**Motion # 1 Bylaw change to the name of the Society**

**SIGMA XI, THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HONOR SOCIETY**

**BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY**

**C. Pledge of the Society**. Members-elect and Associate Members- elect shall be informed of the aims and objectives of the Society, and shall be required to assent, either orally or in writing to the president of the electing chapter or the president's deputy, or in writing to the Chair of the committee designated by the Board, to the following Pledge: "Do you hereby pledge yourself, in accordance with the purposes and objectives of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society, to encourage original investigations in science, to foster companionship and cooperation among scientists, to maintain honor, integrity and honesty in all scientific activities, and to assume the other continuing responsibilities of membership?" Members-elect and Associate Members-elect who attend a regular initiation are expected to have read the culture, mission and vision statements of the Society, whereupon they are admitted to membership in the Society.

**D. The Charter**. The charter issued to a chapter shall contain two paragraphs, to wit:

(i) **First Paragraph**. The first paragraph of the charter of a chapter shall be in the following form:

"Be it hereby known that a charter for the establishment of a chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society at .........to be known as the ........Chapter, is hereby granted to the following persons as Charter Members and Charter Associate Members, conveying to them and to their duly elected successors all the privileges and responsibilities conferred by the Constitution of the Society; (list of names)"

**Motion # 3 Bylaw change to allow biennial meeting and Assembly of Delegates**

**Section 2.The Assembly of Delegates.A. Duties of the**

**Assembly**. The Assembly of Delegates shall meet in General Session either annually, biennially or at the discretion of the Board of Directors at which time the delegates shall consider and act upon business. Elections of officers will be carried out as described in Bylaw III 3. Elections of Directors, Associate Directors, and members of the Committee on Nominations will be carried out as described in Bylaw III 4. While in-person meetings are preferred, such Assemblies may be convened by any means that provide for discussion as needed to complete the business of the Assembly, including electronic.

**B. Caucuses**. In addition to the General Sessions of the Assembly of Delegates attended by all delegates, the Annual Meeting, Biennial Meeting or a convening of the Assembly of Delegates at the discretion of the Board of Directors shall provide time for caucuses of each geographic region and constituency group at which time the delegates may meet and conduct such discussions and business, including the election of a Director, a member of the Committee on Nominations, and members of the region or group nominating committees, as may be required. The appropriate Director shall preside over each caucus. Directors prepare agendas of matters to be discussed, which shall include matters of interest to science and to the Society as a whole, as well as matters specific to the interest of the geographic region or constituency group. The Director may act as spokesperson for the geographic region or constituency group at General Sessions of the Assembly of Delegates. In years when the Assembly is not held in person, caucuses may be held by any means that provide for discussion as needed to complete the business of the caucus.

**B. Election of Directors, Associate Directors, and members of the Committee on Nominations for Geographic Regions and for Constituencies**.

(i) **Nomination and Voting**. At the Annual Meeting, Biennial Meeting or at a convening of the Assembly of Delegates at the discretion of the Board of Directors one year prior to electing a Director, Associate Director, or member of the Committee on Nominations for a particular region or constituency, the caucus of each geographic region or constituency shall appoint a Nominating Committee.

(ii) **Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of Director, that vacancy shall be filled by the Associate Director. If there is no Associate Director, the Executive Committee shall nominate and the Board of Directors shall approve a Director to serve until the next Annual Meeting, Biennial Meeting or a convening of the Assembly of Delegates at the discretion of the Board of Directors, at which time a special election shall be held by the affected geographic region or constituency to fill the unexpired term, following the regular procedures. If a Director of a region or a constituency becomes a member of a different region or constituency, the Director may, with the concurrence of the chapters in the original region or constituency, continue to serve as a Director until the expiration of the Director's term. Concurrence of the region or constituency will be determined by ballot, which may be electronic. A quorum will be considered as 50% plus one of the chapters in that region or constituency. A 50% plus one or more approval will be required.

**B. Committee on Audit Review.** The Committee on Audit Review shall consist of three members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation to serve between Annual or Biennial Assemblies of Delegates for three-year or four-year staggered terms. Current officers or Directors are not eligible to serve on the Committee on Audit Review. The senior member shall serve as Chair. It shall be the duty of this committee to:

1. Discuss with the auditors the scope and results of their examinations, establish and maintain an open line of communication between the Board of Directors and the auditors,
2. Assure itself that the accounting procedures and financial controls of the Society and of the Corporation adequately safeguard the assets of the Society and of the Corporation and ensure the reliability of its financial records and
3. Ascertain that the official auditors do contribute to Sigma Xi any and all of the affirmative comments and suggestions which can be helpful in improving the overall operations of the Society.

**BYLAW V. Seal and Insignia of the Society**

**Section 1.The Seal of the Society.** The Seal of the Society shall show a wreath of laurel, typifying the honorary character of membership in the Society, arranged as an oval and enclosing the words "Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society" at the top, and the motto, in Greek, at the bottom. These words shall form an inner oval, concentric with the first, punctuated with ten stars, and enclosing a field illuminated by a Grecian lamp to represent the Lamp of Research. Above the lamp, in the field of illumination, shall be placed the monogram of the Society and the date, 1886, when it was founded.

**Motion # 5 Creation of Affiliate Circle**

**BYLAW VI. Sigma Xi Affiliate Circle**

**Section 1**.**Criteria for Affiliation**. Individuals eligible to join the Sigma Xi Affiliate Circle as set forth in Article VIII of the Constitution, may include science enthusiasts who have a passion for the advancement of research, college students pursuing studies in a science or engineering field, teachers who educate and encourage future researchers, technicians who educate and encourage future researchers and practicing clinicians who translate research results into improved health.

**Section 2.Annual Dues**. Dues for Sigma Xi Affiliates shall be recommended annually by the Committee on Finance and approved by the Board of Directors of Sigma Xi.

**Section 3.Certificate of Affiliation**. Upon admisttion to the Sigma Xi Circle, each new Affiliate shall receive a certificate of affiliation which shall be in a form approved by the Assembly of Delegates, bear the Seal of the Society and be signed by the President of the Society and the Executive Director.

**Motion # 6 Creation of Sigma Xi Explorer**

**BYLAW VII.Sigma Xi Explorer**.

**Section 1.Criteria for Sigma Xi Explorer**.As set forth in Article IX of the Constitution, any Individual in Kindergarten through Twelfth grade who has presented science project at a science fair, together with a letter of recommendation from a science or Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) teacher, is eligible for election to be a Sigma Xi Explorer in the Society.

**Section 2.Annual Dues.** Dues for Sigma Xi Explorer shall be recommended annually by the Committee on Finances and approved by the Board of Directors of Sigma Xi.

**Section 3.**Sigma Xi Explorer shall have option to form a Sigma Xi Club led by a Sigma Xi full or associate member of the local chapter. Sigma Xi Clubs may be in person or virtual/networked.