BYLAWS

MIDWEST SECTION

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF

TEXTILE CHEMISTS & COLORISTS
ARTICLE I
Name and Government

Section 1: NAME - The Midwest Section of The American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists.

Section 2: GOVERNMENT - The Section shall be governed by these Bylaws and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE II
Objects

Section 1: OBJECTS - In consonance with Article II of the Constitution of the Association, the objects of the Midwest Section shall be:

To promote increase of knowledge of the application of dyes and chemicals in the Textile Industry.

To encourage in any practical way research work on chemical processes and materials of importance to the Textile Industry.

To establish for the members channels by which the interchange of professional knowledge among them may be increased.

ARTICLE III
Membership

Section 1: CLASSES OF MEMBERS - The membership shall consist of Senior, Junior, Associate, Student, Honorary and Corporate Members as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws, and as certified to by the Executive Secretary of the Association, and will include all such members residing within the boundaries specified for the Midwest Section by the Association.

Any member of The American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists may be a member of the Midwest Section if he so elects, regardless of his place of residence or work. However, such membership affiliation must be requested from, and the member certified by the Executive Secretary of the Association.

No person may hold membership in the Midwest Section unless he holds membership in the Association.

Section 2: RIGHT TO VOTE - Senior members only shall have the right to vote, hold office, and make motions. No member may vote by proxy.
ARTICLE IV
Elected Officers

Section 1: SECTIONAL COMMITTEE - COMPOSITION - The officers of this Section shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a bonded Treasurer, and four other members. This group of eight members, elected annually for a term of one year, shall constitute its Sectional Committee and manage the affairs of the Section.

Section 2: SECTIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS - TERM OF OFFICE - No member of the Sectional Committee, excluding the Secretary and the Treasurer, may serve consecutively more than two years in the same office.

Section 3: REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS - In the event that any officer, except the Chairman, cannot fulfill the functions of his office, the Sectional Committee shall appoint a substitute to take office for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 4: NATIONAL COUNCILORS - The number of National Councilors accredited to the Midwest Section shall be determined from the Bylaws of the Association. Councilors shall be elected for a term of one year at the Annual Meeting, and will take office on the January first next following their election.

ARTICLE V
Nominations and Elections

Section 1: NOMINATIONS - Nominations and Elections shall take place at the Annual Meeting. In addition to the nominations made by the NOMINATING COMMITTEE, nominations for any elective office may be made from the floor prior to the election.

Section 2: ELECTIONS - Voting for candidates shall be accomplished by the simplest possible means such as voice vote or show of hands. However, the Chairman or any member may ask for and obtain a secret ballot which shall be subject to audit of those voting against the roster of Section Members in good standing.

ARTICLE VI
Meetings

Section 1: ANNUAL MEETING - QUORUM - The Sectional Committee shall designate the time and place of the Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers. For this meeting and all business meetings, a quorum of 25 Senior members is required.
PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS - For all questions requiring a parliamentary ruling not otherwise provided in these Bylaws Roberts Rules of Order shall be the governing authority.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of Officers

Section 1: CHAIRMAN - The Chairman shall preside at and determine the order of business and procedure of all meetings, appoint all committee chairmen and shall be responsible for the general welfare and administration of the Section. The Chairman shall be an ex officio and voting member of all committees.

Section 2: VICE-CHAIRMAN - The Vice-Chairman shall preside in the absence of the Chairman, and shall be an ex officio and voting member of all committees.

Section 3: SECRETARY - The Secretary shall keep all current records of meetings and membership, and be in charge of general correspondence. He shall furnish the Executive Secretary of the Association and others with such reports as may be required. He shall be responsible for notifying the membership of the dates and locations of all meetings.

Section 4: TREASURER - The Treasurer shall be bonded. The Treasurer shall collect and retain custody of all monies and shall pay all bills approved by the Chairman and the Secretary, keeping accurate records of the same. He shall render a financial report to the Section at each meeting and furnish additional reports as called for by the Chairman or the Executive Secretary of the Association.

Section 5: SECTIONAL COMMITTEE - The four members at large of the Sectional Committee shall attend all Sectional Committee Meetings and shall perform all duties required by these Bylaws.

Section 6: NATIONAL COUNCILORS - It shall be the duty of the Councilors to attend Council Meetings and to report to the Section on the proceedings of such meetings.

ARTICLE VIII

Standing Committees

Section 1: AUDITING COMMITTEE - The Auditing Committee shall audit the books of the Treasurer annually and render a report to the Midwest Section at the next following business meeting. Additional audits shall be made as directed by the Chairman or upon request of the Sectional Committee.
Section 2: BYLAWS COMMITTEE - Every proposal to amend, modify, or repeal these Bylaws shall first be submitted to the Bylaws Committee for its recommendations to the Sectional Committee. Questions relating to interpretation and language shall be resolved by the Bylaws Committee.

Section 3: CUSTODIAN COMMITTEE - The Custodian Committee shall maintain custody of all permanent records of the Section.

Section 4: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (INDIVIDUAL) - The Individual Membership Committee shall promote the growth of the Section by assisting in retaining the present membership and by increasing the membership by securing applications from qualified individuals.

Section 5: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (CORPORATE) - It shall be the responsibility of the Corporate Membership Committee to assist the National Corporate Membership Committee to secure new corporate members and to promote the growth of the corporate membership support to the Association.

Section 6: NOMINATING COMMITTEE - The Nominating Committee shall present at the Annual Meeting a slate of officers for the following year.

Section 7: OUTING COMMITTEE - The Outing Committee shall make all arrangements and conduct the Annual Outing.

Section 8: PROGRAM COMMITTEE - The Program Committee shall assist the Sectional Committee to arrange programs, as requested, for specific meetings.

Section 9: PUBLICITY COMMITTEE - The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for all publicity.

Section 10: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - The Technical Committee shall promote interest in and securing papers for the Inter-Sectional Technical Paper Competition.

Section 11: Sectional Awards Committee - At every February Technical Meeting the Chairman of the Section will appoint an individual from our Section to chair the Distinguished Service Award Committee.

The committee will consist of a Chairman, the immediate past Section Chairman and two other Senior Section members.

The Committee will meet during the year as needed and will determine if a present, past, or deceased member has performed an outstanding service to the Midwest Section, and as such, be considered for the Distinguished Service Award.

The Committee Chairman will meet with the Section Officers at the Winter Technical Meeting and submit the Committee report.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the April Ladies Day.
ARTICLE IX

Amendments

A proposal to amend, modify, or repeal any section, provision, or amendment of these Bylaws shall be made in writing to the Bylaws Committee who will review the proposal and submit it to the Sectional Committee for final review. The proposed amendment, modification or repeal will then be presented in writing to the Membership along with the notice of the next regular meeting.

The proposal will then be read to the Membership and voted upon. A simple voting majority will suffice to amend.