Bylaws of the Piedmont Section of AATCC

Article I
Name

Section 1: The name of this Section is The Piedmont Section [Section] of The American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists [The Association].

Article II
Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of the Section shall be:

- To promote cooperation and understanding among those associated with any phase of textile wet processing-bleaching, dyeing, printing or finishing.
- To render useful service to the membership in regarding new developments in the field by securing speakers able to present such information and by the appointment of committees to investigate and report on new ideas and developments.
- To encourage development of personal acquaintances and friendly spirit among members of the Association.
- To work in close harmony and cooperation with The Association and its objectives.

Article III
Membership

Section 1: The membership shall consist of all members in good standing in The Association who have been designated by The Association to be members of the Section based on their residence within the Section's geographic area or by their choice.

Section 2: The term "voting members", as used in these Bylaws, shall refer to Senior Members of The Association.

Section 3: Voting on all matters pertaining to the Section shall be by those voting members declared eligible to vote according to Article IV, Section 3 of The Association's Constitution. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Article IV
Officers

Section 1: The elected Officers of the Section shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2: The Officers shall be elected annually (Article V) from those members declared eligible to vote according to Article III of these By-Laws.

Section 3: As required by The Association a specified number of National Councilors shall be elected to represent the Section on The Association's Council. The National Councilors shall be elected for a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election for no more than three consecutive terms.

Section 4: The Officers, together with the Councilors and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, (Meetings, Technical Program, Education, Research and C. H. Stone Fund)
shall constitute the Sectional Committee. The Sectional Committee shall be the governing body of the Section. Should any office, other than the Chair, or a Councilor position become vacant for any reason, the Sectional Committee shall elect a voting member to fill the unexpired term.

Section 5: No member shall hold more than one elective office at the same time.

Article V
Election of Officers

Section 1: A nominating committee of at least five voting members shall be appointed at the winter business meeting by the Chair. The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office (Article IV, Section 1) and the specified number of National Councilors. The list of candidates shall be presented to the members attending the summer meeting of the Section, and shall be mailed with the summer meeting announcement.

Section 2: Additional nominations, signed by at least twenty (20) voting members, may be filed with the Secretary within fifteen (15) days after the summer meeting; the Secretary shall then mail every voting member a ballot bearing the names of all nominees for each office and a return envelope in which the ballot may be placed and sealed. The ballots shall be mailed no later than 30 days prior to the fall meeting. Returned ballots shall be counted the day of the fall meeting. Nominees receiving a plurality of votes on properly marked ballots shall be declared elected. If there are no additional nominations, the Secretary shall cast one vote and the slate of candidates presented by the nominating committee declared elected.

Section 3: The elected Officers and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall assume their office after the fall meeting of the Sectional Committee. The National Councilors shall take office on the January first next following their election.

Article VI
Duties of Officers

Section 1: Duties of the Chairperson - The Chair shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committee Chairpersons and shall be responsible for the administration and general welfare of the Section. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2: Duties of the Vice Chairperson - The Vice Chairperson in the absence of the Chair shall assume the Chair’s duties and is responsible for arranging for the location of all meetings of the Section for the following year.

Section 3: Duties of the Secretary - The Secretary shall keep all records of meetings and members, and be in charge of general correspondence; be responsible for notifying the members of the dates and locations of meetings; and submit to The Association in a timely fashion all reports as may be required. In accordance with Article V, the Secretary shall inform the membership of the selections of the Nominating Committee, prepare, distribute, and receive ballots when necessary.

Section 4: Duties of the Treasurer - The Treasurer, bonded by The Association, shall collect and retain custody of all moneys, keeping accurate records of the same and shall pay all bills approved by the Chair; furnish a report to the Section at least yearly, at the fall business meeting and additional reports as called for by the Chair or The Association.
Section 5: Duties of the Councilors - It shall be the duty of the Councilors to represent the Section at all Council meetings of The Association, and to report to the Section on the proceedings of such meetings. Councilors are ex-officio (voting) members of the Technical Committee on Research (TCR) of The Association.

