BYLAWS
OF THE
TEXAS A&M SECTION

BYLAW I—NAME

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Texas A&M Section of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

BYLAW II—OBJECTS

Section 1. The objects of the Section shall be to encourage the advancement of chemistry, the promotion of research, the improvement of the qualifications and usefulness of its members, the increase and diffusion of chemical knowledge and such other objects as are set forth in Article II of the Constitution of the SOCIETY.

BYLAW III—TERRITORY AND HEADQUARTERS

Section 1. The territory of this Section shall be the County of Brazos of the State of Texas and such other territory as shall be authorized by the SOCIETY. The Section shall have its headquarters at College Station, Texas.

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.

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Local Section Affiliates are not members of the SOCIETY or of the Section. They are, however, entitled to all the privileges of membership in the Section, as provided in the local Section bylaws, save those of voting and holding office. Student Affiliates are affiliated with the SOCIETY and not with the Section. A Student Affiliate may become a Local Section Affiliate and can be called a Local Section Student Affiliate, if desired.

Section 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 office. A Local Section Affiliate is not entitled to vote or to hold office.

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, Councilors, and Alternate Councilors.

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, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, shall serve for a term of one year beginning on January 1. The Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair upon completion of his term of office.

Section 2. The Secretary, Treasurer, 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 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 shall appoint, on or before October 1, a Nominating Committee of not less than three members, not officers of the Section, to provide nominees in duplicate for the elective offices named in Section 1, Bylaw V.

Section 5. The Nominating Committee as provided in Section 4 of this bylaw shall present its report of nominees to the Secretary within 10 days after its appointment, and the Secretary, not later than 10 days thereafter shall send all members of the Section the report of the Nominating Committee together with a secret ballot. Members may substitute nominees of their own by writing in names on the ballot. Members shall sign their names on an outside envelope and the ballots shall be enclosed in an inner unmarked envelope, which the members shall seal. All the ballots cast shall be mailed to the Secretary.

Section 6. The Secretary shall bring the sealed ballots without the outer signed envelope to the November meeting of the Section. Three tellers appointed by the Chair at the meeting shall count the ballots and make their report of the balloting. In case of a tie for any elective office, the members present shall forthwith proceed to decide between the two candidates by vote and shall further proceed to fill any vacancies that may exist due to death, resignation, refusal or inability to serve of any of the officers or elected candidates.

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.

Section 4. The Secretary of this Section shall be the official representative at the business session of the Southwest Regional Meeting.

Section 5. The Chair-Elect shall present any nominations from this Section for the Southwest Regional Award to the Chair-Elect of the host Section of the Southwest Regional Meeting.

Section 6. The representative from this Section on the committee for the presentation of awards at the annual Southwest Regional Meeting shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section.
BYLAW VIII—COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be a Membership and a Program Committee, each of three members, appointed by the Chair.

BYLAW IX—MEETINGS

Section 1. The Section shall hold not less than 4 meetings each year.

Section 2. The Section may hold special meetings at the call of the Executive Committee or at the request of one-fourth of the members of the Section. The notices of special meetings shall state the exact nature of the business to be transacted.

Section 3. Due notice of all meetings shall be sent to each member and affiliate of the Section.

Section 4. 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, FUNDS, DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

Section 1. All assigned National Affiliates and members, except MEMBERS in emeritus status of the SOCIETY, may annually be assessed such local dues (not over $2.00 annually) as the Section itself may determine. This shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members of the Section.

Section 2. The raising and collecting of funds other than dues may be provided by suitable resolution at regular or special meetings of the Section by a majority vote of members present subject to provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 3. Donations or bequests of funds or property may be accepted by suitable resolution adopted at regular or special meetings of the Section by a majority vote of the members present, subject to provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

BYLAW XI—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.
Section 2. At the second meeting of the Section after notice of the proposed amendment is given, the amendment may be adopted by two-thirds of the votes of the members present.

**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 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.

**BYLAW XIII—EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE BYLAWS**

Section 1. These bylaws shall become effective at the time of adoption.

Section 2. Following adoption, amendments to these bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Council unless a later date is specified.