



***BYLAWS OF THE
SOUTHERN INDIANA SECTION
OF THE
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

BYLAW I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Southern Indiana Section, hereinafter referred to as “the Section,” of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as “the SOCIETY.”

BYLAW II—OBJECTIVES

The object of the Section is the encouragement and advancement of chemistry in all its branches; and the promotion of scientific interests and inquiry through its meetings, reports, papers, discussions, and publications.

BYLAW III—TERRITORY AND HEADQUARTERS

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, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, and National Affiliates of the SOCIETY residing within the territory of the Section, provided that exceptions to this rule shall be made in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Sec. 2. The Section may have Local Section Affiliates as authorized in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Sec. 3. Members and affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. All members may vote. Only MEMBERS may hold

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elective positions. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS are entitled to all privileges of membership except that of holding an elective office. Affiliates have all privileges of membership in the Section except voting for or holding an elective office, voting on articles of incorporation or bylaws, or serving as a voting member of the Executive Committee. Requirements for membership are defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

BYLAW V—ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair.

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

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Section, the immediate Past Chair, the Councilors, and the Alternate Councilors.

Sec. 4. All Officers, Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and other persons elected by the members shall be chosen from the MEMBERS. The manner of election is defined in Bylaw VIII.

BYLAW VI—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.

Sec. 2. The Chair of the Section shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee and shall appoint all committees authorized in these bylaws or by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. The Chair-Elect shall be the Chair of the Program and Hospitality Committee and shall act as the presiding officer in the absence of the Chair.

Sec. 4. 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.

BYLAW VII—COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees:

- a. Membership

- b. Program and Hospitality
- c. Publicity and Publications

Other committees may be appointed from time to time on authorization of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to maintain and increase the membership of the Section.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Program and Hospitality Committee to arrange for programs and secure speakers for the succeeding year and for such programs as are not previously arranged. This Committee shall endeavor to promote good fellowship among the members, introduce new members, and arrange for entertainment of visitors and speakers.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Publicity and Publications Committee to spread information regarding the Section's activities and edit material for the Section's publications

BYLAW VIII—MANNER OF ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. At the September meeting of the Section, the Chair shall announce the appointment by the Executive Committee of a Nominating Committee of five members, the majority of whom shall not be members of the Executive Committee. At the November meeting, this Nominating Committee shall present a slate of Officers and, when necessary, Councilor and Alternate Councilor for the consideration of the members. At this time, nominations may be received from the floor, and the election for all positions except those of Councilor and Alternate Councilor shall be by ballot. The candidates receiving a majority vote of those voting shall be deemed elected. In the event of a lack of a majority, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be removed from the slate, and a second ballot taken. This procedure shall be repeated until some candidate receives a majority. Power to appoint, select, or elect implies power to remove or replace.

Sec. 2. Elected Officers of the Section shall serve for a term of one year beginning on January 1 or until their successors are elected. The Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair upon completion of his term of office.

Sec. 3. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years beginning on January 1, as required by the Constitution of the SOCIETY.

Sec. 4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the 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 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 Chair-Elect is filled by interim appointment, the Section shall elect both a Chair and Chair-Elect at its annual election.

Sec. 5. An elected Chair shall not serve for two consecutive terms of office. No member shall be eligible to hold more than one elective position at one time.

Sec. 6. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected by a mail ballot of the members of the Section. The Secretary of the Section shall certify to the Executive Director of the SOCIETY not later than December 1 of each year the names, addresses and terms of the elected Councilors and Alternate Councilors.

BYLAW IX—MEETINGS

Section 1. The Section shall hold not less than eight regular meetings each year, preferably monthly, from October to May at places and times designated by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. The Section may hold special meetings at the call of the Executive Committee or at the request of ten members of the Section. The notices of special meetings shall state the exact nature of the business to be transacted and no other business shall transpire at such meetings.

Sec. 3. Due notices of all meetings shall be sent to each member and affiliate of the Section. A quorum for all business meetings of the Section shall consist of fifteen members of the Section.

Sec. 4. There shall be at least two regular business meetings each year, in November and May. These may coincide with the general meetings of the Section or may be separate, at the will of the Executive Committee. At the regular business meetings of the Section, the order of business shall be as follows:

- a. Reading of minutes of previous business meeting.
- b. Reports of Officers and Committees.
- c. Old business.
- d. New business.
- e. Adjournment of business meeting.

The foregoing order of business may be suspended by a majority of the members present at a regular business meeting. The rules of order in the conduct of Section meetings, not specifically provided in these bylaws, shall be the most recent edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised."

Sec. 5. The Executive Committee shall meet, upon due notice to its members, at the call of the Chair or at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee. In the absence of a quorum, which shall be a majority of the members of the Executive Committee, called meetings of the Executive Committee shall adjourn to a date.

BYLAW X—DUES

Section 1. All National Affiliates, MEMBERS and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS of the Section, except members in emeritus status of the SOCIETY, may be assessed such voluntary annual Local Section dues as may be set by the Executive Committee, due and payable October 1st.

Sec. 2. The annual dues of Local Section Affiliates shall be set by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. Failure to pay such dues in advance shall automatically terminate the affiliation. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, Student Affiliates of the SOCIETY may be enrolled as Local Section Affiliates without the payment of additional dues.

BYLAW XI—AMENDMENTS

Section 1. A proposed amendment to these bylaws must first be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee. If it is approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, the Secretary shall furnish all members of the Section with copies of the proposed amendment at the time when notice of the next meeting of the Section is given.

Sec. 2. If the Executive Committee does not approve of the proposed amendment, it may be resubmitted over the signature of ten or more members. The Secretary shall furnish all members of the Section with copies of the proposed amendment at the time when notice of the next meeting of the Section is given.

Sec. 3. At the first business meeting of the Section after notice of the proposed amendment is given, the amendment may be adopted by two-thirds of the votes of the members present. It 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 XII—DISSOLUTION OF SECTION

Upon the dissolution of the Local 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.