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

Secretary of the Council

*BYLAWS OF THE CHICAGO SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

BYLAW I
Name

This organization shall be known as the Chicago Section (hereinafter referred to as the "Section") of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (hereinafter referred to as the "SOCIETY"). The Section is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois.

BYLAW II
Purposes

Section 1. The Purposes of the Section shall be those of the SOCIETY as stated in the ACS Governing Documents, which consist of the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, Schedule of Dues and Benefits, and Regulations. In particular, the Purposes shall be to encourage the advancement of chemical sciences, and their practitioners as described in the SOCIETY's documents.

Section 2. Nothing in these bylaws shall be inconsistent with the ACS Governing Documents.

Section 3. The Section is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

BYLAW III
Territory

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

BYLAW IV
Members and Affiliates

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Section 1. The rolls of the Section shall include those MEMBERS and STUDENT MEMBERS (hereinafter collectively referred to as "members") and Society Affiliates of the SOCIETY residing within the territory of the Section provided that any exceptions to this rule shall be made in conformity with the ACS Governing Documents.

Section 2. STUDENT MEMBERS shall be entitled to all privileges of membership unless otherwise specified.

a. They may not hold an elective position of the SOCIETY.

b. They may not serve as a Councilor, Alternate Councilor, or Temporary Substitute Councilor.

c. They may serve as an officer of the Section.

d. They may hold an elective position of the Section as noted elsewhere in these bylaws.

e. They may be appointed as a committee chair.

Section 3. Society Affiliates may be assessed dues in the amount specified by the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"). A Society Affiliate may not (1) hold or vote for an elective position, (2) vote on Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of the Section, (3) vote for Councilor(s) or Alternate Councilor(s), or (4) serve as a voting member of the Board. Except as mentioned above, a Society Affiliate may be appointed as a co-chair of a committee provided that the other co-chair is a member of the SOCIETY and the Section.

Section 4. The Section may have Local Section Affiliates, who are neither members nor Society Affiliates, as authorized in the ACS Governing Documents. A Local Section Affiliate shall retain affiliate status only so long as payment is made of Local Section Affiliate dues of not less than two dollars ($2.00) per annum. A Local Section Affiliate may not (1) hold or vote for an elective position, (2) vote on Articles of Incorporation and bylaws, (3) vote for Councilor(s) or Alternate Councilor(s), or (4) serve as a voting member of the Board. A Local Section Affiliate may be appointed as a co-chair of a committee provided that the other co-chair is a member of the SOCIETY and the Section.

Section 5. Members and affiliates, which includes Society Affiliates and Local Section Affiliates, shall have such rights and privileges as accorded to them by the ACS Governing Documents and these bylaws.

BYLAW V
Officers, Board of Directors, and Councilor(s)

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be members of the SOCIETY and the Section and shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Board 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 ACS Governing Documents and these bylaws. The Board shall consist of the officers of the Section, 14 elected Directors, the Comptroller, the Director of Budgets, the Editor, the Publications Business Manager, the standing committee chairs, and Board committee chairs. All voting members of the Board shall be members of the SOCIETY and the Section.

a. Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote. Each standing committee and Board committee shall be entitled to one vote. Should those committees have co-chairs, they shall be entitled to one vote with each committee to decide which co-chair shall vote. In no case shall any Board member be entitled to more than one vote. A Board member may not simultaneously hold more than one elective office other than a Councilor or Alternate Councilor.

b. Although Board meetings are generally open to all Section members and affiliates, the Board may operate in executive (closed) session on matters including but not limited to employee compensation, employee performance, and other sensitive matters. All substantive information discussed, including motions approved during these meeting(s), except for details of salary and personnel information, shall be included in the Board minutes.

Section 3. Terms of Office

a. The Chair shall serve for a term of one year beginning on January 1 following election or until a successor takes office. The Chair may not serve in the position of another Section officer until the end of the one-year term as Immediate Past Chair.

b. The Chair-Elect shall serve for a term coincident with that of the Chair and is not eligible for reelection. At the end of the Chair-Elect's term of office, the Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair. The Vice-Chair shall serve for a term coincident with that of the Chair and is eligible for reelection. At the end of the Vice-Chair's term of office, the Vice-Chair shall not succeed to the office of Chair.

c. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for a term of one year beginning on January 1 following election or until their duly elected successors take office.

d. The 14 elected Directors shall serve for a term of two years beginning January 1 following election and shall be elected in alternate years, whenever possible, to provide for a rotation of terms. An elected Director who has served two successive terms is not eligible for reelection until after a one-year break.

e. The Comptroller, Editor, Director of Budgets, and Publications Business Manager shall be appointed by the Board and serve for a term of one year beginning on January 1 following the appointment or until their duly appointed successors take office.

f. Unless specified elsewhere in these bylaws, the incumbent of any position is eligible for reelection.

