



APPROVED AS AMENDED\*

by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the American Chemical Society, under the authority of the ACS Governing Documents.

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Secretary of the Council

**\*BYLAWS OF THE  
OLE MISS SECTION  
OF THE  
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

**BYLAW I  
Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Ole Miss 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 Charter and 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 located in Oxford, Mississippi.

**BYLAW IV  
Members and Affiliates**

Section 1. The rolls of the Section shall include those MEMBERS, STUDENT MEMBERS, Local Section Affiliates, and Society Affiliates of the SOCIETY residing within the territory of

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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, STUDENT MEMBERS, Society Affiliates, and Local Section Affiliates shall have such rights and privileges as are accorded them by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY. STUDENT MEMBERS are not eligible to hold the positions of Chair, Chair-Elect, Treasurer, Alternate Councilor, or Councilor, and may not serve as Temporary Substitute Councilors. STUDENT MEMBERS may hold the office of Secretary or any other positions that may be created by the Section. Society 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 elect 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 next 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 re-nominated. 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 the nominee has stated a willingness to serve if elected.

Section 6. The election of officers shall be held at a subsequent regular meeting or by ballot.

Section 7. In the case of an election held by ballot, the following procedures shall be followed:

- a. The Secretary of the Section shall distribute to all members of the Section balloting materials indicating the candidates and providing a mechanism to vote for additional candidates. Each voting member shall indicate the member's vote in accordance with the directions in the materials and mail, deliver, or electronically transmit it to the Secretary. The deadline for receipt by the Secretary shall not be less than three weeks after the ballot materials were distributed.
- b. The Chair shall appoint as Tellers two or more members who are neither candidates for office nor members of the Executive Committee.
- c. All valid votes received by the Secretary before a day and time specified in the balloting materials shall be counted by the Tellers, who shall record the votes received by each candidate, and report the results of the balloting in writing to the Chair as soon as practical.
- d. In case of a tie vote for any elective office, a majority vote of the Executive Committee shall determine the winning candidate. If a member of the Executive Committee is involved in a tie, that member shall abstain from voting.

## **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 a Nominating Committee as provided for elsewhere in these bylaws. The Executive Committee shall establish other 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 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 all meetings shall be distributed to each member and affiliate of the Section. A quorum for transaction of business at a Section meeting shall consist of the larger of 15 members or 10 percent 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 Society 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.

### **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 sixty 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 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 Section**

Upon the dissolution of the Section, any assets of the Section remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to such organizations then existent, within or without the territory of the Section, dedicated to the perpetuation of the 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.