

May 16, 2017

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
South Plains Section

Reference is made to the April 25 and May 11 emails from Dr. Juchao Yan, Chair of the South Plains Section, to Barbara Polansky, Staff Liaison to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B), for which the vote confirmation and all other required information was received. Reference is also made to the Section's bylaws dated April 29, 1977, which are no longer valid.

C&B made these changes to the Section's bylaws for clarity and consistency with the ACS Governing Documents, with the current model bylaws, and within the Section's bylaws: in BYLAW IV, Sec. 2, we made Temporary Substitute Councilor singular (as was also done in BYLAW V, Sec. 6), and clarified that STUDENT MEMBERS may not hold an elective position because in BYLAW V, Sec. 1, the officers are MEMBERS; in BYLAW VI, Sec. 2, we changed "they" to "the candidates"; in BYLAW VII, Sec. 3, b, (1), we added "as required elsewhere in these bylaws"; and in BYLAW X, Sec. 1, b, we changed "shall" to "may". C&B also made other minor editorial and formatting changes.

The Section's newly certified bylaws, effective as of May 16, 2017, are now legal and consistent with the SOCIETY's documents and internally consistent within the Section's bylaws.

Your Section should review its bylaws every 7-10 years or as needed. For future bylaw changes, please use either the bylaws template or the expedited bylaws questions document to ensure that the Section's bylaws are consistent with the ACS Governing Documents, both of which are available, as well as certified bylaws, at www.acs.org/bulletin5. If you have any questions or if C&B can be of any further help, please contact the Committee's Staff Liaison at bylaws@acs.org or call 202-872-4071. Thank you for all your time and work on updating your bylaws.

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