BYLAWS OF THE
SAVANNAH RIVER SECTION
OF THE
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

BYLAW I—NAME

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

BYLAW II—OBJECTS

The basic objects of the Section shall be the same as those listed in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

BYLAW III—TERRITORY

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 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 as authorized in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 3. Members and affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

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BYLAW V—ORGANIZATION

Section 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.

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 immediate Past Chair, the Councilors, the Alternate Councilors, and the chairs of the permanent committees.

Section 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

Section 1. Elected officers of the Section shall consist of a Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer and shall serve for a term of one year, beginning on January 1 or until their successors are qualified. The Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair upon completion of his term of office.

Section 2. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years, beginning on 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 may 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. If the Chair-Elect fills the unexpired term of the Chair for a period of six months or less, he shall continue as the Chair during the year which he normally would have filled this office. If the period is more than six months, both a Chair and a Chair-Elect will be elected at the next annual election.

Section 4. Elections shall be conducted by a Nominating and Elections Committee, such committee to consist of a Chair and at least two additional members.

Section 5. For each office to be filled, the ballot shall list one or more nominees selected by the Nominating and Elections Committee and any other nominees whose names are submitted by a petition of 15 members of the Section. Such petitions shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before September 1.

Section 6. The Nominating and Elections Committee shall furnish the Secretary of the Section a list of the nominees for the various offices not later than September 20. Ballots shall be
sent to the members not later than October 1. The ballots, in order to be counted, shall be returned by the members to the Chair of the Nominating and Elections Committee by October 25.

The Chair of the Nominating and Elections Committee shall submit the results of the election to the Secretary of the Section not later than October 30 and shall report the results of the election to the members at the November meeting.

**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.

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**

There shall be the following standing committees:

- Membership
- Program
- Publicity
- Hospitality
- Projects
- Nominating and Elections

**BYLAW IX—MEETINGS**

Section 1. The Section shall hold not less than one regular meeting each year at a place or places selected by the Hospitality Committee.

Section 2. The Section may hold special meetings at the call of the Executive Committee or at the request of 15 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 any meeting of the Section shall be sent to each member and National Affiliate of the Section. A quorum for any meeting of the Section shall consist of five percent (5%) of the members of the Section. In the absence of a quorum, no business shall be transacted.

Section 4. At the regular meetings of the Section, the order of business shall be established by the Chair.

The rules of order in the conduct of Section meetings, not specifically provided in these bylaws, shall be Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 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. 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 date.

**BYLAW X—DUES**

Section 1. All assigned National Affiliates and members of the Section, except members of the SOCIETY in emeritus status, may be assessed such voluntary 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 in advance shall automatically terminate the affiliation.

**BYLAW XI—AFFILIATION WITH A LOCAL TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION**

Section 1. The Section may cooperate with other local technical, scientific, and educational groups in promoting projects whose objects are consistent with those defined in the Constitution of the SOCIETY.

Section 2. The Section may affiliate with the Joint Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies in the Central Savannah River Area.

**BYLAW XII—AMENDMENTS**

Section 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, at which meeting the proposed amendment shall be discussed. The proposed amendment may be modified if a majority of the members present desire it.
Section 2. A proposed amendment submitted to the Secretary over the signature of any ten (10) members of the Section shall not require approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Immediately following the meeting of the Section, the Secretary shall mail to each member of the Section a copy of the proposed amendment or modified amendment and a ballot by which a member may clearly show whether he approves or disapproves the proposed amendment. The ballots shall be returned to the Secretary within 15 days of his mailing to be valid. The amendment shall be adopted by an approval vote of two-thirds of the ballots returned to the Secretary within the specified time.

Section 4. The amendment shall become effective upon approval by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council, unless a later date is specified.

**BYLAW XIII—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.