

REVISED ORIGINAL*

FOR CONSIDERATION

Petition on Admissions Committee

Bylaw I, Sec. 1, 3, 4
Bylaw II, Sec. 3, a, (1)
Bylaw III, Sec. 3, a, (1), (h); 3, d, (1), (a), (i)
Bylaw XIII, Sec. 3, f; 3, i, (2)

Petition

We, the undersigned Councilors of the American Chemical Society, hereby petition to amend the SOCIETY Bylaws as follows (additions **underlined**; deletions ~~struck through~~):

BYLAW I
Membership
Section 1.

~~An Admissions Committee shall be appointed by the President on or before January 15 of each year. This Committee~~ **The Council Committee on Membership Affairs** shall elect all members of the SOCIETY of whatever classification. **It shall have the power to interpret and apply the requirements, including those for applicants educated in foreign countries.** ~~The Council Committee on Membership Affairs shall act as an advisory body to the Admissions Committee. (1/1/63)~~

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Sec. 3.

a. The ~~Admissions~~ **Committee on Membership Affairs** may approve for MEMBER a person who ~~(6/1/09)~~

(1) An earned bachelor's or higher degree in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education from an appropriately accredited

*NOTE: This Revised Original *Petition on Admissions Committee* includes changes regarding the Admissions Committee that were added by the *Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements*, which was approved by Council, confirmed by the Board, and ratified by ACS voting members, but not in effect when the *Petition on Admissions Committee* was submitted. The *Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements* is tentatively scheduled to become effective June 30, 2009. In addition to style changes for consistency with the Bylaws, the only other changes to this revised petition include replacing "Admissions Committee" with "Committee on Membership Affairs" because this was the intent of the original petition.

educational institution, or one acceptable to the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs**. (6/1/09)

(2) An associate degree or equivalent in a chemical science or related field of technology from an appropriately accredited educational institution, or one acceptable to the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs**. (6/1/09)

(3) Full certification, licensure, or other qualification as a pre-college teacher of chemical science, provided such certification, licensure, or other qualification is deemed satisfactory by the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs**. (6/1/09)

(4) Less formal training than indicated above and significant documented work experience in chemical science, chemical technology, or chemical education that is satisfactory to the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs** as representing achievement equivalent to that in any of the provisions above. One year of full-time relevant work experience shall be broadly equivalent to one year of full-time education and training. (6/1/09)

b. The ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs** may approve for STUDENT MEMBER a person who is actively working toward an undergraduate degree in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education from an appropriately accredited educational institution, or one acceptable to the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs**. A STUDENT MEMBER may retain such status only as long as that person is actively working toward such a degree. A STUDENT MEMBER who no longer meets the requirements for STUDENT MEMBER but does meet the requirements for MEMBER shall be reclassified no later than the beginning of the following membership year. (6/1/09)

A STUDENT MEMBER shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except that of holding an elective position of the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, or its Divisions, and the privilege of serving as Temporary Substitute Councilor; however, if the bylaws of the Local Section or Division so permit, a STUDENT MEMBER may hold an elective position of the Local Section or Division, other than Councilor or Alternate Councilor. (6/1/09)

~~e. The Admissions Committee shall have the power to interpret and apply these requirements including determining the status of applicants educated in foreign countries.~~

~~d. c.~~ Any person, qualified as specified in ~~Sec. 3, a or b~~ **the above subsections**, who shall have been nominated in writing by two members of the SOCIETY, who shall have paid the initial membership dues and fees as applicable, and whose application shall have been approved by the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs**, shall be declared elected a MEMBER or a STUDENT MEMBER of the SOCIETY. The requirement of having two nominations in writing may be waived by the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs** in cases where applicants live in areas remote from SOCIETY members. (6/1/09)

Sec. 4.

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A person whose resignation was received within the specified time limit, or whose membership was terminated through the non-payment of dues, may be reinstated as a

member of the SOCIETY by the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs** when that person requests reinstatement and has paid the current dues. ~~(6/13/99)~~

BYLAW II
Affiliates and Associates
Sec. 3.

a. A person who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY may become a Society Affiliate of the SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as a "Society Affiliate," subject to the following conditions and limitations: ~~(6/1/09)~~

(1) Such affiliation may be accorded by the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs** of the SOCIETY after application and recommendation by signature of two members of the SOCIETY in good standing. ~~(1/1/76)~~

BYLAW III
Council
Sec. 3.

Committees of the Council

a. Council Policy Committee

(1) The duties of the Council Policy Committee shall include:

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(h) serving as an appeals board for any member or candidate dissatisfied with an admission-related action of the Committee on Membership Affairs.

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d. Standing Committees of the Council

(1) The names and duties of the Standing Committees of the Council shall *inter alia* include:

(a) *Committee on Membership Affairs*

(i) electing members and affiliates to the SOCIETY, conducting reviews, and making recommendations to Council concerning standards and requirements for membership and affiliate status, including privileges and restrictions, and concerning special dues categories referred to elsewhere in these Bylaws; ~~(10/7/97)~~

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~~(iv) acting as an advisory board to the Admissions Committee and serving as an appeals board for any member or candidate dissatisfied with an action of the Admissions Committee;~~ ~~(10/7/97)~~

~~(v-iv)~~ considering charges of injurious conduct.... (10/7/97)

~~(vi-v)~~ reviewing and recommending to the appropriate SOCIETY bodies.... (10/7/97)

BYLAW XIII

Finances

Sec. 3.

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f. A person graduating with a bachelor's degree in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education from an appropriately accredited educational institution, or one acceptable to the ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs**, may apply for MEMBER status, by reclassification from STUDENT MEMBER or otherwise, and receive a half-year waiver of membership dues to begin at any time up to one year from the date of graduation. (6/1/09)

i. Student Discounts

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(2) A member who is a graduate student, majoring in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education at an appropriately accredited educational institution, shall be entitled to a discount of one-half of the membership dues so long as the student is doing full-time graduate work. "Full-time" is to represent any combination of course work, research work, and teaching that the institution considers a full-time load. (6/1/09)

The ~~Admissions Committee~~ **on Membership Affairs** shall have the power to interpret and apply these requirements with the advice of the Society Committee on Education. (9/23/83)

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Explanation

In the report of the *Summit on ACS Committee Structure* of July 2007, the Committee on Committees was asked to remove the Admissions Committee from the Bylaws and to transfer those functions to the Committee on Membership Affairs. This petition responds to those requests.

The procedure raised a problem with respect to appeal of admission decisions which had been assigned to the Committee on Membership Affairs. The appeal function has been transferred to the Council Policy Committee.

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(This petition has been referred to the ***Committee on Committees**, Committee on Membership Affairs, Society Committee on Budget and Finance, Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.)

***Committee having primary substantive responsibility**

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial implications of this petition are still being assessed. The Final Statement of Financial Impact will be available per Article XVII, Sec. 2, d, which states in part, “The Chair of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance shall prepare a financial impact statement which also shall appear in the Council agenda when action is to be taken on the petition.”

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws has reviewed the petition and finds it to be legal and consistent with other provisions of the Society’s documents. The petition removes the Admissions Committee from the Bylaws and transfers the functions to the Council Committee on Membership Affairs. The appeal of admission decisions has been transferred to the Council Policy Committee. The Committee on Committees was asked to do this as part of the *Summit on ACS Committee Structure*, July 2007 and the text of the petition in that regard appears to be straightforward.

Comments and suggestions from committees, petitioners and other interested members on the substance of the petition should be directed to the Committee on Committees, which has primary substantive responsibility for the petition. Other comments and suggestions may be directed to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

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