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**CONSTITUTION**  
**ARTICLE I**  
**Name, Seal, Colors, and Insignia**

**Section 1.**

The SOCIETY shall be known as the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

**Sec. 2.** [Article I, Sec. 2 **MOVED to** the Board Regulations]

The SOCIETY shall have a seal which shall consist of the device of a circle with the word "Seal" in the center surrounded by the words "AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY" arranged within the perimeter.

**Sec. 3.** [Article I, Sec. 3: **MOVED to** Bylaw I, Sec. 1]

The colors of the SOCIETY shall be cobalt blue and gold.

**Sec. 4.** [Article I, Sec. 4 **MOVED to** Bylaw I, Sec. 2]

The SOCIETY's insignia shall be square with one of the points forming the top and another the bottom of the emblem; the upper half of the square so placed, triangular in shape, shall contain the figure of a phoenix rising from the flame, typical of chemical activity and of the birth of new substance through the energy of chemical change; the lower half of the square shall contain the letters ACS and a small Liebig bulb. When used in the form of a pin, the insignia shall be finished with cobalt blue enamel and gold.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Objects-Purposes**

**Section 1.**

The ~~objects~~ **Purposes** of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY shall be to encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry in all its branches; the promotion of research in chemical science and industry; the improvement of the qualifications and usefulness of chemists through high standards of professional ethics, education, and attainments; the increase and diffusion of chemical knowledge; and by its meetings, professional contacts, reports, papers, discussions, and publications, to promote scientific interests and inquiry, thereby fostering public welfare and education, aiding the development of our country's industries, and adding to the material prosperity and happiness of our people.

**Sec. 2.**

To foster the improvement of the qualifications and usefulness of chemists, the SOCIETY shall be concerned with both the profession of chemistry and its practitioners. (~~7/10/72~~)

**Sec. 3.**

To foster the ~~objects~~ **Purposes** specified in this Article, the SOCIETY shall cooperate with scientists internationally and shall be concerned with the worldwide application of chemistry to the needs of humanity. (~~11/12/79~~)

**Sec. 4. The SOCIETY is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific, and other purposes as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or under such successor provision of the Code as may be in effect.**

**ARTICLE III**  
**Composition of the SOCIETY**

The SOCIETY shall be composed of members, ~~who in turn may be members of its Divisions and/or its Local Sections. It~~ **The SOCIETY** shall have a Council; ~~which, in addition to such duties as may be prescribed in this Constitution and the Bylaws of the SOCIETY, shall act as an advisory body;~~ a Board of Directors, which shall be the legal representative of the SOCIETY; ~~and establish its administrative policies; committees; both of the Council and~~

of the Board; and such officers; and employees; and such units, committees, or other bodies of the SOCIETY as are necessary to effectuate its purposes.

## ARTICLE IV Membership

### Section 1.

The members of the SOCIETY shall be those individuals who are interested in the ~~objects~~ Purposes of the SOCIETY and who meet the requirements for ~~MEMBERS or STUDENT MEMBERS~~ membership as set forth in the Standing Rules, as provided in the Bylaws. (6/30/09)

**Sec. 2.** [Article IV, Sec. 2 and 3 **MOVED to the Standing Rules: Membership Function]**

Applicants for membership shall be elected only as provided in the Bylaws.

### Sec. 3.

A member may be dropped from membership for nonpayment of dues or for conduct which in anywise tends to injure the SOCIETY or to affect adversely its reputation or which is contrary to or destructive of its ~~objects~~ Purposes. No member shall be dropped except after opportunity to be heard as provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/63)

## ARTICLE V Affiliates and Associates

[Article V **MOVED TO Standing Rules: Membership Function]**

### Section 1.

Any firm, association, or corporation or a subdivision of any such may become a Corporation Associate of the SOCIETY under the conditions and with the rights specified in the Bylaws. (6/18/51)

### Sec. 2.

A person who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY may become a Society Affiliate of the SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as a "Society Affiliate," as provided in the Bylaws. (11/18/02)

