ADDITIONA

to SCI By-Law & Rules

Amendment to the By-laws of the Society of Chemical Industry as approved by the Privy Council on 7 November 2013: Increases the number of co-optees from three to five and increases the term from up to two years to up to three years. This will apply to new co-optees appointed after November 2013.

Delete By-law 2.5(B) and substitute:

“In addition to Members of the Board of Trustees elected under By-Law 2.5(A) the Board of Trustees may co-opt up to five additional Members of the Board of Trustees at its discretion who may serve until the third AGM following their co-option. Any co-opted Member of the Board of Trustees must sign a declaration of willingness to act as a Charity Trustee of the Society before being eligible to vote at any meeting of the Board of Trustees.”

Addenda to the Rules of the Society of Chemical Industry

On 17 May 2018, the Board of Trustees agreed to amend the following two rules to cover sub-committees:

Rule 2.7
At an AGM the Members of the Society:

(F) elect Members of the Board of Trustees’ standing and sub-committees.

Rule 5.5
For the election of Members of the Board of Trustees, standing and sub-committees, the elections will be in accordance with these Rules. The process will be that set out in Rule 5.4.

On 17 May 2018, the Board of Trustees also approved the following new rules:

Rule 4.9
The Membership Committee (MC) and Publications Committees (PC) shall be sub-committees of the Board of Trustees, with chairs appointed by the Board of Trustees for 3-year terms. The chairs will be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees but without voting rights, unless they have been separately elected as ordinary members of the Board of Trustees.
Rule 4.10
The Membership Committee shall consist of 10 members – 4 elected and 6 appointed (including the appointed chair).

Rule 4.11
The Publications Committee shall comprise an appointed chair, a place for each of the Editors-in-Chief of the SCI Journals and 2 places for elected members.

On 28 February 2018, the Board of Trustees approved the following new rule:

Rule 4.8
No more than two Trustees shall sit on FIAC, excluding the Chair of the said Committee. Candidates for election to the Board of Trustees or a member of the Board of Trustees may not stand for election to FIAC if there are already two Trustees on FIAC and none are standing down. Otherwise a person may stand for election but should that person be a) a Trustee or b) be elected to the Board of Trustees and also to FIAC, then that person may only take up the position on FIAC if the basic requirement of only two Trustees on FIAC is fulfilled. If the condition is not fulfilled, the position on FIAC will be taken by the person with the next highest number of votes.

On 18 May 2017, the Board of Trustees approved the following new rules:

Rule 4.6
No more than two Trustees shall sit on the Finance and Investments Advisory Committee, excluding the Chair of the said Committee.

Rule 4.7
No Member shall sit on more than two of the following: the Board of Trustees, the Finance and Investment Advisory Committee and the Members and Publications Sub-Committees.

Rule 5.3
For the elections of the Chair and Members of the Board of Trustees, candidates shall require to be nominated by two Members of the Society, at least one of whom will be a current Trustee or Member of a Standing Committee.

On 02 July 2014, the Board of Trustees agreed to change the wording of the first paragraph of Rule 1.1 to; ‘Every person, regardless of gender, race, religion or sexual orientation, desirous of being admitted a Member of the Society shall be duly proposed as a candidate for admission on such form as the Board of Trustees prescribe. The proposal shall be signed by the candidate personally unless the Board of Trustees otherwise decides, and every candidate shall make and subscribe to a
declaration agreeing, if elected, to be bound by the Charter, By-laws and Rules and to further the Objects of the Society.'

On 30 April 2014, the Board of Trustees agreed that the wording of Rule 4.4 should be amended to; 'Subject to By-Law 2.5(B) in the case of Trustees, co-optees may only serve for up to a maximum of three years at a time, not renewable until a period of one calendar year has elapsed.'

On 27 Nov 2013, the Board of Trustees resolved to amend Rule 4.4 to increase the term that Standing Committee co-optees may serve from two years up to three years, non-renewable. “Subject to By-Law 2.5(B) in the case of Trustees, co-optees may serve for a maximum of three years, not renewable.”

On 21 June 2013, the Board of Trustees resolved to adopt a new rule 1.4, in accordance with clauses 5 & 7.8 of the Charter.

"Rule 1.4 E-membership
The Board of Trustees shall have the power to appoint E-Members with such entitlements to benefits as determined by the Board of Trustees from time to time. E-members shall not have the right to attend the AGM or general meetings, nor shall they have voting or nomination rights or be eligible to be Board of Trustees Members or sit on any committee or attend any Forum or Group unless they are also ordinary Members of the Society."

On 24 April 2013, the Board of Trustees resolved to change Rule 4.3 to increase the maximum number of co-opted Members on Standing Committees from three to five.

The revised Rule 4.3 now reads: “Any standing committee may co-opt up to five additional Members.”

On 23 Jan 2013, the Board of Trustees resolved to delete Rule 5.6 i.e. “Nominations for any election shall require the signature of two Members of the Society. No member shall sign more than one nomination form for each vacant position.”

The rule was deleted as one of several measures agreed by the Board to simplify the nomination process, in order to encourage more candidates to put themselves forward for governance positions. Candidates can therefore “self-nominate”.

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