

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND
BYLAWS - 2012**

Catherine E. Costello, Chair

The committee was composed of the following members:

Catherine Costello, Chair
Esther Hopkins
Doris Lewis
Michael Filosa
Michael Singer

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society are undergoing significant updating to incorporate changes recommended at the national level, *e.g.*, to allow online voting, and to allow for the inclusion of recent decisions by the Board of Directors regarding the introduction of new awards presented by the Section that perpetuate the memory of former chairs and the formation of subgroups. Additional matters under consideration are a C&B modification that would recognize the expansion of the role of the Publications Committee to include electronic media. Drafts of the changes were presented to the Board of the Northeastern Section, and to a former member of the ACS national C&B Committee, Dr. Carolyn Kendrow, for their comments. In addition to the comments of Committee members and Dr. Kendrow, a particularly thorough review was provided by Dr. Robert Lichter and important suggestions were made by Dr. Pamela Mabrouk. The revisions will shortly be sent to the ACS national C&B for review before a vote by section members is scheduled. Among her other suggestions, Dr. Kendrow pointed out that most, if not all, ACS sections have a set of Bylaws but not a separate Constitution. We are requesting advise on this issue and will revise our current C&B accordingly.



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