### Sec. 3.

A person who is neither a member nor a Society Affiliate may become an affiliate of either a Local Section or Division of the SOCIETY as provided in the Bylaws. (11/18/02)

### Sec. 4.

Neither Society Affiliates nor Corporation Associates nor affiliates of a Local Section or Division shall be or represent themselves as members of the SOCIETY. (6/30/09)

## ARTICLE V VI Officers

### Section 1.

a. The officers of the SOCIETY shall be a President, a President-Elect, an Immediate Past President, a Chief Executive Officer (sometimes referred to as an "Executive-Director"), a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Chair of the Board of Directors. (11/17/80)

b. The President-Elect shall be elected by the members of the SOCIETY.

### Sec. 2.

a. The duties of the officers of the SOCIETY shall be such as usually pertain to the offices they hold, and also any other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors or as herein prescribed. (11/17/80)

b. The ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer shall be the principal administrative officer of the SOCIETY and coordinator of staff operations and shall appoint or delegate authority for the appointment of all salaried employees, except officers, of the SOCIETY. The appointment of ~~Directors~~ heads of major staff divisions shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors. (11/23/71)

### Sec. 3.

a. The President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, and the Chair of the Board of Directors shall take office on January 1 and shall hold office for one year or until their successors qualify. (11/17/80)

b. The President-Elect shall succeed to the presidency at the expiration of the President's term of office or to fill a vacancy in the office of President occurring during the term of office of the President-Elect. (11/18/91)

c. The ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary, and the Treasurer shall hold office until their successors qualify. (11/77)

**ARTICLE VI VII**  
**Council**

**Section 1.**

a. The popular deliberative assembly of the SOCIETY shall be known as the Council, which shall **act as an advisory body to the Board of Directors and perform other duties as described in the Constitution, and Bylaws, and Standing Rules.** [Part of Sec. 1, a was moved to Sec. 1, b]

b. ~~a-~~**The Council shall** be composed of the President, the President-Elect, the Directors, the Past Presidents, the ~~Executive Director~~ **Chief Executive Officer**, the Secretary, and Councilors (**or Alternate Councilors**) representing **Units of the SOCIETY as described in the Bylaws and Standing Rules.** ~~Local Sections and Divisions, all of whom shall be known as voting Councilors, if MEMBERS of the SOCIETY. Twenty percent of elected Councilors shall be elected by Divisions and 80 percent shall be elected by Local Sections. Each Division and each Local Section shall elect Councilors and Alternate Councilors as provided in the Bylaws. In addition to performing such duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY, the Council shall act as an advisory body in matters pertaining to the general management of the SOCIETY. (11/21/88)~~

[Sec. 1, a: part of ORIGINAL text (below) **MOVED to** Standing Rules, Council Executive Function]

a. ~~The popular deliberative assembly of the SOCIETY shall be known as the Council, which shall be composed of the President, the President Elect, the Directors, the Past Presidents, the Executive Director, the Secretary, and Councilors representing Local Sections and Divisions, all of whom shall be known as voting Councilors, if MEMBERS of the SOCIETY. Twenty percent of elected Councilors shall be elected by Divisions and 80 percent shall be elected by Local Sections. Each Division and each Local Section shall elect Councilors and Alternate Councilors as provided in the Bylaws. In addition to performing such duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY, the Council shall act as an advisory body in matters pertaining to the general management of the SOCIETY. (11/21/88)~~

b. The Council also shall include as nonvoting Councilors persons whose SOCIETY positions enable them to contribute special knowledge and viewpoints to Council debate or to benefit in the discharge of their SOCIETY responsibilities from Council discussion, as specified in the Bylaws. (7/2/57)

**Sec. 2.** [Sec. 1, b and 2 **MOVED to** Standing Rules: Council Executive Function]

The President and the Secretary of the SOCIETY shall be the President and the Secretary, respectively, of the Council, and the President shall serve as the presiding officer of the Council. (1/1/77)

