SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE FIRST
Name

The name of this organization shall be the Society of Toxicology.

ARTICLE SECOND
Purpose

The purpose of the Society shall be to promote the acquisition and utilization of knowledge in toxicology, and to facilitate the exchange of information among its members as well as among scientists of other scientific disciplines.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes hereinafter set forth. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE THIRD
Membership

Section 1. There shall be three classes of membership, Active, Honorary, and Retired.

✓ Section 2. Active. Qualified persons who have a continuing professional interest in toxicology and (a) have conducted and published original research in some phase of toxicology or (b) who are generally recognized as experts in some phase of toxicology shall be eligible for membership, subject to conditions set forth in the By-laws.

✓ Section 3. Honorary. Distinguished scientists who have made notable contributions in the advancement of knowledge in toxicology shall be eligible for membership as Honorary members, subject to conditions set forth in the By-laws.

✓ Section 4. Retired. Any member of the Society who has retired from active work in toxicology, may, upon approval of the Council, be accorded retired status.

✓ Section 5. Corporate Associates. The President of the Society, with the approval of the Council, may annually or on special occasions invite any firm, association, corporation, institution or subdivision thereof, to become a Corporate Associate in support of the Society. A Corporate Associate shall have no voting rights.

✓ Section 6. Voting. Each member of the Society described under Section 2 of the Article shall be entitled to vote at all annual meetings and at any special meeting on all matters pertaining to the affairs of the Society which are duly presented for consideration at any such meeting, and to be elected by the members and upon such matters as may from time to time pursuant to the By-laws be approved, by action taken at any meeting of the members, for submission to the full membership a member designated under Section 4 of this Article shall have no voting rights.

ARTICLE FOURTH
✓ Amendments

Proposed changes in the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Council at least four months prior to the annual meeting. Upon approval by a majority vote of the Council, the Secretary shall send written notice of the proposed changes to all members of the Society at least four weeks prior to the annual meeting. A two-thirds vote of the ballots cast shall be required for adoption.

ARTICLE FIFTH
✓ Duration and Dissolution

The Society shall continue as a corporation until a proposal for dissolution shall be passed by the Board of Directors and the members of the Society. For purposes of notice and voting requirements, any such proposal shall be treated as an amendment to these Articles and shall comply with the provisions of Article Fourth hereof.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the members thereof shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 for the
Section 1. A President shall be elected by a majority vote of the ballots cast at the first annual meeting of the Society and shall serve for a term of one year. The President, after serving one year, shall be designated Immediate Past-President for one year. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society.

Section 2. A President-Elect shall be elected by a majority vote of the ballots cast, and shall become the President of the Society after serving one year as President-Elect. The President-Elect shall serve in the absence of the President.

Section 3. There shall be a Secretary of the Society who shall be elected by a majority vote of the ballots cast, who shall serve for a term of two years and who shall be eligible for re-election to one additional term. The Secretary shall have custody of the records of the Society, shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Society, and of the Council, and shall notify members of all meetings.

Section 4. There shall be a Treasurer of the Society who shall be elected by a majority vote of the ballots cast, who shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible for re-election on one additional term.

Section 5. There shall be a Board of Directors referred to hereinafter as a Council of the Society consisting of four persons, each to be elected by a plurality vote of the ballots cast for a term of four years, except as hereinafter provided. At the first annual meeting the members shall be elected for a short term of one year and one member shall be elected for a term of two years. Annually thereafter, two members shall be elected for a term of two years. The five additional members of the Council shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past-President, the President-Elect, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The general management of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in the Council. In addition to its other powers, the Council may employ such persons, including an Executive Secretary, as the Council deems necessary, and upon such terms and at such salary as the Council shall determine.

