

**Proposal to Change the Bylaws
Cincinnati Section of the American Chemical Society
Fall, 2014**

Last Fall, the Board of Directors of the Cincinnati Section of the ACS proposed several changes to the approved Bylaws of the Section. These were formally presented to the Section at the December, 2013 meeting, discussed and approved by more than a 2/3 vote of those present. The proposed Bylaws were then sent to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of ACS national. They were in agreement with the ideas behind the changes, but on May 27, 2014 they returned the document to the Section for further required revisions. These revisions were all based on bringing our Section Bylaws into consistency with the Constitution and Bylaws of the national ACS. (note: changes had occurred in recent years at the national level which needed to be incorporated into our Section Bylaws. None of these impact the manner in which we have operated or will operate in the future.) These revisions are considered to be required. Consequently, our Section Bylaws Committee (Bruce Ault (Chair), Kevin Ashley, Diana McGill, Dan McLoughlin and Beth Reno) met to discuss these revisions and voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve these revisions and forward to the membership of the Section for consideration and vote. These were then sent back to ACS national for a quick review to make sure all was in accord with national Bylaws. We then learned on Sept. 23, 2014 that national had made additional changes to requirements for local section Bylaws and more revisions were required. These were very minor. On September 23, the Board of Directors of the Section discussed both the initial (5/27/14) and second (9/23/14) proposed revisions to the Bylaws. The Board subsequently voted unanimously to present the proposed revisions to the membership of the Section for consideration and vote.

The current approved Bylaws of the Section state that, "Adoption of amendments to these bylaws shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Section." The Board presented this proposal for change at the October 24, 2014 meeting of the Section. Three documents are now available for review on our website, in addition to this explanatory note. First is the set of revisions called for by national on 5/27/2014, as a mark-up of our locally-approved Bylaws from December, 2014. Second is the set of revisions called for by national on 9/23/14, as a mark-up of the revision we sent them in early September, 2014. Third is a clean, final copy of the proposed new Bylaws for the Cincinnati Section, recommended for approval by the Board on 9/23/14. The Board intends to call for discussion and vote on the proposed Bylaws at the December, 2014 meeting of the Section.

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