



***BYLAWS OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA SECTION
OF THE
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

**BYLAW I
Name**

The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Section, hereinafter referred to as “the Section,” of the American Chemical Society, hereinafter referred to as “the SOCIETY.”

**BYLAW II
Objects**

Section 1. The objects of the Section shall be the same as those of the SOCIETY, as stated in its Constitution.

Section 2. Nothing in these bylaws shall conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 3. An additional object of the Section shall be to actively support and sponsor such local specialized groups as may be organized under its jurisdiction. Such groups might be Polymer, Analytical, Medical, Biochemical Groups or the like. Nothing in the constitution or bylaws of these specialized groups shall conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY or of the Section.

At its discretion, the Executive Committee may authorize limited financial support to such groups from time to time as circumstances warrant. Members of such groups must be members of the Section or affiliates of it.

**BYLAW III
Territory and Headquarters**

***Effective May 30, 2006.** Approved, as amended, by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the American Chemical Society.

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, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, and Society 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 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 SOCIETY. Affiliates shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the Section, save those of voting for or holding an elective position, voting on articles of incorporation and bylaws for the Section, or serving as a member of the Executive Committee. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS may not hold an elective position.

BYLAW V Organization

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

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 three immediate past Chairs, the Councilors, the Alternate Councilors, and the Editor of the *TarHelium*.

BYLAW VI Manner of Election and Terms of Office

Section 1. Elected officers of the Section shall serve for a term of one year, beginning on January 1, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve for two years. The Chair-Elect shall, upon completion of this office, succeed to the office of Chair.

Section 2. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years, beginning on January 1. Their terms of office shall be staggered so that approximately one-third of the Councilors and one-third of the Alternate Councilors shall be chosen at each annual election. Whenever it may become necessary to synchronize the three-year periods of office for

Councilors and Alternate Councilors so that the number of Councilors and Alternate Councilors to be newly elected for a three-year term shall more nearly approximate one-third of the total Councilors and one-third of the Alternate Councilors respectively, the Executive Committee may designate a Councilor term to be filled at a regular election as one ending one or two years after the following January 1.

Section 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.

Section 4. The Chair, with the advice of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Nominating Committee consisting of a Chair and two members, not later than March of each year.

Section 5. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more persons for each elective position for which a vacancy will occur, and shall make a report at the October meeting of the Section. With the exception of the Chair and the Chair-Elect, the incumbent of an elective position may be renominated. Nominations from the floor or by petition are in order, following the report of the Committee. No nominee's name shall be placed on the ballot unless the nominee has stated a willingness to serve if elected.

Section 6. The officers, Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected by a ballot of the members of the Section, prior to the November meeting.

In the event of a tie vote for any office, resolution shall be by vote of the members of the Executive Committee.

Results of elections shall be announced at the November meeting. The Secretary shall certify them to the Executive Director of the SOCIETY by December 1.

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 from time to time by the Executive Committee. Among others, the Chair shall file the annual section narrative report to the SOCIETY each year; and the Treasurer shall file the annual financial report to the SOCIETY, an annual financial report to the Section, and the annual tax return of the Section as a nonprofit organization.

Section 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.

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.

BYLAW VIII Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall establish committees as necessary for the proper operation of the Section.

Section 2. Standing committees shall serve until dissolved by the new Chair, but in no case later than March 1 of the new chair's term, unless reappointed by the new Chair.

Section 3. The standing committees of the Section shall at least include the following: Nominating Committee, Awards Committee, and Budget Committee.

BYLAW IX Meetings

Section 1. The Section shall hold 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 the larger of fifteen or 1% of the members of the Section. No business shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum.

Section 4. The Section shall endeavor to hold one of its regular meetings each year jointly with the North Carolina Academy of Science, so far as this is practical, and in any case, whenever the North Carolina Academy of Science meeting is within the limits of the Section.

BYLAW X Finances

Section 1. All members and Society Affiliates assigned to the Section may be assessed annual local section dues. The amount of such dues shall be set by the Executive Committee of the Section, provided, however, that any change in dues must be approved by the Section members by ballot to be completed no later than March 1 of the year preceding the dues year. Forty-five days shall be allowed from the day of the ballots distribution to the deadline for their receipt by the Secretary and this interval shall include at least one Section meeting at which the proposed

change in dues will be discussed. Such a change requires the approval of a majority of the members voting.

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 additional dues.

BYLAW XI Amendments

Section 1. A proposed amendment to these bylaws shall first be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee. If it is approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, the Secretary shall distribute to all members of the Section, a ballot, along with an appropriate explanation. Forty-five days shall be allowed from the day of distribution of the ballots to the deadline for their receipt by the Secretary and this interval shall include at least one Section meeting at which the proposed amendment will be discussed. The amendment shall be adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting by ballot.

Section 2. Any proposed amendment not approved by the Executive Committee within 60 days from the time it is submitted thereto 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.

Section 3. Amendments to these bylaws, after adoption by the Section, shall become effective upon approval by the Council of the SOCIETY, unless a later date is specified.

BYLAW XII Dissolution of the Section

Upon dissolution of the Section, any assets of the Section remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to such organization then existent, within or without the territory of the Section, dedicated to the perpetuation of objects similar to those of the SOCIETY, or to the SOCIETY so long as whichever organization is selected by the governing body of the 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.

BYLAW XIII Affiliation with Other Organizations

The Section may be affiliated with other technical societies subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.