Section 4. The duties of the officers, the Directors, Comptroller, Editor, and Publications Business Manager shall be such as usually pertain to their offices, together with those required by these bylaws and by the ACS Governing Documents, and such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Board.

a. The duties of the Chair shall be to preside at meetings of the Board, to carry into effect the decisions and recommendations of that Board, to preside at meetings of the Section to conduct governance business, to appoint all committee chairs and others serving on committees as provided elsewhere in these bylaws, and to carry out the duties required by these bylaws and the ACS Governing Documents.

b. The duties of the Chair-Elect shall be to assist the Chair with the direction and management of the Section. In the absence of the Chair, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the Vice-Chair. In the absence of either the Vice-Chair or both the Chair and Vice-Chair, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the Chair-Elect.

c. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of the minutes of the meetings of the Section to conduct governance business and of the Board, to maintain a list of members and affiliates, to distribute to members and affiliates such notices as the business of the Section may require, to submit a report to the Section at its annual meeting, and to carry out the duties required by these bylaws and the ACS Governing Documents. The Secretary shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Chair-Elect.

d. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Section, keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, receive dues, and make those disbursements approved by the Board. The Treasurer shall render an account of all transactions and of the financial condition of the Section to the Board at times set by the Board and shall submit such reports as are required by the ACS Governing Documents. The Treasurer shall also serve as a non-voting *ex officio* member advising the Board of Trustees.

e. The Comptroller shall manage the accounting and financial reporting. The duties include ensuring that funds are spent and accounted for appropriately, submitting tax forms, and preparing the annual financial report.

f. The Editor shall oversee the production of the Section newsletter: *The Chemical Bulletin*. Duties include soliciting and editing articles, graphic design, composition, and publication output.

g. The Director of Budgets shall monitor Section expenses and income, accept and evaluate proposals to change the levels of budgeted expenses with the Board's approval, and report to the Board for each committee monthly and cumulative expenditures versus target.

h. The Publications Business Manager shall recruit and manage advertisements for *The Chemical Bulletin* and other Section publications. The duties of the Publication Business Manager shall include soliciting advertisements, setting advertising rates and schedules, transmitting advertisements to the Chemical Bulletin Committee, and invoicing clients.

i. The duties of the 14 elected Directors shall include bringing before the Board such items of concern to members of the Section that have been brought to their attention, as well as any duties assigned by the Board.

Section 5. Vacancies

a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of Chair for the remainder of the term. Following the Vice-Chair’s completion of the remainder of the term, the Chair-Elect shall move into the position of Chair as part of the leadership transition. At the next election, both a Chair-Elect and a Vice-Chair shall be elected.

b. All other vacancies, except for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s), shall be filled by majority vote of the Board through interim appointment for the period up to the next annual election. At that time, the procedures for election as outlined in the bylaws of the Section shall be followed.

Section 6. Councilor(s), Alternate Councilor(s), and Temporary Substitute Councilor

a. The Section shall have Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) as provided in the ACS Governing Documents. The Section's Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) shall carry out those duties assigned to them by the ACS Governing Documents. In particular, the Councilor(s) (or Alternate Councilor(s) or Temporary Substitute Councilor if so designated to serve in place of the Councilor for a particular meeting), shall attend meetings of the Council of the SOCIETY and represent the Section at such meetings.

b. Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) shall be elected by ballot from among the MEMBERS for three-year terms beginning January 1 following election. Reelection is permissible. Councilor(s) shall be elected in separate years, whenever possible, to provide for a rotation of terms in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents. A partial term of one or two years shall be used whenever necessary to establish or to restore rotation of three-year terms provided that the Councilor and/or Alternate Councilor candidate(s) agree to the partial term before the election.

c. In the event that a Councilor is unable to attend a specified meeting of the Council of the SOCIETY, the Chair of the Section shall appoint one of the Alternate Councilor(s) to serve as Councilor at the specified meeting. Such appointment of an Alternate Councilor shall be for only one meeting.

d. If every Councilor and Alternate Councilor of the Section will be absent from a Council meeting, thus leaving the Section without representation at such meeting, the Board may designate one MEMBER of the Section as a Temporary Substitute Councilor in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents.

e. If necessary, the Board shall designate one or more Councilor(s) to be disqualified under provisions of the ACS Governing Documents for reallocation of Councilor(s) among the Sections.

f. Any vacancy in the position of Councilor or Alternate Councilor shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term at the time of the next annual election. The vacancy may be filled by a special election; by appointment by the Board until the next annual election; or as described elsewhere in the ACS Governing Documents and in these bylaws.

