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THE NORTH AMERICAN MIXING FORUM of the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

I. Purpose

The North American Mixing Forum is a multidisciplinary, international group promoting scholarship, research and education in the field of mixing.

II. Affiliation

The Forum is affiliated with the American institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) and conducts its programming through the AIChE Program Committee. AIChE Council will appoint a Liaison to the Forum.

III. Membership

Membership in the Forum is by self-selection. Anyone who attends a Biennial Conference of the Forum will be considered a member as will anyone who applies in writing to the Secretary of the Executive Council.

IV. The Executive Council

The North American Mixing Forum is governed by an Executive Council consisting of fifteen individuals elected by and from the general membership, plus an additional number of emeritus members comprised of Past Presidents of the North American Mixing Forum. Each council member shall be a resident of North America and a member of the AIChE or the corresponding professional organization in Canada or Mexico, at the time of election. No fewer than eight of the council members shall be affiliated with an industrial, for-profit organization at the time of their election. No fewer than four will be academics at the time of their election. No more than two council members will be affiliated with the same industrial or academic organization at the time of their election.

A. Election and Term of Office

The term of office is six years with one third the Council membership standing for office at each Biennial Conference. There is no restriction on consecutive terms. (Transition rules apply in 1991 and 1993).

New council members are elected by a simple plurality of the general membership who are present and voting at the Biennial Conference. Each voting member may select candidates from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee but open to nominations from the floor. The slate prepared by the Nominating Committee shall allow conformance to the requirements for membership in the Executive Council. If the votes from the general membership would elect candidates who would violate these requirements, the non-conforming candidates receiving the lowest number of votes shall be replaced by conforming candidates having the highest number of votes among those not elected.

Should any Council memberships become vacant, temporary members can be appointed by the Council. Elections for any unexpired terms will be held at the next Biennial Conference.

B. Meetings of the Executive Council

The Executive Council will hold at least one meeting per year.

C. Officers

Officers of the North American Mixing Forum consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These are elected from among Council members for two year terms, with the Vice President automatically succeeding the President. All elections will be held at the Biennial Conference. Successful candidates will receive a plurality of votes cast by the general membership. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of candidates, but other council members can be nominated from the floor.

To stand for election, a nominee must be a member of the Executive Council. If elected, an officer remains eligible to serve throughout the fixed term of office.

The Standing Committees and their duties are:

Program Committee - To arrange technical sessions on mixing at meetings and conferences other than the Biennial Conference.

Biennial Conference Committee - To organize the Biennial Conference and to select the incoming Chair of the Conference. This committee is chaired by the current Conference Chair and consists of previous Conference Chairs and the past Chairs of the various Engineering Foundation Conferences on Mixing. The Chair of this committee shall be alternately selected from industry and academia with an academic serving for the 1991 conference.

Awards Committee - To promote research and scholarship in mixing by recognizing members of the Forum who have made outstanding contributions to the field.

Education Committee - To promote education in mixing at the university and postgraduate levels.

Research Committee - To promote research and research funding in mixing.

Communications Committee - To promote communications within the Forum and to liaise with external organizations.

Nominating Committee - To nominate a slate of candidates for election to the Executive Council. To nominate candidates to serve as Chairs of the various standing Committees, except for the Biennial Conference Committee which selects its own Chair.

Auditing Committee - To annually review the financial procedures and expenditures.

Ad hoc committees may be formed by the Executive Council as needed.

Except for the Chair of the Biennial Conference Committee, each Committee Chair will be elected by the Executive Council for a two Year term. Committee Chairs may come from the Executive Council of the Forum or from the general membership. If not a member of the Executive Council, the Chair of a Standing Committee will become a non-voting, ex-officio member. Except for the Biennial Conference Committee, committee members are appointed by the Chairs of the various committees from members of the Forum.

V. The Biennial Conference

The Forum holds technical and business meetings at North American sites in odd-numbered years. The purpose of the business meeting is to elect officers and members of the Executive Council and to conduct other business as may be brought to the general membership by the Executive Council.

VI. Dues

Dues are collected from members of the Forum as part of the registration fee for the Biennial Conference. The amount of the assessment is determined by the Executive Council. Attendance at the Biennial Conference signifies acceptance of this fee.

VII. Budgets

An annual budget for the North American Mixing Forum will be approved by the Executive Council. Disbursement of funds and other fiscal matters are the responsibility of the Treasurer and the President.

VIII. Amendments to Bylaws

Any five members of the Forum can petition the Executive Council to amend the Bylaws. Such proposed amendments will be subject to a two-thirds majority vote by the general membership present and voting at the Business Meeting of the Biennial Conference immediately subsequent to the petition.