Section 6. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Council. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 7. Ballots for officers to be elected in any year shall be mailed by the Secretary to the membership by January 1, which ballots shall set forth the names of the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee; in addition, one (1) space shall be provided for a write-in candidate for each office to be filled. Completed ballots returned to the Secretary shall be valid if postmarked on or before the following February 15 and if the envelope containing the ballot bears the signature of the member. The Secretary shall thereafter send the ballots to an ad hoc Tellers Committee, appointed by the President, which shall count all ballots properly submitted and shall immediately notify the President of any tie, in which event the President shall call a meeting of the Council to be held before the date of the next annual meeting and the tie shall be resolved in favor of one of the candidates involved in the tie by majority vote of the Council. The result of the balloting and of the Council's resolution of any tie shall be returned to the Secretary and announced at the following annual meeting.

Section 8. Officers shall begin their terms of office on January 1 following the annual meeting at which their election is announced or one month after this annual meeting if it is held, any year, after February 15.

Section 9. Only Active members of the Society shall be eligible for election as officers.

Section 10. In the event any officer elected under the provisions of Article First shall become unable, whether by reason of health, incapacity, or otherwise, to perform the normal duties of his or her office, the Council may, by majority vote, designate another member of the Society to exercise the duties and responsibilities of such office until further action by the Council or until the next election for said office, whichever shall first occur.

ARTICLE SECOND

Membership

Section 1. Candidates for membership may be proposed until September 1 by two members of the Society who are not members of Council on forms provided by the Secretary, and shall be referred by the Secretary to the Membership Committee for its recommendation. The Membership Committee shall return its recommendations to the Secretary by October 15.

Section 2. The names of the candidates recommended by the Membership Committee shall be sent by the Secretary to the membership of the Society by November 1 of each year. The members shall have the opportunity to submit objections to a candidate to the Council, via the Secretary, by December 1. Final approval or disapproval of a candidate shall require a majority vote of Council before January 1. Candidates approved in this manner shall be notified by the Secretary and shall, henceforth, be considered Active members although they are to be first billed for dues at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Section 3. Those persons becoming members of the Society during the first year shall be designated "Charter" members but such designation shall in no way affect the division of membership into an active class and an honorary class, or the rights pertaining thereto.

Section 4. The Council may, for cause, by unanimous vote and after a hearing, recommend to the Society the expulsion of a member, which recommendation shall be sent to all members of the Society at least four weeks prior to the meeting at which it is to be acted upon. A vote of four-fifths of the members present and voting at such meeting shall be required for expulsion. The word "member," or the plural thereof as used in the By-laws shall mean a member or members, as the case may be, of either class unless otherwise indicated.

ARTICLE THIRD

Meetings

Section 1. A regular meeting of the Society of Toxicology shall be held annually at such time and place as shall be determined by the Council. Members of Society shall be notified at least eight weeks in advance of such meetings.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the Council or upon written request of ten active members of the Society with approval of the Council. The Secretary shall send written notice to the members at least eight weeks in advance of such meetings and shall specify the business to be transacted. No business other than so specified shall be transacted at such meetings.

Section 3. The Council shall meet prior to the annual meeting of the Society to conduct such business as is set forth in the Constitution and By-laws. Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for this meeting. Minutes of the Council meeting shall become a part of the official record of the Society.

Section 4. There shall be a Scientific Session as a part of the annual meeting of the Society, which shall be arranged by the Secretary with the assistance of the Program Committee. Members in good standing shall have the right to submit papers for presentation at the Scientific Session. Non-Members may submit papers upon the recommendation of a member. All papers shall conform to the editorial policy of the Journal of the Society, Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology, as well as to the rules set forth by the Program Committee.

Section 5. Twenty per cent of the active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Society.
Section 6. The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, Seventy-fifth Anniversary Edition or any subsequent revisions shall govern the conduct of the business meeting of the Society, except where they may be inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws.