BYLAW VI
Manner of Election

Section 1. The election of officers and the elected Board members shall be conducted by a ballot distributed to the members of the Section in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents and these bylaws. Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) shall be elected by a ballot distributed to all members of the Section; affiliates may not vote for any elective position, including officers, Councilor(s), and Alternate Councilor(s).

Section 2. Nominations

a. Prior to September 1, the Secretary of the Section shall notify the Board and the Nomination Committee, as described elsewhere in these bylaws, of the elective positions to be filled. The Board shall determine the candidates for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s).

b. In September of each year, the Nomination Committee shall combine and report to the membership a list of nominees for each office, for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s), and for any other position(s) to be elected by the Section.

c. Prior to October 15, any member or affiliate of the Section may, in writing or from the floor at a meeting to conduct governance business, nominate additional candidates for office, provided that the candidates are members of the Section for officers and other elective positions and MEMBERS for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s), as required elsewhere in these bylaws. To go forward, the nomination must be seconded by five (5) members of the Section. Nominations so made shall be equally valid as those from the Nomination Committee. All candidates nominated shall have indicated willingness to serve if elected.

Section 3. The candidates for each office and for Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) shall be listed on the ballot in an order to be selected by lot. The ballot shall be distributed by October 15 to eligible voters as noted above. Affiliates may not vote for any elective position, including officers, Councilor(s), and Alternate Councilor(s). The ballot shall provide for a write-in candidate for each position to be filled. A paper ballot shall be provided to any eligible voter who requests it.

Section 4. The ballots shall be tabulated and validated not later than November 15. The candidate for each position receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote for any position, the Board, by ballot, shall elect from among the candidates who share the tie vote; the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 5. The results shall be announced by the Section Chair or the Chair's designee as soon as possible after the election and published in the Section's newsletter and/or on the Section's website soon thereafter. The results shall be certified to the Chief Executive Officer of the SOCIETY not later than December 1.

Section 6. In accordance with the ACS Governing Documents, balloting procedures should ensure fair balloting that is open to all eligible members, protection against fraudulent balloting, and the timely reporting and archiving of balloting results.

BYLAW VII
Disciplinary Action and Recall of Elected Officials

Section 1. Members and affiliates, including Society Affiliates and Local Section Affiliates, shall be provided access to the SOCIETY's Volunteer and Participant Code of Conduct policy and to other related policies as may be provided by the SOCIETY and the Section.

Section 2. Allegations of violations of these policies shall be reported for investigation and referral for possible disciplinary action to the appropriate governing body or bodies as outlined within the policies.

Section 3. The officers and elected officials of the Section but not Councilor(s) and Alternate Councilor(s) are subject to removal for neglect of duties or conduct injurious to the SOCIETY or the Section.

Section 4. The recall of an official shall be initiated when a signed petition, indicating in writing the specific charges and reasonable substantiating evidence, is submitted to the Chair from at least 25 members of the Section. In the event the Chair is the official in question, the Vice-Chair shall receive the petition and shall assume the duties of the Chair with respect to this issue until the issue is resolved.

Section 5. The Chair shall, without delay, determine that the petitioners are aware of the gravity of their actions and the procedures to be followed. The Chair shall seek an alternate resolution to the problem and a withdrawal of the petition at this time. In the absence of a resolution to the problem, the Chair shall notify the members of the Board and call a special meeting within thirty days.

a. The Board shall promptly continue the recall process or dismiss the petition as ill-founded or find an alternative solution to the problem. The Chair shall promptly inform the petitioners and the official of the decision of the Board. If no contact with the official can be made after a reasonable effort, the Board may remove the official in question with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining members.

b. If the proceedings continue:

    (1) The Chair shall assign the duties of the official to another qualified member or MEMBER of the Section, as required elsewhere in these bylaws, until the issue is resolved.

    (2) The official shall be offered an opportunity to answer the allegations in the petition before the Board. A certified letter shall be sent to the last known address on the official SOCIETY membership roll. Upon notification, the official shall have thirty days to make a written response to the allegations.

