

REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.*

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Society shall be known as the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society shall be the advancement of Chemistry and the promotion of chemical research.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The Society shall consist of Members, Associates, Fellows and Honorary Members.

Section 2. Any person who has conducted an original scientific research in chemistry, and published the result thereof, or who has received a degree in chemistry from an institution of repute, or who has taught chemistry in such an institution, or who has been engaged as a chemist in technical pursuits, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 3. Students of chemistry and all others interested in the objects which the Society seeks to promote, shall be eligible for election as Associates. Associates shall have all the privileges of members, except the rights of voting, holding office or serving on committees.

Section 4. Any member in good standing who has contributed an original article to the Journal of the Society shall be eligible for election as a Fellow.

Section 5. Past Presidents shall be *ex-officio* Fellows so long as they remain connected with the Society.

Section 6. Candidates for fellowship, not Past Presidents, shall be elected only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, after

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the presentation of their names to the Board, endorsed by ten members of the Society, not more than three of whom shall be Directors.

Section 7. Any member, not in arrears, paying at any one time the sum of one hundred dollars into the treasury of the Society, as commutation for dues, shall become a Life Member and shall be exempt from the further payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be elected annually. They shall be

A President,
Six Vice-Presidents,
A Corresponding Secretary,
A Recording Secretary,
A Treasurer,
A Librarian,
Three Curators,

and a Board of thirteen Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the three local Vice-Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer and six other members or Fellows of the Society. Any of the other officers may be members of the Board of Directors, if elected as such at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

ADVISORY COUNCIL.

At the first annual meeting after the adoption of this Article there shall be elected twelve members of the Society, not more than three of whom shall reside within fifty miles of the City of New York, who, together with the President of the Society and the Chairmen of Local Sections, shall constitute an Advisory Council.

Of the twelve members of the Council first elected four shall be elected to serve for one year, four for two years and four for

three years, and after the annual meeting at which the Council is first elected four members shall be elected at each annual meeting to serve for three years to replace those members whose terms of office expire.

The Council shall be consulted in framing amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws, in the selection of places for the holding of general meetings, and in the expenditure of money from the General Fund, whenever such expenditure shall exceed five hundred dollars for any one purpose, and shall act as an advisory body in all matters affecting the general policy of the Society. Advice or suggestions offered by members of the Council upon any measures which come within their province shall be formally presented at the meeting of the Board of Directors, or of the Society, as the case may be, before action is taken upon such measures.

The President of the Society shall be President of the Advisory Council, *ex-officio*.

ARTICLE VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

There shall be

1. A Committee on Nominations for membership, consisting of five members ;
2. A Committee on Papers and Publications, consisting of three members.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The annual meeting for the election of officers and committees shall be held in the month of December in each year, at the headquarters of the Society, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

Section 2. General meetings may be held elsewhere at the pleasure of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

VOTING.

At the annual meeting of the Society and in voting for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, any absent member may

vote by a ballot subscribed with his own name, or may give authority in writing to any member to act as his proxy in voting.

ARTICLE IX.

HEADQUARTERS.

The headquarters of the Society shall be in the City of New York, and ten members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X.

LOCAL SECTIONS.

Local Sections of the Society, may be established by the Board of Directors on the receipt of a written request to that effect signed by ten members of the Society in good standing and not residing within fifty miles of the City of New York.

Such Sections may appoint their own local officers and committees, and may make any rules for their government not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. They may receive for local uses a share of their annual dues to the Society as provided in Art. XI.

The chairman of each Local Section shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of the Advisory Council.

Any Local Section may be dissolved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI.

FINANCES.

Section 1. All moneys received as annual dues of resident or subscription members shall be applicable as follows :

Two-thirds to the publication of the Journal and the general operating expenses of the Society.

One-third, or so much thereof as may be desired, in payment of rent or for other local uses.

Section 2. Any moneys from the above sources, not required for the Journal or for the general operating expenses and all surplus moneys not otherwise provided for shall be invested by the Board of Directors for the benefit of the Society within one year. Moneys so invested shall constitute the General Fund of the Society, and shall be so designated.

Section 3. Donations and bequests of money may be received, and expended or invested as hereinbefore provided, at the discretion of the respective governing bodies.

Section 4. All interest accruing from the invested funds of the Society may be reinvested or expended for the publication of the Journal, or for the general operating expenses of the Society, provided, however, that all interest, other than that derived from life memberships, as well as the General Fund, may be devoted, in whole or in part, to any special object, as determined by a majority of ballots cast in a general vote of the Society.

Section 5. All moneys received for life membership shall be invested as soon as possible and shall constitute a trust fund, to be known as the "Life Membership Fund," which shall be held in perpetuity to guarantee the future interests of such life members. The interest of said fund may, however, be employed in the publication of the Journal, but for no other purpose.

Section 6. All investments of the funds of the Society shall be made only in registered United States Government Bonds.

Section 7. All the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall apply equally to the Society and to all Local Sections.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Amendments to the Constitution shall be presented by the Board of Directors to the Society, upon the request of fifteen members, at the next regular meeting after the receipt of such request.

A copy of the proposed amendment shall be mailed within ten days thereafter to the address of each member. The amendment or amendments shall be voted upon at the following regular meeting. The assent of two-thirds of the members voting upon an amendment shall be necessary to its adoption.