either the Chair or four Directors of the Section at a time and place so designated. Notice of the meetings and an agenda of matters to be considered shall be sent to each member of the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The Chair of the Section shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Chair-Elect shall preside in the absence of the Chair. In the temporary absence of the Chair and the Chair-Elect, the Board shall elect a presiding officer *pro tempore*.

Section 5. The Section may hold special meetings to conduct governance business upon the written request of: (1) a majority of the Executive Committee; (2) the Chair with approval of the Executive Committee; or (3) upon the written request of 25 members of the Section. To be valid, such request shall be received by the Secretary of the Section at least two weeks 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 6. Meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, and meetings of the Section to conduct governance business, with the approval of the Executive Committee, 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, and for voting members to vote as needed.

Section 7. 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 voting members of the Committee. In the absence of a quorum, called meetings of the Executive Committee shall adjourn to a specific date.

Section 8. 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 50 members of the Section. No governance business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

Section 9. The fee for registration at any special meeting shall be decided by the Executive Committee, but there shall be no fee for attendance at any sessions held by the Section for the transaction of governance business.

Section 10. 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 XII

Finances

Section 1.

- a. Members of the Section may be assessed voluntary Local Section dues in an amount set by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the option to waive or discount dues for STUDENT MEMBERS and for emeritus members.
- b. Society Affiliates may be assessed annual dues in an amount set by the Executive Committee.
- c. The annual dues of Local Section Affiliates shall be determined by the Executive Committee in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents, and as mentioned elsewhere in these bylaws.

Section 2. The Section may raise or collect funds to be expended for Section 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 ACS Governing Documents.

Section 3. 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 Executive Committee.

Section 4. An annual review 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 or individuals, appointed by the Executive Committee. The reviewers' report of their findings shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by March 1.

Section 5. The funds of the Section shall be divided into the following classes:

- a. Investment Funds
- b. Working Fund
- c. All other funds

Section 6. The Investment Funds shall be those funds set aside from time to time by the Board of Directors and placed in charge of the Board of Trustees, as described elsewhere in these bylaws, for investment. In September of each year, the Board of Trustees shall estimate the income to be received during that year from the Investment Funds. An estimate of monies deemed necessary for the operation of the Section may be designated by the Board of Directors as an amount to be included in the budgeted income of the Section for that year and available for transfer to the Working Fund when requested by the Treasurer. In making this designation, the Board of Directors shall take into account the future needs of the Section and other considerations. Any income in excess of the amount so designated, shall remain as part of the Investment Funds.

Section 7. The Working Fund shall be used by the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer to pay those expenses of the Section that are in the approved budget. The Executive Committee may approve changes to the Working Fund as necessary.

Section 8. All other funds shall include amounts raised and/or set aside for specific purposes and any unspent money. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish separate accounts for specifically designated funds to be supervised by the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as described elsewhere in these bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to transfer money from one class to another as mentioned above and such special funds as it may set up, except that in any fiscal year, the Executive Committee must concur in the transfer of money, excluding interest and dividends, from the Investment Funds to other funds, in a sum exceeding five percent of the market value of the Fund as given in the last annual report of the Board of Trustees.

Section 9. The fiscal year of the Section shall begin January 1 and shall end December 31 of the same calendar year.

BYLAW XIII

Affiliation with Other Technical Organizations

Section 1. The Section may affiliate with other technical organizations operating within the territory of the Section provided that such affiliation does not contravene the ACS Governing Documents or the

Section's Articles of Incorporation. Such affiliation must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Section and the SOCIETY Committee on Local Section Activities.

Section 2. The affiliation with the technical organization shall become effective upon authorization by the Executive Committee of the Section and the SOCIETY Committee on Local Section Activities, and upon confirmation by the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council, that the specific requirements of the ACS Governing Documents are met.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may terminate the affiliation with any technical organization by notifying, in writing, the governing body of the technical organization. The technical organization may terminate the affiliation upon written notice to the Section's Executive Committee. Affiliations shall terminate after five years unless reauthorized by the Executive Committee. The term of each subsequent reauthorization shall not exceed five years.

BYLAW XIV Amendments

Section 1. A petition to amend the bylaws may be initiated by the Executive Committee or by a petition signed by at least 20 members of the Section. If the proposed amendment is approved by the Executive Committee, if practical, it shall be submitted to the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for review.

Section 2. The Executive Committee will then incorporate all the required changes and either accept or reject any recommended changes that are suggested by the SOCIETY 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 a minimum of four weeks' prior notice is given to the Section members.

Section 3. If a proposed amendment is not approved by the Executive Committee and if the petition is signed by at least 35 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 the votes cast shall be required to approve the amendment. This may be done at a Section meeting to conduct governance business 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 of the Section shall distribute the outcome of the vote regarding the amendment(s) to the Section members and within thirty days shall meet all requirements for submitting the results to the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

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

BYLAW XV 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, that is dedicated to the perpetuation of Purposes 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 1986 as amended or under such successor provision of the Code as may be in effect at the time of the Section's dissolution.