

Dear officers of the Orlando Section: Thank you for reaching out to C&B regarding updating your bylaws. Below is a draft of proposed revisions to the Section's bylaws based on the most current model bylaws template. Please review the changes, see C&B's comments, and make your selections as noted. Once you have completed the selections and accepted the TRACKED CHANGES, kindly send the proposed bylaws to C&B for a final review at bylaws@acs.org. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. A. Yam on behalf of C&B 9/11/23

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

**BYLAW I
Name**

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

**BYLAW II
~~Object~~Purposes**

Section 1. The ~~object~~Purposes of the Section shall be those of the SOCIETY as stated in the ACS Governing Documents, which consist of the Charter, and Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, Schedule of Membership, and Regulations of the SOCIETY. [NOTE from C&B: the Society's objects are now called "Purposes" as reflected in the ACS Governing Documents, which was previously referred to as "bulletin 5." All subsequent references will be modified to reflect the new name.]

Section 2. Nothing in these bylaws shall be inconsistent with the ~~Charter, Constitution, and Bylaws of the SOCIETY~~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 ~~s~~Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**BYLAW III
Territory**

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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 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 ACS Governing Documents.

Section 2. STUDENT MEMBERS shall be entitled to all privileges of membership unless otherwise specified. [NOTE from C&B: the following additions are from the model bylaws template recently updated by C&B.]

- 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) 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 not vote for an elective position of the Section but 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 dues of not less than two dollars (\$2.00) per annum. Local Section Affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded them by the ACS Governing Documents. 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 Society Affiliates may not vote for an elective position of the Section, but may be appointed as a committee chair and may serve on the Executive Committee in a non-voting capacity.

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) organization

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

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 ACS Governing Documents and these bylaws. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section, the Immediate Past Chair, the Councilor(s), and ~~the~~ Alternate Councilor(s).

Section 3. 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 one year beginning on January 1 following election or until their duly elected successors take office.
- d. Unless specified elsewhere in these bylaws, the incumbent of any position is eligible for reelection.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertained to their~~those customarily performed by such~~ officers, together with those ~~required responsibilities prescribed by these bylaws and by the ACS Governing Documents, and by these bylaws and~~ such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Executive Committee. **[NOTE from C&B: the below subsections are optional; you may keep or delete.]**

- 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 meetings of the Section to conduct governance business, and to appoint, **[Optional:] with the approval of the Executive Committee,** all committee chairs and others serving on committees, as provided elsewhere in these bylaws, 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 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 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, 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 submit a report to the Section at its annual meeting, and to carry out the duties required by these bylaws and the ACS Governing Documents. The Secretary shall preside over meetings in the absence of both the Chair and Chair-Elect.
- 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 by the Executive Committee. 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 ACS Governing Documents.

Section 5. Vacancies [NOTE from C&B: again, the following additions are from the model bylaws template recently updated by C&B.]

- a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Chair-Elect shall assume the added duties of the Chair for the remainder of the unexpired 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) and Alternate Councilor(s), shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Committee through from among the MEMBERS by interim appointment for the period up to the next annual election. ~~A, at that which time, the procedures for election as outlined in the bylaws of the Section shall be followed to elect a MEMBER to complete the unexpired term, if any. In the event the office of Chair Elect is filled by such interim appointment, the Section shall elect both a Chair and a Chair Elect at its annual election. A STUDENT MEMBER may not serve as a member of the Executive Committee.~~
- 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. 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 a ballot from among the MEMBERS for three-year terms beginning on 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. Whenever possible, the term of the Alternate Councilor should coincide with the term of the Councilor. [NOTE from C&B: the last sentence is optional; you may keep or delete.]
- 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

Manner of Election ~~and Terms of Office~~

Section 1. The election of officers shall be conducted either by a ballot distributed to the members of the Section in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents and these bylaws, or at a regular meeting of the Section provided there is a quorum present as described elsewhere in these bylaws subsequent to the meeting mentioned above, or at the discretion of the Executive Committee, by ballot.