Article VII
Standing Committees

Section 1: Chairpersons of the following committees shall be appointed each year by the Section Chair with the approval of the Sectional Committee. Chairpersons so appointed shall select their own committee members and shall advise the Chair of their selection. No committee Chairperson shall serve more than three consecutive years unless requested to serve longer by the Sectional Committee.

Section 2: Membership - The Membership Committee shall be two committees- 1) Individual and 2) Corporate each chaired by a Councilor. It shall be the responsibility of the Membership Committees to promote the growth of The Association and the Section. The Chairperson of the Individual committee is also a member of The Association’s Committee on Individual Membership(C6). The Chairperson of the Corporate committee shall represent the Section on The Association’s Committee on Corporate Membership(C8).

Section 3: Meetings - This committee shall consist of four Senior members with one to rotate off each year. It shall be the duty of this committee to handle the arrangements and registration of attendees for all meetings of the Section; to see that the meeting notice is prepared; after each meeting, prepare a summary and financial report for the Sectional Committee. The Committee will cooperate with the Technical Program Committee and Social Arrangements Subcommittee.

Section 4: Technical Program - The Technical Program Committee consisting of three Senior members of the Section shall have the responsibility for establishing the meeting programs and securing speakers for the programs. The Chairperson of the committee is also an member ex-officio of Council’s Subject and Speaker’s Bureau(C15).

Section 5: Education - The Education Committee consisting of three Senior members shall be charged with the responsibility of administering all educational funds established by the Section and the funds made available from the Charles H. Stone Memorial Scholarship Fund. It is also to administer such educational programs as may be instituted by the Sectional Committee.

Section 6: Research - This committee shall be in charge of all Sectional research activities including the preparation and presentation of papers for The Association’s annual Intersectional Technical Paper Competition.

Section 7: C. H. Stone Fund - This committee of three Senior members with its Chairperson bonded by The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance and disbursement (as advised by the Education Committee), of the Charles H. Stone Memorial Scholarship Funds. The committee shall report at least annually on the status of the fund for ratification of its performance by the Sectional Committee.

Section 8: Subcommittees -
Social Arrangements -This subcommittee coordinating its work with the Meetings Committee and the Technical Program Committee shall make all social arrangements.
Publicity -This subcommittee of the Chair shall be responsible for all publicity.
Printing - This subcommittee of the Chair shall be responsible for the printing and mailing of meeting notices.

Auditing - This subcommittee of the Chair shall audit the Treasurer’s financial records annually and at other intervals upon instructions from the Chair or the Sectional Committee. It shall also audit the records of the C. H. Stone Fund Committee annually.

Article VIII
Meetings

Section 1: At least three technical meetings of the Section will be held each year.

Section 2: At least one business meeting of the Section will be held each year, at which time the officers shall report on the condition of the Section to the members, any motions by voting members shall be considered, and business concerning the Section may be discussed. Such business session may constitute a part of the stated technical meetings. As provided in Article VII of these Bylaws, the Chair shall preside at the business sessions; determine the order of business, propriety of motions, length of discussion, method of balloting on acceptable motions, and make such rulings as may be required. The Chair shall preside in a fair manner and in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedure.

Section 3: Quorum - Five (5) percent of the voting members of the Section shall constitute a quorum at any business meeting.

Article IX
Government and Regulation of the Section

Section 1: The Sectional Committee shall determine the number (in addition to four) of meetings of this Section. The Sectional Committee shall regulate the attendance at and method of conducting the meetings. It shall be responsible for and shall regulate the financial affairs and all activities of the Section not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.

Article X
Amendments

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended by the following procedure:
Proposals for amendments, signed by at least twenty (20) voting members, may be submitted to the Secretary. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such proposal, the Secretary shall mail ballots calling for a vote on the proposed amendment(s) to the voting members of the Section. Fifteen (15) days after the mailing of the ballots, those returned shall be opened and counted. Amendments approved by a simple majority of the returned ballots shall be adopted.

Article XI
General

Section 1: Nothing in these Bylaws shall be construed as superseding any provision of the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of The Association, in force at present or adopted in the future.