

BYLAWS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AREA BIOLOGICAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION

100 NAME

100.1 The name of this organization shall be the CHESAPEAKE AREA BIOLOGICAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION (ChABSA), hereinafter referred to as "the Association".

101 OBJECTIVES

101.1 The objective of the Association is to expand biological safety awareness in order to reduce the potential for occupational illness and adverse environmental impact from infectious agents or biologically derived materials.

101.2 A goal of the Association is to foster and promote biological safety as a scientific discipline through education, research, and professional development.

101.3 A goal of the Association is to expand professional and public awareness of biological safety through effective communication.

101.4 A goal of the Association is to participate in the development of biological safety standards, guidelines, and regulations.

101.5 Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, this entity is organized exclusively for such purposes as are authorized and permitted by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and shall not carry on any activities which are not permitted to be carried on by an entity exempt from taxation under said Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

102 MEMBERSHIP

102.1 Individual Members: Any person with an interest in biological safety shall be eligible for Individual Membership. Individual Members shall be eligible to vote, to hold office, to serve on committees, and to enjoy other rights of the Association.

102.2 Corporate Members: Any company or organization with an interest in biological safety shall be eligible for Corporate Membership. Each Corporate Member may designate up to three persons as Individual Members. Each of these three individuals shall be eligible to vote, to hold office, to serve on committees, and to enjoy other rights of the Association.

102.3 Student Members: A full time matriculated student with an interest in biological safety shall be eligible for Student Membership. Student Members shall neither have the right to vote nor the right to hold elective office.

102.4 Emeritus Members: A person who has been an Individual Member for 5 years and who is no longer engaged in professional work shall be eligible for Emeritus Membership. Emeritus Members shall have all the rights of Individual Members. They shall not be required to pay dues.

102.5 Honorary Members: A person may become an Honorary Member by vote of the Council.

103 ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

103.1 Council: The Council shall be the governing body of the Association.

103.2 The business of the Association is conducted by elected officers and councilors and through standing and ad hoc committees, according to the Bylaws of the Association or Roberts Rules of Order if not specifically addressed..

104 OFFICERS

104.1 The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

105 THE COUNCIL

105.1 The function of the Council is to authorize policy matters and to ensure that property, funds, and affairs are handled in conformity with the Bylaws.

105.2 Each Council member shall have one vote.

105.3 The Council shall consist of the Officers, immediate Past President, and ~~three~~four elected Councilors and the webmaster.

105.4 Members of the Council serving the Association without compensation (other than reimbursement for actual expenses) shall not be personally liable, and no cause of action may be brought, for damages resulting from the exercise of responsibilities of such Council Member unless such individual's act or omission involved willful conduct, as provided by the General Not For Profit Corporations Act of 1986, Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 32 {108.70}.

106 ELECTIONS

106.1 The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the immediate past president (or the most recent available past-president if the immediate past president is not able to perform this task) and be comprised of 1 or 2 other members who are not interested in running for a current office. If the immediate past-president wishes to run for a position they are not eligible to be part of the committee and the most recent past president who is available will chair the committee.

106.2 The nominating committee shall make nominations for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Councilor, .

106.3 The nominees for each position shall appear alphabetically on the ballot. Space shall be provided for write-in candidates for each position.

106.4 A secret ballot bearing all valid nominations for office shall be mailed electronically or via other similar methods that prevents duplicate ballots to all eligible voting members in a timely manner.

106.4 A simple majority of the votes cast will elect the nominee for each position.

106.5 Election results shall be announced at the Annual Business Meeting.

107 TERM LENGTHS FOR OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS

107.1 The term for the President and President-Elect shall be one year, beginning 7/1.

107.2 The term of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be two years, beginning 7/1 and their terms shall start in alternate years.

107.3 The terms of the 3-year Councilors shall be three years, beginning 7/1 and their terms shall start in alternate years; the term of the 1-year Councilor shall be for one year, beginning 7/1. The 1-year Councilor position shall have a limit of three consecutive terms. The 1-year Councilor shall be eligible for nomination for any other Council position, including a 3-year Councilor position.

107.4 The terms of Webmaster shall be two years, beginning 7/1 without any term limits.

108 DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS