

New Constitution and By-Laws Proposed for the American Oil Chemists' Society

WHEN the founding fathers of the American Oil Chemists' Society drafted the original constitution and by-laws of the Society in 1922, they did a thorough job. For a quarter of a century the first charter well served the young and growing society.

Changing laws of the State of Louisiana, spectacular growth of the membership, and broadening interests of the Society have made a major revision of the constitution and by-laws essential now, however. A Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-laws has labored for two and one-half years. Legal counsel has been secured. The merits and faults of the charters of a score of similar societies have been carefully studied. After 30 months of study the Constitution and By-laws Committee, with the unanimous approval of the Governing Board will present the proposed constitution and by-laws to the membership for their approval at the annual meeting to be held in New Orleans in May.

The important changes in the proposed constitution and by-laws are a new plan for elections, which is better designed for a large and growing society. It is proposed that one vice president be elected each year and that it be mandatory that the vice president so elected continue on to the office of president. This expresses in the charter the never-broken custom of the Society since the beginning.

In the place of the second, third, and fourth vice presidents it is proposed that three board members at large be elected from a slate of six nominees.

Under the laws of Louisiana and the present charter of the American Oil Chemists' Society it is necessary for two-thirds of the entire membership of the Society to cast a vote favorable to the proposed constitution and a majority of the Society to cast a vote favorable to the proposed by-laws for their adoption. Since only a fraction of the active members of the Society attend the annual meeting in person, a proxy will soon be sent each member. Please sign and return your proxy right away. Your proxy is needed if the proposed constitution and by-laws are to be adopted and the future of your Society is to be assured.

Committee on Constitution and By-laws Revision

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CONSTITUTION

of the

AMERICAN OIL CHEMISTS' SOCIETY

ARTICLE I

Name of Society

The name of this Society shall be The American Oil Chemists' Society.

ARTICLE II

Purpose of Society

It shall be the purpose of the American Oil Chemists' Society to encourage the advancement of the chemistry and technology of oils, fats, waxes, their constituents and compounds, and all allied and associated products; to promote research in these fields; to bring about standardization of analytical equipment, materials, and methods; to improve the qualifications and usefulness of oil chemists and technologists through high standards of professional ethics, education, and attainment, and by its meetings, discussions, analytical methods, and publications to increase and diffuse chemical and technical knowledge. The broad objects are to assist professionally and culturally the members of this Society, to develop industry and technology in these fields, and to add to the prosperity and welfare of the nation.

ARTICLE III

Domicile

The domicile of the Society shall be in the City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana.

ARTICLE IV

Citation

Citation or other legal process shall be served upon the president or in his absence upon the vice president and in his absence, in the manner provided for domestic business corporations.

ARTICLE V

Qualifications of Members

SECTION 1. This Society is a non-trading corporation and in lieu of shares of stock the right to membership and participation in the society activities is based on the following qualifications, subject to election and payment of dues as provided in the by-laws.

SECTION 2. The Society membership shall be divided into five classes; namely honorary members, active members, active-referee members, individual associate members, and corporation or firm associate members.

SECTION 3. HONORARY MEMBERS. Any person whose achievements in science are such as to entitle him to special recognition or who shall have rendered unusually important service to the Society or to the profession, may be nominated an honorary member upon the petition in writing to the Governing Board of not less than 50 active members. After approval by two-thirds of the Governing Board such nominees may be elected by letter ballot on the vote of two-thirds of the members voting. Honorary members shall be elected for life, shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the Society including the Journal, and shall be exempt from payment of dues.

SECTION 4. ACTIVE MEMBERS. An active member shall be at the time of his election actually engaged in scientific and/or technological work relating to oils, fats, waxes, their constituents or compounds, or allied or associated products, and shall have at least five years' scientific training or its equivalent. For this purpose two years of scientific and/or technological experience shall be considered equivalent to one year of training in a college, university, or similar institution.

SECTION 5. ACTIVE-REFEREE MEMBERS. Active-referee members must not only possess the qualifications for active membership in the Society but must also, each year, pass such examinations and meet such standards for proficiency and ethical conduct as the Referee Examination Board may determine.

SECTION 6. INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. Individual associate members shall be individuals not qualified for active membership but who are engaged in the manufacture, distribution, or sale of oils, fats, waxes, their constituents or compounds or allied or associate products or machinery, supplies, instruments or other equipment used by this industry or who may be interested in the development of the chemistry and/or technology of this industry. They shall be elected in the same manner as active members and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society except that they shall not be entitled to vote or to hold an executive office in the Society.

SECTION 7. CORPORATION ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. Corporation associate members shall consist of corporations or firms engaged in the manufacture, distribution or sale of oils, fats, waxes, their constituents or compounds or allied or associated products or machinery, supplies, instruments or other equipment used by this industry or who may be interested in the development of the chemistry and/or technology of this industry. They shall be elected in the same manner as active members. Corporations or firms who are elected associate members may designate one employee as an official representative at meetings of the Society. This representative shall have all the privileges of the Society except that he shall not be entitled to vote or to hold executive office in the Society.

SECTION 8. RESIGNATION. Any member not in arrears for dues or other indebtedness to the Society and who is not under charges for violation of any part of the charter, by-laws, or rules of the Society may resign his membership therein and