

CHARTER OF THE BIOPHARMACEUTICAL SECTION PROPOSED REVISIONS

At its August 12, 2002, meeting, the Biopharmaceutical Section Executive Committee approved several revisions to the Charter of the Section. Subsequently, a second set of revisions that had previously been approved but not implemented were discovered. These changes were again approved by an email vote. These changes include amendments to Article II, Article III, Article V, Article VI, and Article X. In the following, additions are bold faced capitals while deletions are indicated by a strikethrough.

Article II. Scope. Preamble and Part a.

[The following changes are recommended to increase the scope of the Biopharmaceutical Section to include biologics. All changes are made in the preamble and Part a. Part b is unchanged.]

The special interest of the Biopharmaceutical Section is the application of statistics to the development and use of therapeutic drugs, **BIOLOGICS**, and devices in humans and animals.

a. Primary interest of this Section are:

- (1) the biochemical and physical sciences involved with drug, **BIOLOGICS**, and device discovery, formulations, product development and quality control;
- (ii) the biological sciences involved in evaluating drug and device safety and efficacy **OF THERAPEUTIC DRUGS, BIOLOGICS, AND DEVICES**;
- (iii) experimental human and veterinary medicine in support of therapeutic drugs, **BIOLOGICS**, and devices;
- (iv) health promotion and disease prevention and intervention activities; and
- (v) ~~Drug~~ **PRODUCT** toxicity and disease surveillance.

Article III. Functions. Item j.

[The following change is recommended to remove a limitation on Section sponsored continuing education.]

j. Provide continuing education for members of the Section through workshops and sessions ~~at national meetings~~;

Article V. Meetings.

[The following change is recommended to allow for more modern methods of communication.]

The annual business meeting of the Section shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Association and shall be announced in advance, preferably in the printed program for that meeting. Business may also be conducted with section members by mail **OR EMAIL**.

Article VI. Officers and Representatives.

[As the Biopharmaceutical Section has increased in size and level of activity, the work of the position of Secretary-Treasurer has become increasingly burdensome on one person. The following amendment would separate that position into two positions, Secretary and Treasurer. It also adjusts the term of Secretary so that the election of the two positions will be staggered and, in fact, one of secretary, treasurer, and publication officer would be elected each year.]

The officers of the Section shall consist of the Chair, Chair-elect, Program Chair, Program Chair-elect, ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ **SECRETARY, TREASURER** and Publications Officer. The Section shall also have one or more Representative(s) on the Association's Council of Sections, the number to be determined by the Charter of the Council of Sections.

Terms of all the officers shall be one year except for the ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ **SECRETARY, TREASURER**, and Publications Officer whose terms shall be three years. The terms of Representatives to the Council of Sections shall be as prescribed in the Charter of the Council of Sections. A Representative on the Council of Sections is eligible for immediate re-election only if not previously elected for a full term. **THE FIRST SECRETARY ELECTED AFTER THIS AMENDMENT TAKES EFFECT WILL SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM (2005).**

No officer shall be eligible for immediate re-election to the same office except the ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ **TREASURER**.

The Chair-elect and the Program Chair-elect shall automatically succeed the Chair and Program Chair, respectively, at the annual change of officers, which shall occur on January 1.

Article X. Nominations and Election. First paragraph.

[While the current Charter requires the Section's immediate past Program Chair to serve on the Nominating Committee, this has not been the recent practice of the Section. Also,

the immediate past Program Chair is often a candidate for other positions with the Section which could lead to a conflict of interest. The proposed change is recommended to bring the Charter into line with current Section practice and would eliminate the potential conflict of interest.]

The Section's immediate past Chair shall serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. ~~The Section's immediate past Program Chair will also serve on this committee.~~ Two additional members of the Section, appointed by the immediate past Chair, shall serve on this committee.