Section 2. Nominations

- a. Prior to September 1, the Secretary of the Section shall notify the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee, as described elsewhere in these bylaws, of the elective positions to be filled. [Optional:] [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 Nominating Committee shall be promptly notified of such a decision.]
[NOTE from C&B: the blue text is optional; you may keep or delete.]
- b. In September of each year, the Nominating Committee shall report to the membership its list of nominees for each office, and for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s), and for any other elective position(s).
- a-c. Prior to October 15, 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, other elective positions, and for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s), 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 Nominating Committee. All candidates nominated shall have indicated willingness to serve if elected. [NOTE from C&B: please make a selection on whether you allow affiliates to nominate candidates for office.]

Section 3. When a ballot is used, 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 1 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 and validated not later than November 15. 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. ~~The Chair shall~~

~~appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a Chair and two or more members not later than September of each year. Not more than one member of the Executive Committee may be a member of the Nominating Committee. [NOTE from C&B: you may change the date in blue font to what is reasonable for the Section.]~~

~~Section 5. 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. With the exception of the Chair and Chair Elect, the incumbent of any elective position may be renominated. After the report of the Committee, nominations may be received from the floor or by petition. Only nominees who have agreed to serve if elected may be named on the ballot.~~

~~Section 6. A paper ballot will be mailed to any member who does not have access to electronic balloting.~~

~~Section 7. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected by a ballot of the members of the Section.~~

~~Section 8. 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. Elections shall be completed and the results shall be certified to the Chief Executive Director of the SOCIETY not later than by December 1, as required by the Bylaws of the SOCIETY. [NOTE from C&B: please make a selection from the optional blue text. The Executive Director of the SOCIETY is now referred to as the Chief Executive Officer. Any subsequent reference to the old title will be changed.]~~

~~Section 9. The Secretary, or other designated officer of the Section, shall prepare an election ballot on which shall appear the names, in order chosen by lot, of all candidates.~~

~~Section 10. The Chair shall appoint as Tellers two or more members who are neither candidates for office nor members of the Executive Committee. [NOTE from C&B: this section and the one below it are deleted as it is not necessary to place this much detail in the bylaws. It can be placed in the operating manual of the Section.]~~

~~Section 11. The Tellers shall verify the ballots, and if necessary, shall tally or verify the votes. 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, shall be reported to the Chair. All ballot results shall be sent to the Secretary.~~

~~Section 12. In case of a tie vote for any elective position, the Executive Committee shall select from among the tied candidates.~~

~~Section 13. In accordance with the SOCIETY's Bylaws 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.~~

~~Section 14. The Chair shall inform all candidates of the election results and shall arrange for conveying this information to all members and affiliates of the Section.~~

~~Section 15. The Secretary shall retain all ballot results for at least ninety days after either the announcement of the results to the membership or until any disputes have been resolved, whichever is later.~~

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 by the Executive Committee.~~

~~Section 2. The Chair of the Section shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee and shall appoint members and/or affiliates to all committees authorized in these bylaws or by the Executive Committee.~~

~~Section 3. 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. [NOTE from C&B: the above deleted sections are merged with BYLAW V.]~~

BYLAW VIII
Recall of Elected Officials

~~Section 1. The elected officials of the Section (officers and/or 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. ~~Recall procedures are not applicable to Councilors and Alternate Councilors elected by Local Sections.~~~~

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 voting 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 ~~Office of~~ 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.

a.b. If the proceedings continue:

(1) ~~If the proceedings continue, t~~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) If the proceedings continue,~~ 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 rolls. Upon notification, the official shall have thirty days to make a written response to the allegations.

~~(2)(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 continue, the official shall choose one of the following options:

- (a) The official may resign.
- (b) The official may request a recall vote. ~~in the same manner as the original election, which must be consistent with the Section members bylaws. The voting membership 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 voting membership with the ballot. A paper ballot shall be provided to any member who requests it. At least a two-thirds (2/3) of before the votes case shall be required for the official to be removed from office. The membership shall be informed of the results of the recall vote is taken.~~
- (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 membership of the Section and the~~ Executive Director of the SOCIETY shall be informed of the results of the recall ~~process and the filling replacement~~ of the ~~vacancy official~~.

