BYLAWS OF THE INLAND NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

BYLAW I—Name

This organization shall be known as the Inland Northwest Section of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

BYLAW II—Objects

The objects of the Section shall be:

a. The advancement of chemistry,
b. The dissemination of chemical information,
c. The promotion of the professional welfare of its members.

BYLAW III—Territory and Headquarters

The territory of the Section shall be that assigned to it by the SOCIETY. The headquarters of the Section shall be at Spokane, Washington.

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 may be made in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

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

*Effective August 23, 1995. Approved, as amended, by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.
Section 3. Members and affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 4. Members and affiliates may be assessed such Local Section dues as may be set by majority vote of the Section, in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

**BYLAW V—Officers and their Duties**

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

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

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section, the Councilors and the Alternate Councilors.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the current business of the Section and shall direct all expenditures of the Treasurer.

Section 5. The Chair of the Section shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee, and shall appoint such committees as may be authorized.

Section 6. The Chair-Elect shall serve as temporary Chair in the absence of the Chair, and shall succeed him in the office of Chair.

Section 7. The Program Chair shall select speakers for the meetings, arrange field trips and have charge of all parts of meeting programs, except the business sessions.

Section 8. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of the Section, collect and disburse funds as directed by the Executive Committee, and shall prepare an annual report of the Section’s financial condition.

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

Section 1. Elected officers of the Section shall serve for a term of one year, beginning on January 1 following their election.

Section 2. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years, beginning on January 1 following their election.
Section 3. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Chair-Elect shall assume the added duties of Chair for the unexpired term. All other vacancies shall be filled by interim appointment by the Executive Committee 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.

Section 4. Nominations for the officers shall be submitted by a nominating committee consisting of at least three members appointed by the Chair and approved by the Executive Committee. Such nominations shall be submitted at the October meeting, at which time nominations may also be made from the floor. A ballot containing the names of all nominees shall be mailed to members of the Section at least one week before the November meeting, and shall be returned to the Secretary at or before the November meeting to be valid for the purpose of the election. Ballots shall be counted and election results announced at the November meeting.

BYLAW VII—Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held at such times as arranged by the Executive Committee. Ordinarily such meetings shall be held monthly. Due notice of meetings shall be sent to each member and National Affiliate of the Section.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or by the Secretary upon the written request of ten members. The purpose of such special meetings shall be stated in the notice of the same, and no other business shall be transacted at the meeting.

Section 3. Twenty percent of the members or twenty members, whichever number is greater, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum the meeting shall adjourn to a date.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet upon call of the Chair or at the request of a majority of the Committee. In the absence of a quorum, which shall be a majority of the Committee, called meetings of the Committee shall adjourn to a date.

BYLAW VIII—Amendments

A proposed amendment to these bylaws must be presented, in writing, to the Executive Committee for review. The Executive Committee shall present the proposed amendment to the members not later than the second regular meeting thereafter. Written notice will then be given all members that the proposed amendment will be voted upon at the following meeting. A three-fourths vote of those members present shall be necessary to carry such amendment. The amendment shall become effective upon approval by the Council unless a later date is specified.
BYLAW IX—Committees

Section 1. The membership committee shall interview prospective members, and encourage application for membership by those found qualified.

Section 2. The auditing committee shall examine and audit the Treasurer’s annual report.

BYLAW X—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.