    (3) The Board shall decide whether or not to proceed after studying the official's response. The Chair shall inform the official and the petitioners of the decision of the Board. If a majority of the Board decides during an official Board meeting that the proceedings shall continue, the official shall choose one of the following options:

        (a) The official may resign.

        (b) The official may request a recall vote. Section members shall be informed, through brief written statements prepared by the Board and the official, of the issues involved with the recall vote. Both statements shall be distributed to the members with the ballot. A paper ballot shall be provided to any member who requests it. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast shall be required for the official to be removed from office. The membership shall be informed of the results of the recall vote.

        (c) The official may request a hearing and a recall vote by the remaining members of the Board. At least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining members of the Board shall be required to recall the official.

        (d) The official may choose not to respond and thus forfeit the position.

Section 6. The vacancy provisions of these bylaws shall be used to fill a vacancy caused by a recall process. The Chief Executive Officer of the SOCIETY shall be informed of the recall and the filling of the vacancy.

BYLAW VIII
Committees

Section 1. The Board shall establish committees as necessary for the proper operation of the Section. All committee members shall be members or affiliates of the Section as provided elsewhere in these bylaws.

Section 2. The Section shall have the following standing committees: Chemical Bulletin, Long-Range Planning, and Nomination.

Section 3. The Long-Range Planning Committee shall review each standing and Board committee at least every five years and shall make recommendations to the Board on the continuations of the committee(s) and any change in its mission.

BYLAW IX
Meetings

Section 1. The Board shall designate the times and places of the Section's meetings as it finds necessary or desirable for the proper functioning of the Section. The Section shall hold at least one meeting annually to conduct governance business; however, this requirement may be modified by the Board.

Section 2. The Chair shall set the order of business for meetings of the Section to conduct governance business. The order of business may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 3. The Section may hold special meetings to conduct governance business upon the written request of a majority of the Board or upon the written request of 35 members of the Section. To be valid, such request shall be received by the Secretary of the Section at least ten days before the date requested for the meeting and shall state the exact nature of the business to be transacted. No other business shall transpire at such meetings.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board and meetings of the Section to conduct governance business, with the approval of the Board, may be held by means of electronic communications technology that permits those in attendance to read or hear the proceedings substantially concurrently with their occurrence, and for voting members to vote as needed.

Section 5. The Board shall meet upon due notice either at the call of the Chair or upon request of a majority of its members. A quorum for a Board meeting shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Board. In the absence of a quorum, called meetings of the Board shall adjourn to a specific date.

Section 6. Due notice of the Section's meetings, not including committee meetings, shall be sent to each member and affiliate of the Section. A quorum for the transaction of governance business at such a Section meeting shall consist of 30 members of the Section. No governance business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

Section 7. The fee for registration at any special meeting shall be decided by the Board, but there shall be no fee for attendance at any sessions held by the Section for the transaction of governance business.

Section 8. The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters not covered in these bylaws or in the SOCIETY's documents.

BYLAW X
Finances

Section 1.

a. Members of the Section may be assessed voluntary Local Section dues in an amount set by the Board. The Board shall have the option to waive or discount dues for STUDENT MEMBERS and for emeritus members.

b. Society Affiliates may be assessed annual dues in an amount set by the Board.

c. The annual dues of Local Section Affiliates shall be determined by the Board in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents, and as mentioned elsewhere in these bylaws.

Section 2. The Section may raise or collect funds to be expended for Section purposes and may have the entire management and control of such funds insofar as such management and control shall not conflict with any provision of these bylaws or with the ACS Governing Documents.

Section 3. The Section may receive donations or bequests made to it and may expend or invest the same on behalf of the Section. Such expenditures or investments shall be recorded by the Treasurer of the Section, and any investments made by the Trustees shall be contingent upon Board authorization.

Section 4. An annual review of the books of the Treasurer and of any other transactions regarding the Section's funds shall be conducted by two or more disinterested members or individuals, appointed by the Board. The reviewers' report of their findings shall be submitted to the Board by January 31.

BYLAW XI
Affiliation with Other Technical Organizations

Section 1. The Section may affiliate with other technical organizations operating within the territory of the Section provided that such affiliation does not contravene the ACS Governing Documents. Such affiliation must be approved by the Board of the Section and the SOCIETY Committee on Local Section Activities.

