



**\*BYLAWS OF THE JOLIET SECTION  
OF THE  
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

**BYLAW I—Name**

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

**BYLAW II—Objects**

The objects of the Section shall be those of the SOCIETY as stated in the Constitution of the SOCIETY.

**BYLAW III—Territory and Headquarters**

Section 1. The territory of the Section shall be assigned to it by the SOCIETY.

Section 2. The headquarters of the Section shall be Joliet, Illinois.

**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.

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

Section 3. MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, and affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the

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\***Effective April 18, 1977.** Approved, as amended, by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

SOCIETY. Affiliates may not vote for or hold an elective position, vote on articles of incorporation or bylaws, nor serve as voting members of the Executive Committee.

### **BYLAW V—Organization**

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Councilors and Alternate Councilors as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section, the Immediate Past Chair, and all committee chairs.

Section 3. All officers or persons elected to represent the Section shall be chosen from the MEMBERS and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS except for the positions of Councilor and Alternate Councilor, which must be chosen from the MEMBERS only.

### **BYLAW VI—Manner of Election and Terms of Office**

Section 1. Elected officers excepting Councilors and Alternate Councilors of the Section shall serve 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. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years beginning January 1.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy in any of the elected offices, excepting the office of Chair-Elect, the vacancy 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 the office of Chair-Elect is vacated, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Membership Chair to perform the duties of this office and the Section shall elect both a Chair and a Chair-Elect at its annual election.

Section 3. A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Chair of the Section, shall nominate candidates for each elected office to be filled and present the names of the candidates at the regular October meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the regular October meeting. The offices of Councilor and Alternate Councilor shall be filled by nominees for Councilor in accordance with the number of votes received. Election shall be by mail ballot and the results announced at the regular November meeting. A tie vote shall be resolved by vote of the members of the Executive Committee.

## **BYLAW VII—Duties of Officers and Executive Committee**

Section 1. The duties of the officers shall be those customarily performed by such officers, including responsibilities defined by the Bylaws and Constitution of the SOCIETY, by these bylaws, and by the Executive Committee.

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

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall serve as the governing body with full authority to manage and conduct the business and affairs of the Section in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY and by these bylaws.

## **BYLAW VIII—Committees**

There shall be the following standing Committees:

- a. Program
- b. Membership
- c. Professional Awareness
- d. Executive Committee

## **BYLAW IX—Meetings**

Section 1. The Section shall hold at least four regular meetings at places and times designated by the Executive Committee.

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

Section 3. Due notice of all meetings shall be sent to each member and affiliate of the Section. A quorum for transaction of business at a Section meeting shall consist of fifteen or 10% of members of the Section, whichever is the greater number. No business shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum.

Section 4. 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 specified date.

### **BYLAW X—Dues**

Section 1. All members and National Affiliates of the Section may be assessed such annual Local Section dues as may be set by the Executive Committee.

Section 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 for the current year 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 Section dues.

### **BYLAW XI—Amendments**

Section 1. A proposed amendment to these bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee and receive a majority approval by the Committee. Every approved amendment shall be submitted to the members by mail ballot.

Section 2. The amendment shall be adopted upon approval of the membership as ascertained by majority of ballots cast.

Section 3. The amendment shall become effective upon approval by SOCIETY Council unless a later date is specified.

Section 4. Any proposed amendment not approved by the Executive Committee within 60 days from the time of submission may be brought to a vote of the membership in the aforementioned manner by a petition signed by not less than fifteen members of the Section.

### **BYLAW XII—Dissolution of The Section**

Upon dissolution of the Section and the discharge of its debts and the settlement of its affairs, any funds and property of the Section remaining thereafter shall be used for the advancement of chemistry in the area covered by the Section. In the event this procedure is not practical, or there still remain unexpended funds, such funds shall be conveyed to the SOCIETY for the general purposes of the SOCIETY.