**Sec. 32.**

**a.** The Council **is authorized to establish such committees as it deems necessary to carry out its duties.**

**a-b.** **The Council shall elect a** ~~have an executive committee of the Council to~~ **carry out its executive functions including** ~~be known as the Council Policy Committee, which shall prepare~~ **ing** the agenda for Council meetings and ~~also acting~~ for the Council in all matters within the Council's jurisdiction between Council meetings, ~~as provided in the Bylaws.~~ **The President and the Secretary of the SOCIETY shall serve as Chair and Secretary, respectively of this committee.** [Part of Sec. 1, a was moved to new Sec. 2, b]

[Article VII, Sec. 3, b (original) and c-j: **MOVED to** Standing Rules]

b. The Council shall have a Committee on Nominations and Elections, the duties of which shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

c. The Council shall have a Committee on Committees, the duties of which shall be as provided in the Bylaws. (11/19/74)

d. There shall be Society Committees as provided in the Bylaws to aid both the Council and the Board of Directors in the performance of their functions. Society Committees shall be composed of voting Councilors, including Directors, and may, when deemed appropriate, include other members of the Society, as provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/78)

e. The Council shall provide for such Standing Committees, composed wholly of voting Councilors, as it deems necessary to explore all matters in which the Council has an interest. (1/1/78)

f. By joint resolution with the Board of Directors, the Council may establish Other Joint Board-Council Committees as provided in the Bylaws, to serve purposes which both bodies determine to be appropriate. (3/1/79)

g. The Council may provide for Other Committees, members of which need not be Councilors, to consider and report upon SOCIETY matters within the Council's jurisdiction. (1/1/78)

h. All Committees shall report in the manner provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/78)

i. Elected Committees of the Council:

(1) The Council shall elect the Council Policy Committee, of which the President shall serve as Chair and the Secretary of the SOCIETY shall serve as Secretary ex officio. (1/1/77)

(2) The Council shall elect the Committee on Nominations and Elections, which in turn shall elect its Chair from its own membership.

(3) The Council shall elect the Committee on Committees, on which the President-Elect shall serve as a member ex officio. The Committee shall elect its Chair from among its own membership. (11/19/74)

j. Personnel of all other committees shall be selected in the manner provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/78)

**Sec. 4.**

[Article VII, Sec. 4: **MOVED to Bylaw III, Sec. 3**]

The Council shall hold not fewer than two meetings annually, one of which shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the SOCIETY. The Council may hold additional meetings on reasonable notice, upon the call of the President of the SOCIETY, the Chair of the Board of Directors, or the Council Policy Committee. In any session of the Council, 33 1/3 percent of the voting Councilors shall constitute a quorum. (7/2/57)

**Sec. 5.**

[Article VII, Sec. 5: **MOVED to Standing Rules: Council Executive Function**]

a. The terms of office of Local Section and Division Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be three years, except that a partial term of one or two years shall be used whenever necessary to establish or to restore rotation of three-year terms of Councilors and Alternate Councilors. (11/16/87)

b. The term of a nonvoting Councilor serving in an ex officio capacity shall be that of the office or position held. The terms of others shall be established as provided in the Bylaws. (7/2/57)

**ARTICLE VII VIII**  
**Board of Directors**

**Section 1.**

**a. A Board of Directors shall be the legal representative of the SOCIETY and as such shall have, hold, and administer all the property, funds, and affairs of the SOCIETY.**

**b. The Board of Directors shall be** composed of the President, the President-Elect, the most recent Past President (all ex officii), six District Directors, one elected from each of six geographical Districts **by the membership of the Districts from which they are to serve** as provided in the Bylaws, and six Directors-at-Large **elected by the Council,** shall be the legal representative of the SOCIETY, and, as such, shall have, hold, and administer all the property, funds, and affairs of the SOCIETY pursuant to Public Act 358 "To Incorporate the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY" passed by the 75th Congress, 1st Session, and approved August 25, 1937. The Executive Director **Chief Executive Officer** shall be a nonvoting ex officio member of the Board of Directors. (4/1/04)

**Sec. 2.**

a. The Board of Directors shall hold not fewer than four meetings annually, and may hold additional meetings, on reasonable notice, upon the call of the President of the SOCIETY or of the Chair of the Board of Directors or upon the written request of any three Directors.

b. The Board of Directors shall make a report to the Council at each meeting of the Council with respect to the general state of the SOCIETY and administrative actions taken by it in the interim period between Council meetings.