Section 7. If at any meeting of the members of the Society, duly called and held and a quorum being present, the members shall, following discussion of any matter properly presented for action and on motion duly made and seconded, vote to submit such matter to the members of the Society for resolution by mail ballot and if such motion shall contain a concise statement of the matter in question capable of resolution by yes or no vote, the Secretary shall within 30 days thereafter prepare and send to every member entitled under Section 4 of Article Third of the Constitution to vote, a notice of the action taken at such meeting, together with a brief explanation of the issue and a ballot setting forth the matter in question in the same terms as proposed at such meeting, which ballot shall contain a place for the entry of yes or no vote. Completed ballots returned to the Secretary shall be valid if postmarked on or before the 60th day following the said meeting. The Secretary shall thereupon promptly count said ballots and shall immediately notify the President of the number of votes for and against the motion. The Secretary shall promptly thereafter notify the Membership of the outcome of such balloting provided that notification shall be effectively given if posted on the first page of the next Newsletter or other bulletin mailed by the Secretary to all members.

ARTICLE FOURTH
Standing Committees

Section 1. Membership Committee. There shall be a Membership Committee consisting of three members of the Society, who hold no other elective office, to be elected by a plurality vote of the ballots cast and who shall serve for a term of three years, except as hereinafter provided and who shall be eligible for re-election only after a lapse of one year. At the first annual meeting, one member shall be elected for a short term of one year, one member shall be elected for a short term of two years, and one member for a term of three years. Thereafter, one member shall be elected annually for a full term of three years. The Membership Committee shall investigate the qualifications of the candidates for membership and shall report its recommendations to the Secretary by October 15th of each year. The member oldest in service shall act as chairman.

Section 2. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of five members of the Society who hold no other elective office. All five members shall be appointed by the President of the Society taking office at the annual meeting and shall serve for one year and shall be eligible for reappointment only after a lapse of one year. The President shall designate the Chairman. The Nominating Committee shall submit in writing to the Secretary by December 15th each year, two nominations for the office of the President-Elect, two for each Councilor and at least one for all other elective offices to be filled.

Section 3. Finance Committee. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of the Treasurer as Chairman, and four other members who hold no other office, elected by the Society by a plurality vote of the ballots cast. Members shall serve for a term of two years, except as hereinafter provided, and shall be eligible for re-election to one additional term. At the first annual meeting, two members shall be elected for a short term of one year and two members for a term of two years. Thereafter, two members shall be elected annually for a full term of two years. At least one month prior to the annual meeting the Finance Committee shall review the financial status of the Society and report its findings at the annual meeting. The Finance Committee shall review the financial status of the Society, develop a budget for the next fiscal year, and submit its recommendations in writing to the Council at least four weeks in advance of the annual meeting. A report shall also be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

Section 4. Program Committee. The Program Committee shall consist of the President-Elect as Chairman, the Secretary and nine members of the Society who hold no other office and are appointed by the President for three-year terms of office. Initially the term of office will be for one, two or three years until such time that three members can be appointed annually to three-year terms. This committee shall make recommendations to the Council as to informative and appropriate programs for the various meetings of the Society. This committee shall be responsible for the planning and organization of the scientific program of the annual meeting, and for the review of proposals for special meetings and/or symposia initiated within the committee or initiated by other committees or members of the Society. Appropriate recommendations concerning these proposals shall be brought to the attention of the President for consideration and action by the Council.

Section 5. Technical Committee. There shall be a Technical Committee consisting of at least five members who hold no other office appointed by the President and who shall serve for a term of one year and shall be eligible for reappointment. The President shall designate the Chairman. The Technical Committee shall investigate all technical problems referred to it by the President or which are recognized by the Committee upon which the Society may be asked to express an opinion, or to actively participate in their resolution. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Council.

Section 6. Education Committee. There shall be an Educational Committee consisting of four members who hold no other office elected by a plurality vote of the ballots cast to serve for a term of two years, except as hereinafter provided. At the first annual meeting, two members shall be elected for a short term of one year, and two members for a term of two years. Thereafter, two members shall be elected annually for a full term of two years. The President shall designate the Chairman. The Educational Committee shall concern itself with ways in which the Society can advance and promulgate toxicology as a scientific discipline, and submit its recommendations in writing to the Council at least four weeks in advance of the annual meeting.

