



*** CHARTER BYLAWS
OF THE
ROCK RIVER SECTION
OF THE
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

**Bylaw I
Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Rock River 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 those of the SOCIETY as stated in the Constitution of the SOCIETY.

Section 2. Nothing in these bylaws shall be inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution, and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

**Bylaw III
Territory and Headquarters**

The territory of the Section shall be that assigned to it by the SOCIETY. The headquarters of the Section shall be De Kalb, Illinois.

**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

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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, National Affiliates, and Local Section Affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS may not hold elective positions or serve as Temporary Substitute Councilors. National Affiliates and Local Section Affiliates may not vote for or hold an elective position, vote on articles of incorporation and bylaws, or serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

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, and the Alternate Councilors.

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, or until their successors qualify. Upon completion of the Chair's term of office, the Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair.

Section 2. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall serve 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 a Chair-Elect at its annual election.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a chair and two members not later than September of each year. Not more than one member of the Executive Committee may be a member of the Nominating Committee.

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 a regular meeting of the Section. With the exception of the Chair and Chair-Elect, the incumbent of any 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 he has stated his willingness to serve if elected.

Section 6. The election of elected officers shall be held at a following regular meeting which shall be held at a date such that election results can be certified to the Executive Director of the SOCIETY by December 1. A tie vote shall be resolved by vote of the members of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be elected by a mail ballot of the members of the Section.

Section 8. The Secretary, or other designated officer of the Section, shall prepare an election ballot on which shall appear the names, in order chosen by lot, of all candidates nominated and found willing to serve.

Section 9. A period of at least three weeks must be provided between the date of mailing of the ballots to the members and the deadline for their return to the Secretary or other designated officer of the Section.

Section 10. The Secretary, or other designated officer of the Section, shall deliver, unopened, to the Tellers all ballots received by the deadline.

Section 11. The Tellers shall count the ballots thus received, using the list of members provided by the Secretary to verify eligibility of all those voting. Any ballot envelope not so validated shall be rejected.

Section 12. In case of a tie vote for any Councilor or Alternate Councilor opening, the Executive Committee shall make the final selection.

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**

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

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 10% of the members of the Section. No business shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum.

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 **Finances**

Section 1. All members and assigned National Affiliates of the Section may be assessed such 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 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 Section dues.

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 will be adopted if it receives an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

Section 3. 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 (15) members of the Section.

Section 4. Amendments to these bylaws, after adoption by the Section, shall become effective upon approval by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the SOCIETY, unless a later date is specified in the amendment.

Bylaw XII **Dissolution of the Section**

Upon the 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 AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, or to the AMERICAN CHEMICAL 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.