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CONSTITUTION
of
THE CHESAPEAKE SOCIETY FOR ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

Article I

This society shall be known as the Chesapeake Society for Electron Microscopy.

Article II

The principal aim of this Society shall be to serve as an educational, scientific, non-profit, and non-political organization to increase and disseminate knowledge pertaining to the fine structure of matter and to the instruments and methods by which this knowledge is obtained.

Article III

Section 1. Any person interested in the alms of the Society shall be eligible for membership in the Society. Every person desiring to become a member shall make application in writing to the Secretary of the Council constituted in Article V.

Section 2. Applications for membership shall be endorsed by one or more members of the Society and forwarded to the Secretary. An applicant shall be elected to membership by majority vote of the members of the Council present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Council.

Section 3. The right to vote in elections and to hold office in the Society shall be restricted to and vested in members of the Society.

Section 4. Membership in the Society may be terminated at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Council present and voting. Failure to pay dues for one year will be deemed sufficient cause for termination of membership.

Section 5. The annual dues of the Society shall be, for each member, that amount proposed by the Council and ratified by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the next succeeding general meeting of the Society.

Article IV

Meetings of the Society shall be held at least four times a year, beginning in the fall and ending in the spring, at such times and places as

shall be designated by the Council. The business of all meetings and the program of papers to be presented at any meeting shall be determined by the Council or by an officer or committee duly appointed by the President of the Council.

Article V

Section 1. The management of the affairs and assets of the Society shall be vested in a Council of nine elected from among the members of the Society.

Section 2. In the event of dissolution of the Society the Council shall dispose of all assets in accordance with the alms of the Society, with no benefit accruing to any member.

Section 3. Any member of the Society is eligible for election to any single office in the Society, except for the provisions outlined in Article V, Section 5.

Section 4. All members of the Council shall be elected for a term of three years except that after the first election the Council shall select from among its members two who shall hold office for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and three only for a term of three years.

Section 5. At the first Council meeting after each election and at such times as vacancies may occur the Council shall elect from among its own members a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office for each shall be one year. Except for the Secretary and Treasurer, no officer may succeed himself during any single term on the Council.

The term of office for that of Secretary and that of Treasurer shall be two consecutive years. The terms of office for the Secretary and for the Treasurer should overlap so that the Council will select from its membership either a Secretary or a Treasurer (but not both) during a single year. In the event of an unexpected vacancy in either office during the year a replacement shall be selected for the remainder of that year only.

The President shall remain a member of the Council for one year after he has served a term of office. If his elected term to the Council has expired at the end of his tenure of office he shall remain as a tenth non-voting member.

The Vice-President shall automatically succeed to the Presidency after one year as Vice-President. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside. If the Vice-President occupies the office of President for more than nine months of the year, he shall be considered as having served a term as President.

Section 6. The Council shall function as a Program Committee to organize the meetings of the Society, to arrange for the presentation of papers and demonstrations, and to designate the times and places of meetings of the Society. The President of the Council shall act as Chairman of the Program Committee, but he may delegate the responsibility for the arrangement of any individual scientific meeting to any member of the Society.

Section 7. The Council shall meet at least once in each year, and five members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Society, the roll of members, and minutes of each meeting of the Society and the Council, and shall inform the membership of regular and special meetings of the Society. The

Treasurer shall collect the dues and keep an accounting of receipts and expenditures.

Section 9. At least one month before the general election of the society, the Council shall appoint a nominating committee of three members not serving on the Council to designate members for election to the Council. Nominees shall be selected from the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas so that approximately equal representation of the two areas shall be maintained on the council. Additional nominees may be added to the ballot by petition of at least five members of the Society. Election of new Council members shall be held either at the regular spring meeting of the membership or by mail ballot following the spring meeting as determined by the Council at or before the time of the appointment of the nominating committee. The candidates from each area receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. The number elected from each area will be the same as the number of positions from that area being vacated in a given year.

Section 10. The President shall appoint from among the members of the Council or from among the general membership such Committees as he or the Council consider necessary or helpful in managing the affairs of the Society, and shall authorize and empower such Committees to discharge the function assigned to it by the Council. Each Committee shall be automatically discharged at the time of the annual election unless the Council or membership take specific action to continue the-Committee.

Article VI

The Society may affiliate with other societies having similar aims upon the recommendation of the Council and ratification by a majority of the general membership present and voting.

Article VII

Amendments fo this Constitution shall be proposed in writing to the Secretary of the Council, who shall submit them in writing to the general membership at least 10 days before the first general meeting at which they are to be considered. The membership shall discuss proposed amendments at two consecutive regular meetings and shall vote upon their disposition at the second meeting. No proposed amendment may be voted on more than once in a single year. Amendments shall be considered in force when ratified by a majority vote of the members of the Society present and voting.