**Sec. 3.**

[Article VIII, Sec. 3-4: **MOVED to Board Regulations**]

a. The Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to be Chair of the Board of Directors. In the event of the inability of the Chair to qualify or function in this office, the President shall serve as Chair pro tem. (11/18/91)

b. The Board of Directors shall elect the Executive Director, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the SOCIETY and shall determine the policies under which they operate. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be administratively responsible to the Board of Directors through the Executive Director. (1/1/77)

c. A vacancy in the office of Chair of the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Secretary, or Treasurer, caused by death, resignation, or failure to qualify, shall be filled by the Board of Directors. (1/1/77)

d. The Board of Directors shall determine the salaries, if any, which shall be paid to the officers of the SOCIETY, but no officer shall vote on any question involving that officer's salary. (11/18/91)

**Sec. 4.**

a. The Board of Directors shall elect an Executive Committee from its membership. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act for the Board of Directors between Board meetings. The Executive Director shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member of the Executive Committee. (1/1/78)

b. The Board of Directors shall be represented from its membership on Society Committees as provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/78)

c. By joint resolution with the Council, the Board of Directors may establish Other Joint Board-Council Committees as provided in the Bylaws, to serve purposes which both bodies determine to be appropriate. (3/1/79)

d. The Board of Directors shall provide for such other committees from its membership as it deems necessary to aid it in the performance of its functions. (1/1/78)

e. The Board of Directors may provide for other committees to consider and report upon matters within the field of the SOCIETY and within the field of Board responsibility, membership to be unrestricted except as the Board may specify. (7/11/60)

f. Each Board Committee, Society Committee, and Other Joint Board-Council Committee shall report to the Board of Directors periodically, but not less than once each year, in such manner as the Board may specify and in accordance with a schedule to be set from time to time by the Board of Directors. (3/1/79)

**Sec. 35.**

a. The term of a District Director shall be three years. (~~1/1/01~~)

b. The term of a Director-at-Large shall be three years. (~~1/1/69~~)

c. No Director shall serve more than a total of three terms consecutively and after a third term shall not be eligible for reelection until a period of two years has elapsed. (~~1/1/72~~)

d. A three-year ex officio term as President-Elect, President, and most recent Past President shall normally be considered as equivalent to an elected term as a Director. However, a Director who is elected to serve as President-Elect, President, and most recent Past President during a third consecutive term as a Director, or in the year immediately following such third consecutive term as Director, shall complete the ex officio term on the Board even though this exceeds the time of a normal term. The two-year lapse period before election again as a Director shall still apply. (~~11/18/91~~)

**Sec. 46.**

Any statement purporting to express the position of the SOCIETY on any public matter shall require the approval of the Board of Directors to be official. Statements on public matters may be issued by any other SOCIETY unit or body as provided in the Bylaws. (~~11/13/78~~)

**ARTICLE VIII ~~IX~~**  
**Publications**

**Section 1.**

The SOCIETY shall issue or sponsor such publications as in the judgment of the Board of Directors will best carry out the SOCIETY's ~~objects~~ **Purposes**, ~~as stated in Public Act 358 "To Incorporate the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY" passed by the 75th Congress, 1st Session, and approved August 25, 1937.~~ One of such publications issued by the SOCIETY shall be designated by the Board of Directors as the official organ of the SOCIETY for the dissemination to its members of information about SOCIETY business.