Section 2. The affiliation with the technical organization shall become effective upon authorization by the Board of the Section and the SOCIETY Committee on Local Section Activities, and upon confirmation by the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council, that the specific requirements of the ACS Governing Documents are met.

Section 3. The Board may terminate the affiliation with any technical organization by notifying, in writing, the governing body of the technical organization. The technical organization may terminate the affiliation upon written notice to the Section's Board. Affiliations shall terminate after five years unless reauthorized by the Board. The term of each subsequent reauthorization shall not exceed five years.

BYLAW XII
Board of Trustees and Permanent Funds

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as "Trustees") consisting of three members and the Treasurer as a non-voting *ex officio* member, all of whom shall be MEMBERS of the SOCIETY and the Section.

Section 2. In December, the Board shall elect one Trustee on a staggered basis to serve for a term of three years beginning January 1 following election or until a successor takes office. Each year, the Trustees shall select a Trustee Secretary from among their members, who shall have custody of all property entrusted to the Trustees. The Trustees shall have charge of the trust funds and permanent investments of the Section and shall administer these in accordance with these bylaws and any other conditions under which any specific fund(s) may have been acquired. The Trustees are authorized to acquire and retain investments, including but not limited to bonds, ETFs, mutual funds, preferred stocks, and common stocks. The Trustees are authorized to retain property on behalf of the Section. The Trustees shall render a financial report to the Treasurer of the Section at the close of each fiscal year. The report shall show the current investments and financial transactions that were made by the Trustees during the preceding year.

Section 3. The Trustees shall manage the following two types of funds: (i) operational; and (ii) scholarships, gift, and awards. Income from these funds shall be available to the Board for use in the operation of the Section, except as may be provided otherwise by the terms of a specific allocation, gift, or bequest.

Section 4. Operational funds shall include the individual funds described below in subsections (a)-(e). Scholarship, gift, and award funds shall include the individual funds described below in subsections (f)-(l). These funds are comingled with each other and with other Section assets, but the value of each fund shall be adjusted using disbursements, donations, and allocation of interest, dividends, gains, and losses while also adjusting for the needs of the Section keeping in mind that the assets from (ii) must remain solvent. Unused scholarship funds may be returned to the appropriate account after a determination that they will not be used by the intended recipient.

a. The Willard Gibbs Medal Endowment Fund shall comprise the sum contributed for that purpose by William A. Converse and all subsequent additions and donations thereto. This fund shall be administered in accordance with the agreement of March 15, 1934, between William A. Converse and the Section.

b. The earnings from the Henrietta Z. Freud Trust Fund shall be used to support the Section's activities.

c. The Contingent Reserve Fund may be expended by the Trustees for any need of the Section.

d. The General Fund may be expended by the Trustees for any need of the Section.

e. The Meeting Place Reserve Fund shall serve to fund facilities for Section meetings and other scientific and educational activities approved by the Board in accordance with the Purposes of the SOCIETY. The Trustees shall endeavor to build this fund to a minimum of $100,000. The principal shall be available to the Board for purchase or a long-term lease of meeting place facilities. When the Trustees deem that the purpose of this fund has been achieved, any principal remaining shall be available for allocation to other funds of the Section.

f. The Ipatieff Book Fund shall be comprised of the sum bequeathed to the Section by Vladimir N. Ipatieff and all subsequent additions and donations thereto. The income from this fund shall

be given to the John Crerar Library at the University of Chicago for the purchase of books in the field of chemistry.

g. The Scholarship Fund shall comprise all sums given to the Section for this fund, and any additions made to it by the action of the Board. The income from this fund shall be used to support science education programs of the Section.

h. The Marie Lishka Scholarship Fund shall comprise all sums given to the Section for this fund and any additions made to it by the action of the Board. The earnings from this fund shall be used to recognize an outstanding female chemistry student.

i. The earnings from the Marshall S. Smoler Memorial Award Fund shall be used to recognize an outstanding high school chemistry student from the Chicago Public School System.

j. The Project SEED Fund shall comprise all sums given to the Section for this fund, and any additions made to it by the action of the Board. The fund shall be used to support one or more summer internships for high school chemistry students.

k. The earnings from the Bernard Schaar Scholarship Fund shall be used to recognize an outstanding high school chemistry student residing in the city of Chicago.

l. The Scholarship Operating Fund shall be used to encumber funds owed to award winners designated by the Section until payout is made to the awardees.