Section 7. Ballots for electing standing Committee members to be elected in any year shall be mailed by the Secretary to the membership by January 1, which ballot shall set forth the names of the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee; in addition, one (1) space shall be provided for write-in candidacy for each office to be filled. Completed ballots returned to the Secretary shall be valid if postmarked on or before the following February 15. The Secretary shall thereupon send the ballots to another Standing Committee appointed by the President, which shall count all ballots properly submitted and shall immediately notify the President of any tie, in which event the President shall call a meeting of the Council to be held before the date of the next annual meeting and the tie shall be resolved in favor of one of the candidates involved in the tie by the majority vote of the Council. The results of the balloting and of the Council’s resolution of any tie shall be returned to the Secretary and announced at the following annual meeting.

Section 8. Elected standing Committee members shall begin their terms of office on May 1 following the annual meeting at which their election is announced or one month after this annual meeting if it is held, any year, after April 1.

Section 9. Other Committees. The President and Council or either of them may appoint such ad hoc, special or other committees as may be deemed necessary.

Section 10. In the event any committee member elected under the provisions of Article Fourth, shall become unable, whether by reason of health, incapacity or otherwise to perform the normal duties of his or her office, the Council may by majority vote designate another member of the Society to exercise the duties and responsibilities of such office until further action of the Council or until the next election, whichever shall first occur.
ARTICLE FIFTH

Board of Publications

Section 1. The Board of Publications shall consist of four members; the president of the Society and three other members of the Society who shall be appointed by the Council but who are not members of the Council and who shall serve for a term of three years. One member shall be appointed each year for a full term of three years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment to an additional term. The Council shall designate annually from among the appointed members, the Chairman, who shall submit in writing to the Council at least one month prior to the annual meeting an annual report of finances, publications, and general policies. The President-Elect and the Editors of all serial publications of the Society shall serve as nonvoting members of the Board.

Section 2. The Board of Publications shall determine the editorial policy for all publications of the Society, and shall appoint an Editor and Editorial Board. The Editor and Members of the Editorial Board shall serve for three years and shall be eligible for reappointment. The Editor of any serial publication of the Society may not serve as a member of the council during the period of his tenure as Editor. Members of the Editorial Board may concurrently hold other offices in the Society.

Section 3. In the event any of the appointed members of the Board of Publications shall become unable, whether by reason of health, incapacity or otherwise, to perform the normal duties of his or her office, the Council may by majority vote designate another member of the Society to exercise the duties and responsibilities of such office until further action of the Council or until the term expires, whichever shall first occur.

Section 4. The authority and responsibility for establishing the financial policy that governs all publications of the Society are vested in the Council. The Board of Publications shall make recommendations to the Council concerning financial policy.

ARTICLE SIXTH

Dues

Section 1. Active members shall pay such annual dues as are determined by the Council. Such dues shall include: (1) an annual fee for support of the Society, and (2) a fee for one subscription to the Journal, Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology.

Section 2. Members who have retired because of age or disability may elect to apply to Council for "retired status." Members accorded "retired status" shall be relieved of the payment of that portion of their dues not used by the Society for subscription to Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology; or of their entire dues if they do not wish to continue receiving the journal, but shall retain their privileges of membership. The number in this classification shall not exceed ten per cent of the membership at any one time.

Section 3. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues and shall not be eligible to hold office or any elective position in the Society, but shall have all the nonvoting privileges of the Society in scientific proceedings.

ARTICLE SEVENTH

Corporate Seal

Section 1. The corporate seal shall be circular in form. The words "SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY" and the founding date shall appear in the outer circle; the word "SALUS" shall appear in the inner circle.

ARTICLE EIGHTH

Amendments

Section 1. Proposed changes in the By-laws shall be submitted in writing by a member in good standing to the Council at least three months prior to the annual meeting. Upon approval by the Council, the Secretary shall notify the members at least one month in advance of the annual meeting of any proposed changes to be voted upon. A majority vote of the ballots cast shall be required for adoption.