BYLAW ~~VIII~~ 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: Finance, Newsletter/Publications, Nominating, Outreach, Awards, and Program.

BYLAW ~~IX~~ Meetings

Section 1. ~~The Section shall hold regular meetings at places and times designated by 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.~~

Section 2. The Executive Committee [or Chair] 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. [NOTE from C&B: please make a selection from the options in blue font.]

Section 3. The Section may hold special meetings to conduct governance business upon at the written request~~at~~ of a majority of the Executive Committee or upon~~at~~ the written request of 15 members of the Section. To be valid, such request~~he notices of special meetings shall be received by the Secretary of the Section at least ten days before the date requested for the meeting and shall~~ state the exact nature of the business to be~~considered and no other business shall be~~ transacted. No other business shall transpire at such meetings.

Section 4. Meetings of the Executive Committee and meetings of the Section to conduct governance business, with the approval of the Executive Committee [or Chair], 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. [NOTE from C&B: please make a selection from the options in blue font.]

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall meet upon due notice either to its members at the call of the Chair or upon~~at~~ the request of a majority of~~its~~ the members of the Committee. 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, which shall be a majority of the members of the Executive Committee, called meetings of the Executive Committee shall adjourn to a specific date.

Section ~~6~~5. Due notice of all the Section's meetings, not including committee meetings, shall be distributed~~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 15 members of the Section. No governance business shall be transacted~~conducted~~ in the absence of a quorum.

Section 7. 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 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 XI

Finances

Section 1.

- a. Members of the Section, except MEMBERS in emeritus status of the SOCIETY, 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 ~~Local Section~~ dues in an amount set by the Executive Committee.

~~a.c.~~ The annual dues of Local Section Affiliates shall be ~~determined~~ set by the Executive Committee in accordance with the ~~Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY ACS Governing Documents, and as mentioned elsewhere in these bylaws.~~ Failure to pay such dues for the current year shall terminate the affiliation.

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 January 31. [NOTE from C&B: you may change the date in blue font to what is reasonable for the Section.]

[NOTE from C&B: the below bylaw is optional; you may keep or delete. If deleting, please make sure to correct the numbering of the following bylaw.]

BYLAW XI **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. 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 XII **Amendments**

Section 1. A petition to amend the bylaws may be initiated by the Executive Committee, or by a petition signed by at least 15 members ~~or three percent of the members of the Section, whichever is larger.~~ If the proposed amendment is approved by the Executive Committee, ~~it shall,~~ if practical, it shall be submitted to the SOCIETY's Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for review. [NOTE from C&B: using a percentage of the membership is no longer recommended.]

Section 2. The Executive Committee will then ~~After any required changes are incorporated,~~ all the required changes and either accept or reject any recommended changes that are suggested by the SOCIETY reviewed and accepted or rejected by the Executive 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. [NOTE from C&B: you may change the timeframe in blue font to what is reasonable for the Section.]

Section 3. ~~or a majority of the petitioners, the Secretary shall distribute the amendment(s) to each member of the Section when notice of a ballot on the amendment, is provided.~~ If a proposed amendment is not approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, and if the petition is signed by at least 15 members ~~or three percent of the members~~ of the Section, ~~whichever is larger, it shall,~~ if practical, it shall be submitted to the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for review before being ~~distributed~~submitted to the membership of the Section. ~~After any required changes are incorporated, and any recommended changes reviewed and accepted or rejected by a majority of the petitioners, the Secretary shall distribute the amendment(s) to each member of the Section when notice of the next meeting, or notice of a ballot on the amendment is provided.~~

Section 4. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast shall be required to approve the amendment. This ma 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 ~~4~~5. The Secretary of the Section shall distribute the outcome of the vote regarding the amendment(s) to the Section members and within ~~one month~~thirty days, shall meet all requirements for submitting the results to the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

Section ~~5~~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 XIII Dissolution of the ~~Local~~ 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, thats is dedicated to the perpetuation of Purposeobjects 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~~54~~ as amended or under such successor provision of the Code as may be in effect at the time of the Section's dissolution.