**Sec. 2.**

[Article IX Secs. 2-4: **MOVED to Board Regulations**]

Publications of the SOCIETY shall be made available to all members not in arrears under such conditions as the Bylaws and the Regulations of the Board of Directors provide. Publications of the SOCIETY also may be made available to nonmembers under such conditions as the Bylaws and the Regulations of the Board of Directors provide. (1/1/63)

**Sec. 3.**

Editors of periodicals published by the SOCIETY shall be appointed in accordance with Regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. (11/23/71)

**Sec. 4.**

A Division or a Local Section or any other unit of the SOCIETY may establish a new publication after obtaining the approval of the Board of Directors of the SOCIETY, provided, however, that such approval is not required for a news bulletin.

**ARTICLE X  
Manner Of Election**

[Article X MOVED to Standing Rules:  
Elections Function]

**Section 1.**

- a. The President-Elect shall be elected by the membership of the SOCIETY as provided in the Bylaws.
- b. Directors-at-Large shall be elected by the Council.
- c. District Directors shall be elected by the membership of the Districts from which they are to serve. (1/1/01)

**Sec. 2.**

Directors-at-Large, District Directors, and Councilors from Divisions and Local Sections shall be elected in a manner to produce rotation. (1/1/01)

**Sec. 3.**

Nominations for President-Elect, Directors-at-Large, and District Directors shall be made as provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/01)

**Sec. 4.**

Councilors and Alternate Councilors from Local Sections and Divisions shall be elected by a ballot distributed to all members of the respective Local Sections and Divisions. The balloting shall be conducted according to the requirements specified in the Bylaws. In all other respects the procedure for the election shall be as provided in the Local Section and Division bylaws. (11/15/04)

**Sec. 5.**

All vacancies shall be filled as provided in the Bylaws, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution.

**Sec. 6.**

No funds or facilities of the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, or Divisions shall be used to support or oppose a candidate or nominee except as provided in the Bylaws. (11/21/94)

**Sec. 7.**

Unresolved disputes concerning elections in Local Sections or Divisions shall be referred by the Secretary of the SOCIETY to the Council Committee on Nominations and Elections for investigation and resolution. The Committee shall have the power to set aside the results of a disputed election and to require a new election. (11/16/87)

**Sec. 8.**

Unresolved disputes concerning District and national elections shall be referred by the Committee on Nominations and Elections, to the Council Policy Committee for investigation and resolution. The Council Policy Committee shall have the power to set aside the results of a disputed election and to require a new election. (1/1/01)

**ARTICLE IX ~~XI~~  
Meetings of the SOCIETY**

**Section 1.**

The SOCIETY shall hold one annual meeting and such other meetings as are necessary to carry out its ~~objects~~ Purposes.

**Sec. 2.**

- a. The time and place of the annual meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and notice thereof shall be sent by the ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer to each member of the SOCIETY at least three weeks previous to the date of said meeting. (~~11/23/74~~)
- b. The time and place of any meeting other than the annual meeting of the SOCIETY shall be fixed by the Board of Directors upon the advice of the Council, provided that at least three weeks' notice thereof is given to the membership.
- c. At any meeting of the SOCIETY 200 members shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE X  
Units, Committees, and Other Bodies of the SOCIETY**

**Section 1.**

**The SOCIETY may establish units, committees, or other bodies of the SOCIETY in order to carry out its Purposes.**

**Sec. 2.**

**Local Sections, which are units that are defined geographically, may be established as described in the Bylaws.**

**Sec. 3.**

**Divisions, which are units that are defined by common interest(s), may be established as described in the Bylaws.**

**ARTICLE ~~XII~~  
Local Sections**

**[Article XII: MOVED to Bylaw IV]**

**Section 1.**

Upon request of not fewer than 50 members of the SOCIETY residing within the area defined in their request, the Council may establish a Local Section. (1/1/63)

**Sec. 2.**

Each Local Section shall be chartered with territory as approved by the Council. Subsequent changes in the territory shall be made only by vote of the Council. (11/20/89)

**Sec. 3.**

a. Any Local Section chartered in accordance with the provisions of this Article which fails to maintain a membership as provided in the Bylaws shall automatically forfeit its charter. (7/2/62)

b. A Local Section may be dissolved by the Council for good and sufficient reasons.

