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**American Institute
of Chemists
calls for
Gold Medal nominations**

Nominations for the American Institute of Chemists' highest award, the Gold Medal for 1975, are now open. Both members of The Institute and nonmembers may make nominations, and the nominee need not be a member of The Institute.

The Gold Medal is awarded annually for noteworthy, outstanding service to the science of chemistry or chemical engineering or the profession of chemist or chemical engineer in the U.S.

Nominations close December 15, 1974. Contact the American Institute of Chemists, 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Washington, D.C., 20015 for additional instructions and nomination applications. ■

**Bylaw amendment passes:
membership to receive referendum**

At a special business meeting called at the Society's 1974 Fall meeting in Philadelphia, a proposed bylaw amendment regarding the frequency of national meetings passed by a vote of 76-20. Article IX of the bylaws was amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1, Meetings: There shall be at least one general meeting of the Society each year for the presentation of papers and discussion of scientific interest.

SECTION 2, Time and Place of Meetings: The Governing Board shall tentatively decide the time and place of general meetings not later than the time of the previous general meeting. The Governing Board may change the time and place of a meeting, if, in its opinion, the change will serve the best interests of the Society, or may cancel a meeting in case of emergency.

SECTION 4, Organization of Meetings: The Governing Board shall select a general chairman for

each meeting. The general chairman, with the approval of the Governing Board, shall establish such committees as he deems appropriate and appoint their chairmen. Tentative budgets shall be submitted to the Governing Board by the general chairman in ample time to allow review by the Governing Board. The various committees shall be responsible for arranging the place, dates, program, entertainment, industrial trips, hotel reservations, meeting room arrangements, and other details, all subject to the approval of the Governing Board.

Sections 3 and 5 of Article IX were not changed.

When the Governing Board presented the bylaw changes to the special meeting, it was with the commitment that a referendum would be sent to the entire membership to decide the question of whether the Society will hold one or two national meetings each year. Ballots for the referendum, accompanied by a background statement, are to be mailed to the membership this month. The results of the referendum are to be binding upon the Governing Board. ■