BYLAWS OF THE
DIVISION OF COLLOID AND SURFACE CHEMISTRY
of the
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

BYLAW I
Name and Objectives

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

Sec. 2. The objectives of the Division shall be the advancement and development of colloid and surface chemistry.

BYLAW II
Members and Affiliates

Section 1. Membership in the Division shall be open to all members of the SOCIETY, and any member of the SOCIETY shall upon request to the Secretary of the Division be registered as a member of the Division after payment of the annual dues.

Sec. 2. A Society Affiliate of the SOCIETY may apply to the Secretary to become a Society Affiliate of the Division. Provided that dues established for Society Affiliates are paid, a Society Affiliate shall have all the privileges of membership in the Division except that of voting for or holding an elective position of the Division or of serving as a voting member of its Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. Others who are not members or Society Affiliates of the SOCIETY but who are interested in the work of the Division may become Division Affiliates after payment of annual dues in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY, but such Division Affiliates shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the Division save that of voting for or holding an elective position of the Division, voting on articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Division, or serving as a member of its Executive Committee.

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Sec. 4. A member of the Division who has achieved the requirements for emeritus status in the SOCIETY and who has been a paid member of the Division for the immediate past five years is eligible for emeritus status in the Division and shall be given such status upon request to the Chair of the Division and certification by the SOCIETY. Such a member shall pay no membership dues, shall receive the official organ of the Division, and shall have all of the privileges of membership held at the time of certification to emeritus status.

BYLAW III
Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Division shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair, and Membership Secretary. Officers will begin their term on January 1. Except for the Secretary and the Treasurer, officers shall hold office for a term of one year. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall have a term of 3 years. Election of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be conducted on consecutive years to avoid simultaneous vacancies in these offices.

Sec. 2. The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Division and Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. The Chair-Elect shall act as Chair in the absence of the Chair and shall automatically succeed to the office of Chair at the close of the latter’s term of office.

Sec. 4. The Vice-Chair shall act as Chair in the absence of the Chair and Chair-Elect.

Sec. 5. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Division and Executive Committee meetings and shall transmit to the SOCIETY all reports required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. Additional duties shall be those usually pertaining to the office and other assignments that may be made from time to time.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Division, including collecting dues and assessments, maintaining the rolls of the Division, and making all disbursements, subject to the authorization or approval of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 7. The Program Chair is responsible for divisional arrangements at national meetings and shall coordinate with the SOCIETY and divisional program at such meetings.

Sec. 8. The Membership Secretary shall be in charge of membership matters.

Sec. 9. Only MEMBERS of the SOCIETY are eligible to hold office in the Division.

BYLAW IV
Councilors

Section 1. The number of Division Councilors and Division Alternate Councilors and their terms of office shall be as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.
Sec. 2. The terms of office of Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be arranged so as to provide rotation to minimize the number of terms of office that expire in any one year.

**BYLAW V**

**Executive Committee**

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Division, the Councilors, the Alternate Councilors, the three immediate past Chairs of the Division, the Chair of the Colloid and Surface Science Symposium Committee, and three MEMBERS-at-Large of the Division elected for terms of three years.

Sec. 2. The terms of office of the three elected MEMBERS-at-Large shall be so arranged that the term of office of one MEMBER expires each year.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Division and shall direct its activities.

**BYLAW VI**

**Meetings**

Section 1. The Division shall hold at least one meeting each year, as provided in the Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Sec. 2. The annual meeting of the Division shall be held at the fall meeting of the SOCIETY.

**BYLAW VII**

**Elections**

Section 1. Nominations: A slate of nominees for elective positions shall be submitted to the Division at a regularly scheduled business meeting by a Nominating Committee previously appointed by the Chair. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Sec. 2. Officers, Members-at-Large, Councilors, and Alternate Councilors: Following their nomination at a regularly scheduled business meeting, the officers (except the Chair), Members-at-Large, Councilors, and Alternate Councilors shall be elected by ballot, in a manner consistent with the provisions specified in the SOCIETY’s Constitution and Bylaws. Ballots shall include provisions for write-in candidates. The ballot may be distributed to all members of the Division in the same manner as, or included with, other Divisional communications to all members. A period of no less than 4 weeks as determined by the Secretary shall be provided for the return of the ballots.
Sec. 3. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall take office at the time provided in the Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Sec. 4. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill any vacancy occurring through death or resignation, and the person so appointed shall serve until the next regular election.

**BYLAW VIII**

Colloid and Surface Science Symposium Committee

Section 1. There shall be a standing committee designated as the Colloid and Surface Science Symposium Committee, consisting of the officers of the Division as *ex officio* members, three MEMBERS elected for terms of three years, and the present, past, and immediate future chairs of the local committee responsible for the Colloid and Surface Science Symposium.

Sec. 2. The terms of office of the three elected MEMBERS shall be so arranged that the term of one MEMBER expires each year, except as prescribed in Sec. 3 of this bylaw.

Sec. 3. The Chair of the Colloid and Surface Science Symposium Committee shall serve for a period of two years and shall be appointed from within the Committee by the Chair of the Division and shall take office on January 1 following the appointment. The Committee Chair shall remain a member of the Committee while serving as its Chair.

Sec. 4. The Chair of the Colloid and Surface Science Symposium Committee shall be empowered to appoint each year a member of the Division to act as local chair at the site of the forthcoming Colloid and Surface Science Symposium.

Sec. 5. The Chair of the Colloid and Surface Science Symposium Committee shall also serve as Executive Secretary of the Committee.

Sec. 6. The Colloid and Surface Science Symposium Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of a special meeting of the Division designated as the Colloid and Surface Science Symposium and shall decide the time, place, and general nature of the program.

Sec. 7. The expense of the Colloid and Surface Science Symposium shall be the responsibility of the local group sponsoring the Symposium.

**BYLAW IX**

Other Committees

The Chair shall be empowered to appoint from time to time, with the advice and approval of the Executive Committee, other special committees.
BYLAW X
Assessments
The Executive Committee may impose dues upon members and Society Affiliates of the Division. This Committee shall also impose dues upon Division Affiliates as required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. At its discretion the Executive Committee may award a limited number of introductory divisional memberships to graduate students who are members of the SOCIETY.

BYLAW XI
Amendments
These bylaws may be amended by a ballot conducted in a manner consistent with the Bylaws of the SOCIETY. One month’s written notice of the proposed amendment, with text thereof, shall be distributed to all members of the Division prior to balloting. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be distributed in the same manner as, or included with, other divisional communications to all members. A period of not less than 4 weeks, as determined by the Secretary, shall be provided for the return of the ballots. Proposed amendments shall be considered approved if three-fifths of the members voting vote in the affirmative for adoption of the proposed amendments. These amendments shall become effective when approved by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council, unless a later date is specified.

BYLAW XII
Certificates of Merit
The Executive Committee of the Division may nominate as the recipient of a certificate of merit any member who has held membership in the Division for at least ten years and who has given outstanding and sustained service to the Division and to colloid and/or surface chemistry. A majority vote of members present at a regular divisional business meeting shall confirm the nomination and approve the award. Divisional dues shall be waived permanently for recipients of this award.

BYLAW XIII
Dissolution
Upon dissolution of the Division, any assets of the Division remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to such organization then existent as is dedicated to objects similar to those of the Division and the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, or to the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, so long as whichever organization is selected by the governing body of the Division 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 Division’s dissolution.