**Sec. 4.**

a. Except as hereinafter provided, all members of the SOCIETY who reside in that portion of the United States set apart by the Council as the territory of a given Local Section shall be considered members of that Local Section, and shall be so enrolled, and shall be entitled to all privileges such Local Section may grant under the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. (7/13/64)

b. A member of the SOCIETY may transfer Local Section membership from the Section in the territory of residence to another Section as provided in the Bylaws. (11/18/91)

c. A member of the SOCIETY who resides in territory not allocated to a Local Section may be enrolled in a Local Section as provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/63)

**Sec. 5.**

a. Each Local Section shall be governed by bylaws, as provided in the Bylaws of the SOCIETY. (1/1/68)

b. A Local Section shall elect its own officers, Councilors, and Alternate Councilors. All selections for office and changes in office shall be certified promptly by the Secretary of the Local Section to the Executive Director-of the SOCIETY. (11/23/71)

**Sec. 6.**

No Local Section or committee thereof or Local Section official acting in an official capacity shall issue any resolution or statement on public matters except as provided in the Bylaws. (11/13/78)

**Sec. 7.**

a. Local Sections shall receive a share of the annual SOCIETY dues of SOCIETY members and Affiliates, as provided elsewhere in this Constitution and as determined by provisions described in the Bylaws. (6/23/03)

b. A Local Section may assess dues and raise or collect funds to be expended for local purposes in harmony with the provisions of the Charter of the SOCIETY and may have the entire management and control of said funds.

c. A Local Section may receive donations or bequests made to said Local Section, and may expend or invest the same in the interest of said Local Section at the discretion of its governing body.

d. Each Local Section shall prepare an annual report as specified in the Bylaws. (11/12/79)

**ARTICLE ~~XIII~~  
Divisions**

**[Article XIII: MOVED to Bylaw V]**

**Section 1.**

Members of the SOCIETY with a common interest in a particular field of SOCIETY interest upon authorization of the Council may organize a group to be known as a Division of the SOCIETY. (1/1/63)

**Sec. 2.**

- a. Each Division shall be governed by bylaws, as provided in the Bylaws of the SOCIETY. (1/1/68)
- b. A Division shall elect its own officers, Councilors, and Alternate Councilors. All selections for office and changes in office shall be certified promptly by the Secretary of the Division to the Executive Director of the SOCIETY. (11/23/71)

**Sec. 3.**

No Division or committee thereof or Division official acting in an official capacity shall issue any resolution or statement on public matters except as provided in the Bylaws. (11/13/78)

**Sec. 4.**

- a. Divisions shall receive a share of the annual SOCIETY dues of SOCIETY members and Affiliates, as provided elsewhere in this Constitution and as determined by provisions described in the Bylaws. (6/23/03)
- b. A Division may assess dues and raise or collect funds to be expended for its own purposes in harmony with the provisions of the Charter of the SOCIETY and may have the entire management and control of said funds.
- c. A Division may receive donations or bequests made to said Division, and may expend or invest the same in the interest of said Division at the discretion of its governing body.
- d. Each Division shall prepare an annual report as specified in the Bylaws. (11/12/79)

**Sec. 5.**

- a. Any meeting of a Division held as part of a national meeting of the SOCIETY, with the exception of a business meeting, shall be open to all members of the SOCIETY on the same basis as to the members of the said Division. (1/1/63)
- b. Any Division sponsoring a meeting held apart from a national meeting of the SOCIETY shall have the privilege of offering reduced registration fees to members of the said Division. At each such meeting, each member of the SOCIETY, not at the time a member of the Division, who desires to register shall be informed of this regulation and before registration shall be offered the opportunity of becoming a member of the Division upon payment of dues to the Division at the existing rate for Division members. (11/18/91)

**Sec. 6.**

Any Division may be dissolved by the Council for good and sufficient reasons.

