

**Bylaws of the
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BYLAW I—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Midland Section of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

BYLAW II—OBJECTS

The objects of the Section shall be to encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry in all its branches; the promotion of research in chemical science and industry; the improvement of the qualification and usefulness of chemists through high standards of professional ethics, education and attainments; the increase and diffusion of chemical knowledge; and by its meetings, professional contacts, reports, papers, discussions, and publications, to promote scientific interests and inquiry, thereby fostering public welfare and education, aiding the development of our country's industries, and adding to the material prosperity and happiness of our people within the confines of the Section.

BYLAW III—TERRITORY

The territory of the Section shall be that assigned to it by the SOCIETY.

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 may be made in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Effective November 25, 1996. Approved, as amended, by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the American Chemical Society.

Section 2. All Local Section Affiliates shall be elected by the Section's Board of Directors.

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. National Affiliates and Local Section Affiliates may not vote for or hold an elective position of the Section, vote on articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Section, or serve as voting members of the Board of Directors.

BYLAW V—ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Section shall have Councilors and Alternate Councilors as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Section, the immediate Past Chair, the Councilors, the Alternate Councilors, the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections, and nine Directors, all of whom shall be voting members. Other committee chairs shall be nonvoting members. A majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

- Section 4.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, the immediate Past Chair, and three Directors elected by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5.** All officers, Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and other persons elected by the members shall be chosen from the MEMBERS.
- Section 6.** The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for resolution of procedural matters during business meetings.

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 are elected. The Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair upon completion of the Chair's term of office.
- Section 2.** Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and Directors shall be elected for a term of three years, beginning on January 1. So far as possible one-third of the number in each classification shall be elected each year.
- Section 3.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Chair-Elect shall assume the added duties of Chair for the unexpired term. All other vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors 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 interim appointment, the Section shall elect both a Chair and Chair-Elect at its annual election.
- Section 4.** A Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be elected at the regular fall election to serve one year starting January 1.
- Section 5.** (a) The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall nominate at least two candidates for each position for which a vacancy will occur. The incumbent Councilor, if willing, shall be one of the nominees for Councilor. Nominations from the floor or by petition prior to the close of nominations at the meeting are in order, but no nominee's name shall be placed on the ballot unless the nominee has indicated willingness to serve if elected.
- (b) The report of the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be given at the September meeting and be included in the Local Section publication prior to the meeting. The election results shall be announced at the November meeting, if possible.
- Section 6.** The election shall be by mail. Ballots are to be mailed as soon as possible after the September meeting. With the ballot shall be included instructions which state that (1) the ballot is to be returned to the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections, (2) only those ballots received by the Committee by a specified date (at least three weeks after the original mailing) will be counted, (3) the signature of the member voting must be written on the envelope or enclosed within on a separate piece of paper, and (4) there shall be no identification of the voter on the ballot. The Secretary, or other designated officer of the Section, shall compare the hand-inscribed name on the mailing envelope with the official list of members of the Section for all ballots received by the deadline. Ballot envelopes not hand-inscribed by an eligible voter shall be marked VOID. The Committee shall count all valid ballots which have been received by the date specified and shall certify the result.
- Section 7.** Election depends on receiving a plurality of the votes cast.
- Section 8.** A tie vote shall be resolved by the Board of Directors.

BYLAW VII—DUTIES OF OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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 Board of Directors.
- Section 2.** The Chair of the Section shall serve as Chair of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and shall appoint all committees authorized in these bylaws or by the Board of Directors, except the Chair and members of the Committee on Nominations and Elections.
- Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Section and 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 Board of Directors shall meet at least three times annually to review the affairs of the Section.
- Section 5.** Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chair or by the Secretary at the request of three or more voting members of the Board.
- Section 6.** The Executive Committee shall act as an advisory board to the Chair and may be empowered to act for the Board of Directors. It shall report its interim actions to the Board of Directors.
- Section 7.** Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chair or by the Secretary at the request of at least three of its members.

BYLAW VIII—LOCAL Section GROUPS

The Board of Directors may authorize the formation of Local Section Groups devoted to the promotion of one or more branches of chemistry.

BYLAW IX—COMMITTEES

- Section 1.** The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be composed of the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections, the Chair-Elect of the Section and three members appointed by the Committee Chair including a Director or Councilor whose term extends beyond the current year.
- Section 2.** There shall be the following standing committees, whose duties shall be defined by the Board of Directors.
- Membership
Program
Publicity
- Section 3.** Special committees may be established by the Board of Directors.

BYLAW X—DUES

- Section 1.** All members of the Section, except members in emeritus status of the SOCIETY, and National Affiliates may be assessed such voluntary annual Local Section dues as may be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The annual dues of Local Section Affiliates shall be set by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY.

BYLAW XI—AMENDMENTS

A proposed amendment to these bylaws must first be submitted to the Board of Directors. If it is approved by a majority of the Board, it shall be prepared for balloting. A proposed amendment which is not approved by the Board shall be placed on the ballot upon receipt by the Secretary of a petition for such action signed by 50 or more members of the Section. Balloting shall be in the same manner as provided elsewhere in these bylaws. If 30% of the members cast valid ballots and if 67% or more of the votes cast are favorable, the bylaws shall be amended accordingly. Such amendment 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.

BYLAW XII—SEVERANCE CLAUSE

If any section or portion of the Local Section bylaws becomes invalid due to conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY, the validity of the remaining portion of the Local Section bylaws shall not be affected.

BYLAW XIII—DISSOLUTION OF THE SECTION

Upon the dissolution of the Section, the Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Section, convey any remaining assets of the Section to such organization then existent, within or without the territory of the Section, as is dedicated to the perpetuation of objects similar to those of the Section, or to the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, so long as whichever organization is selected by the Directors 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.