BYLAW XIII
Willard Gibbs Medal

Section 1. A gold medal shall be awarded annually by the Section at a meeting open to the public, preferably in May. The medal shall be known as the "Willard Gibbs Medal, Founded by William A. Converse".

Section 2. The award shall be made according to the rules set forth herein.

Section 3. The award shall be made by a majority of a jury of 12 members to anyone who because of preeminent work in and original contributions to pure or applied chemistry is deemed worthy of special recognition by the Jury.

Section 4. A condition of the award shall be that the recipient of the medal shall deliver, at the time of the award, an address upon a subject about chemistry, which shall be selected by the awardee and approved by the Chair of the Jury. The awardee shall be notified at least three months prior to the date of the meeting at which the award is to be made.

Section 5. The Jury of the award, to be known as the "Jury of the Willard Gibbs Medal, founded by William A. Converse," shall consist of 12 members of the SOCIETY. The Chair-Elect of the Section as of July 1 in the year before the award is presented shall serve as Chair of the Jury through the presentation of the award but shall have no vote, except as described below.

Section 6.

a. The Board shall appoint Jury members each year to maintain 12 Jury members. Four members of the Jury shall be appointed each year prior to May 15, to serve for a term of three years beginning July 1 following appointment. Of the four members to be appointed each year, not more than two shall be from any one Section of the SOCIETY.

b. Any juror who has served two consecutive three-year terms shall not be eligible for reappointment. At the call of the Jury Chair, the Jury shall begin its deliberations after July 1 of each year.

c. The Jury Chair shall invite each member of the Jury to nominate one person as a candidate for the Willard Gibbs medal. This medal shall be made to an individual person. Nominations should preferably include a) appropriate contact information for the nominee; b) a brief professional biography; c) a list of appropriate awards, honors, and distinctions; d) a list of impactful recent publications; and e) the juror's narrative in support of the nominee. The Jury Chair shall use a template to send the nomination information to the Jury. Nominations preferably shall not exceed eight pages in length. Any additional supporting materials beyond the above shall not be distributed by the Jury Chair.

d. The Jury Chair shall conduct an election process of successive ranked-choice ballots. The candidate receiving at least seven first-place votes on a ballot shall be declared the medal recipient. If the Jury Chair determines that no such agreement can be made, the selection shall be based on a majority vote from all living and reachable past Gibbs Medalists. The Jury Chair shall set the calendar and voting deadlines. If a stalemate cannot be broken, the Jury Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

e. A juror selected as a candidate shall automatically cease duties as a juror. Duties shall resume on notification by the Jury Chair of eligibility. If one or more of the jurors are unable to serve, each place shall be filled by a past medalist. The request to serve shall be made in reverse chronological order starting with the most recent past medalist. The replacement juror shall serve either until the elected juror is able to resume their duties or until a successor is appointed by the Board at the next annual appointment.

Section 7. The Chair-Elect of the Section as of January 1 in the year that the award is presented shall act as consultant and auditor to the Jury Chair in the balloting for the Willard Gibbs medalist.

BYLAW XIV
Amendments

Section 1. A petition to amend the bylaws may be initiated by the Board or by a petition signed by at least 35 members of the Section. If the proposed amendment is approved by the Board, it shall be submitted to the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for review.

Section 2. The Board will then incorporate all the required changes and either accept or reject any recommended changes that are suggested by the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. The revised bylaws shall then be submitted to the Section members for adoption. This may be accomplished at a business meeting of the Section provided that a minimum of four weeks' prior notice is given to the Section members.

Section 3. If a proposed amendment is not approved by the Board and if the petition is signed by at least 35 members of the Section, if practical, it shall be submitted to the SOCIETY's Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for review before being distributed to the members of the Section.

Section 4. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast shall be required to approve the amendment. This may be done at a Section meeting to conduct governance business provided a quorum is present. Alternatively, or failing the presence of a quorum, the vote may be taken by a ballot distributed to all members of the Section. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the valid ballots returned must be affirmative for adoption.

Section 5. The Secretary of the Section shall distribute the outcome of the vote regarding the amendment(s) to the Section members and within thirty days shall meet all requirements for submitting the results to the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 6. Amendments to these bylaws, after adoption by the Section, shall become effective upon approval by the SOCIETY Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council of the SOCIETY, unless a later date is specified.

BYLAW XV
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 Local Section, that is dedicated to the perpetuation of Purposes 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 Local Section at the time of dissolution shall be exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended or under such successor provision of the Code as may be in effect at the time of the Section's dissolution.