**ARTICLE ~~XIV~~ [Article XIV: **MOVED** to Bylaw VI]  
International Chemical Sciences Chapters**

Upon the written request of not fewer than 25 members of the SOCIETY residing in a defined geographic area outside the United States of America, the Board of Directors with the approval of the Council may authorize formation of an International Chemical Sciences Chapter. The criteria for the formation and review of International Chemical Sciences Chapters of the SOCIETY are provided in the Bylaws. (11/18/91)

**ARTICLE ~~XV~~ [Article XV: **MOVED** to Bylaw VII]  
Student Chapters**

Student Chapters may be formed as provided in the Bylaws. (6/30/09)

**ARTICLE ~~XI~~ ~~XVI~~  
Finances**

**Section 1.**

**The SOCIETY is authorized to assess dues and fees as described in the Bylaws and the Standing Rules.** ~~Each member of the SOCIETY shall pay dues as provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/63)~~

**Sec. 2.**

The financial year of the SOCIETY shall be from January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

**Sec. 3.**

There shall be an annual apportionment of funds to Local Sections and Divisions as provided in the Bylaws **and the Standing Rules.** ~~(11/21/88)~~

Sec. 4.

[Article XVI, Secs. 4 and 5 **MOVED to Standing Rules:  
Council Executive Function**]

The allotment to a Local Section or Division established during the SOCIETY's financial year shall be based on the membership count of the Local Section or Division when established. Funds may be drawn in proportion to the fraction of the financial year remaining. A Local Section or Division established during a financial year shall receive funds for the following financial year also based upon the membership count when established. (6/23/03)

Sec. 5.

The payment of the allotment to a Local Section or Division may be conditioned on the fulfillment of reporting requirements, as provided in the Bylaws. (6/23/03)

**ARTICLE XII ~~XVII~~  
Bylaws**

**Section 1.**

The Council shall make such Bylaws not in conflict with this Constitution as may be necessary for the proper ~~government~~ **governance** of the SOCIETY. Such Bylaws shall require the confirmation of the Board of Directors, and shall become operative when so confirmed unless a later date is specified.

**Sec. 2.**

The Bylaws may be amended by the Council in the manner provided in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall confirm or reject each such amendment **no later than its next regular meeting** ~~within ninety days.~~ (7/17/68)

**ARTICLE XIII ~~XVIII~~  
Amendments to the Constitution**

**Section 1.**

**The Constitution may be amended by the Council in the manner provided herein.** Any petition for amendment of this Constitution and the reasons therefor shall be submitted in writing to the Council, through the ~~Executive Director~~ **Chief Executive Officer** of the SOCIETY, over the signatures of not fewer than 10 voting Councilors or not fewer than 25 members of the SOCIETY. The petition may include a recommended effective date. (11/23/71)

**Sec. 2.**

a.. Each petition for amendment shall be considered for the first time at that meeting of the Council which follows by not less than sixteen weeks receipt of the petition by the ~~Executive Director~~ **Chief Executive Officer** of the SOCIETY. The ~~Executive Director~~ **Chief Executive Officer** shall refer the petition to the ~~Committee~~ **responsible for the** ~~on~~ Constitution and Bylaws **Function** and, with the advice of the ~~Council~~ **the** ~~Committee~~ **responsible for the** ~~Committee on~~ Committees **Function**, to other appropriate ~~Elected and/or Standing~~ **Committees** of the Council **as defined by in the Standing Rules** and/or Society Committees. One committee shall be designated **by the Chief Executive Officer** as having primary substantive responsibility. The substance of the petition shall appear on the open meeting agenda of these Committees for discussion, and the petition shall appear on the Council agenda for consideration. Except as provided below, the petition shall not be voted on at the first Council meeting at which it is considered. (11/12/79)

