Please attend the open meetings of any of the following committees to discuss this petition, ask questions and/or hear comments. This petition has been referred to the Committee on Membership Affairs, Committee on Divisional Activities, Committee on Local Section Activities, Council Policy Committee, Society Committee on Budget and Finance, and Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. (*Committee with primary substantive responsibility)

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ORIGINAL

FOR CONSIDERATION

Petition on Affiliation with Other Technical Organizations

Bylaw XI, Sec. 3

Petition

We, the undersigned Councilors of the American Chemical Society, hereby petition to amend the SOCIETY Bylaws as follows (additions underlined; deletions struck through):

Bylaw XI

SOCIETY Affiliation with Other Technical Organizations

Section 1.

To foster the objects of the SOCIETY, the SOCIETY or its Local Sections or Divisions may affiliate with other technical organizations, provided that such affiliation does not contravene the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, or Regulations of the SOCIETY. (10/4/99)

…

Sec. 3.

Affiliations of SOCIETY Local Sections or Divisions shall become effective upon authorization by their governing body, approval by their respective Council committees, and by confirmation by the Council Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council, that the provisions of Section 1 of this Bylaw are met. (10/4/99)

…

Explanation

This petition proposes to add DAC and LSAC to Bylaw XI, Sec. 3, because each is charged under their respective duties in Bylaw III, Sec. 3, d, (1), (c), that DAC and LSAC act for Council, in collaboration with C&B, in approving the affiliation of Divisions/Local Sections with other technical organizations:
DAC:
(vii) acting for the Council, in collaboration with the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, in approving the affiliation of Divisions with other technical organizations. (6/1/73)

LSAC:
(xi) acting for the Council, in collaboration with the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, in approving the affiliation of Local Sections with other technical organizations. (11/7/07)

Signed:
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(This petition has been referred to the *Committee on Membership Affairs, Committee on Divisional Activities, Committee on Local Section Activities, Council Policy Committee, Society Committee on Budget and Finance, and Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.)

*Committee having primary substantive responsibility

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial implications of this petition are still being assessed. The Final Statement of Financial Impact will be available per Article XVIII, Sec. 2, d, which states in part, “The Chair of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance shall prepare a financial impact statement which also shall appear in the Council agenda when action is to be taken on the petition.”

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws has reviewed the petition and finds it to be legal and not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the SOCIETY. The proposed Bylaw amendment accomplishes the petitioners’ goal of adding the approval from the Committees on Divisional Activities and Local Activities for the affiliation of Divisions/Local Sections with other technical organizations, since these approvals are already included in their respective duties elsewhere in the Bylaws.

Within thirty days after the Council meeting at which this petition is considered, comments and suggestions on the substance of the petition from opponents, committees, petitioners, and other interested members should be directed to the Chair of the Committee on Membership Activities which has primary substantive responsibility for the petition. Comments and suggestions may be sent to bylaws@acs.org.

Dr. V. Dean Adams
Chair