Bylaw I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Green Mountain 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 the same as those in Article II of the Constitution of the SOCIETY.

Bylaw III. Territory and Headquarters.

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

Sec. 2. The headquarters of the Section shall be in the City of Burlington.

Bylaw IV. Members and Affiliates.

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

*Effective August 25, 1977.* Approved, as amended, by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.
(b) Local Section Affiliates may be elected at any regular meeting of the Section by a majority vote.

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. An ASSOCIATE MEMBER is entitled to all privileges of membership except that of holding an elective position. A Local Section Affiliate is not entitled to vote or to hold office.)

Bylaw V. Organization.

Sec. 1. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and of Treasurer may be held by the same person.

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

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section and the Councilor.

Sec. 4. All officers, Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and other persons elected by the members shall be chosen from the MEMBERS.

Bylaw VI. Manner of Election and Terms of Office.

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

Sec. 2. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years beginning on January first.

Sec. 3. In the event of a vacancy in the office of 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 the office of Chair-Elect is filled by such interim appointment, the Section shall elect both a Chair and Chair-Elect at its annual election.

Sec. 4. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the last regular meeting of the academic year and shall assume office as specified in Bylaw VI, Sec. 1, 2.

A Nominating Committee of three, appointed by the Chair, shall present a slate of nominees for the elected positions to be filled.
Sec. 5. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected by a mail ballot of the members of the Section.

Bylaw VII. Duties of Officers and Executive Committee.

Sec. 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 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 VIII. Committees.

Standing committees may be set up by the Executive Committee as the needs of the Section may warrant them. Approval of such action by the Section at its next regular meeting shall constitute authority to include the committee under this bylaw.

Bylaw IX. Meetings.

Sec. 1. The Section shall hold not less than four regular meetings each year at places designated by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. The Section may hold special meetings at the call of the Executive Committee. 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 notice of all meetings shall be sent to each member and affiliate of the Section. A quorum for all meetings of the Section shall consist of twenty-five per cent of the active membership of the Section. In the absence of a quorum all business meetings shall adjourn to a date.

Sec. 4. At the regular meetings of the Section, the order of business shall be as follows:

(1) Reading the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (and their approval)
(2) Reports of Officers, Councilor (and Standing Committees)
(3) Reports of Special Committees
(4) Special Orders
(5) Unfinished Business and General Orders

(6) New Business.

The foregoing order of business may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting. The rules of order in the conduct of Section meetings, not specifically provided in these bylaws, shall be Robert’s “Rules of Order.”

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.

Bylaw X. Dues

Sec. 1. All assigned National Affiliates and members of the Section, except MEMBERS of the SOCIETY in emeritus status, may be assessed such annual Local Section dues as may be set by the Executive Committee.

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.

Bylaw XI. Amendments.

Sec. 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.

The above procedure of notice to members may be suspended by proposing the amendment at a meeting of the Section.

Sec. 2. At the next meeting of the Section after notice of the proposed amendment is given, the amendment may be adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, under the conditions specified in Bylaw IX, Sec. 3.

Sec. 3. Any amendment not approved by the Executive Committee within 90 days from the time it is submitted thereto, may be brought to a vote of the membership in the aforesaid manner by a petition signed by not less than 20 per cent of the members of the Section whose current dues have been paid to the SOCIETY.

Sec. 4. An amendment shall become effective on approval by the Council of the SOCIETY unless a later date is specified.

BYLAW XII. Dissolution of Section.
Upon the 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 that 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.