b. Within thirty days following the Council meeting at which a petition was presented for consideration or was acted upon by recommittal to the committee with primary substantive responsibility or referral to other committee(s), an original petitioner or the chair of the committee assigned primary responsibility for substantive review may notify the ~~Council~~ **Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** **Function**, through the ~~Executive Director~~ **Chief Executive Officer**, of a recommendation that the petition be withdrawn. If the **committee responsible for the** ~~on~~ Constitution and Bylaws **Function** concurs, then not less than twelve weeks prior to the Council meeting next following, **that the** ~~Committee on Constitution and Bylaws~~ shall report its recommendations and rationale to the ~~Executive Director~~ **Chief Executive Officer** of the SOCIETY who shall ~~transmit~~ **send** them to each petitioner. A signed request for withdrawal must be received by the ~~Executive Director~~ **Chief Executive Officer** at least eight weeks prior to the Council meeting for a petitioner's name to be removed from the list. If the number of remaining petitioners falls below 50 percent of the original number, and if this remaining number no longer satisfies the requirements specified ~~in Section 1 of this Article~~ **above**, the petition shall be considered withdrawn and shall not be included for action in the agenda of the Council meeting. (11/14/84)

c. Not less than twelve weeks prior to the Council meeting next following that at which the petition was first considered, the ~~Committee~~ **responsible for the** ~~on~~ Constitution and Bylaws **Function** shall report its recommendations to the ~~Executive Director~~ **Chief Executive Officer** of the SOCIETY who shall ~~transmit~~ **send** them to the petitioners directly or, if more than 50 signatures appear on the petition, through the official organ of the SOCIETY. The form of the petition so recommended shall be placed on that next Council agenda for vote, and shall stand in place of the original petition. The original petition, unchanged or modified to include any of the recommended changes only, also shall be placed on the Council agenda should such a request be received from a majority of the petitioners not later than eight weeks prior to the Council meeting. Should the Council not adopt the recommendations of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, it shall act immediately upon the original petition. (6/26/73)

d. Within thirty days after the Council meeting at which a petition to amend the Constitution ~~and/or~~ Bylaws has been presented for consideration, opponents of the proposed petition may submit written arguments to the chair of the committee which has been assigned primary substantive responsibility; the chair shall prepare summaries of these arguments and of any rebuttals by proponents, for inclusion, in association with the proposed amendment, in the agenda of the Council meeting at which action is to be taken. The ~~Chair of the Society~~ **Committee responsible for the** ~~on~~ Budget and Finance **Function** shall prepare a financial impact statement which also shall appear in the Council agenda when action is to be taken on the petition. (11/12/79)

e. The petition may be voted on at the first Council meeting at which it is considered, as a matter of urgency. Each petition to be presented for urgent action must be so designated in the agenda for that Council meeting. Such immediate action may be taken only if the Council determines by a three-fourths (3/4) vote that sufficient urgency exists. In taking immediate action, the Council shall act on the original petition unless the ~~Committee~~ **responsible for the** ~~on~~ Constitution and Bylaws **Function** shall submit to the Council an alternate proposal, in which case the Council shall act first upon the alternate proposal. (7/17/68)

f. Each petition for amendment of the Constitution shall require both the approval of the Council and ratification by vote of the membership of the SOCIETY for adoption, but no such petition shall be submitted to the membership unless first approved by the Council. (7/17/68)

If the Council approves the petition, the amendment shall be submitted to the membership for vote at the time of the next SOCIETY election, except that the Council may rule that the ballots be distributed at an earlier date. In any balloting on Constitutional amendments, an opportunity shall be provided for proponents and opponents of the petition to submit statements of their respective positions. Summaries of such statements shall be prepared by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and included with the ballot. The balloting shall be conducted according to the requirements specified in the Bylaws. (11/15/04)

### Sec. 3.

The Executive Director shall communicate the results of the vote to the President, and to the members through the official organ of the SOCIETY. No amendment shall be ratified unless two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting on the proposal vote in its favor. Each amendment shall become effective when ratified unless a later date is specified. (11/12/79)

## ARTICLE ~~XIV~~ **XIX** Effective Date

This Constitution shall become effective **TBD** ~~on the first day of January 1948.~~ [FYI: The amendments shall become effective after the Council approves the changes, the Board confirms the changes, and the members ratify the Constitutional changes.]