WHEREAS:
   1. Dues paying membership in Sigma Xi (hereinafter, the Society) has experienced a steady decline for an extended number of years;
   2. There is reason to believe that the decline in membership has resulted, at least in part, from a perception of little or no connectedness between the Society and individual members;
   3. Individual members choose to pay or not to pay dues;
   4. Officers are elected by Assemblies of Delegates attended typically by delegates from about one third of the chapters of the Society; and
   5. Directors are elected by regional and constituency caucuses held among the delegates at said Assemblies of Delegates;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT,
   In order to create and maintain a clear connection between the individual members and the Society as to the general oversight of the Society, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society be amended as needed to provide for:
   A. The election of officers of the Society by vote of the individual members of the Society;
   B. The election of directors of the Society by vote of the individual members by region and constituency; and
   C. The election of each officer and director by a majority vote of the individual members voting in the election there for.
WHEREAS:
   1. Dues paying membership in Sigma Xi (hereinafter, the Society) has experienced a steady decline for an extended number of years;
   2. There is reason to believe that the decline in membership has resulted, at least in part, from a perception of little or no connectedness between the Society and its individual members;
   3. It is individual members who choose to pay or not to pay dues; and
   4. The Constitution of the Society may be amended by only a vote of an Assembly of Delegates;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT,
   In order to create and maintain a clear connection between the individual members and the Society as to the general oversight of the Society, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society be amended to provide for:
   A. The amendment of the Constitution of the Society only by vote of the individual members of the Society;
   B. The amendment of the Constitution of the Society by a majority vote wherein at least 10% of the individual membership has participated.
Resolution on the Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
March 27, 2009

WHEREAS:
1. Sigma Xi (hereinafter, the Society) is governed by Assemblies of Delegates sitting in session at meetings of the Society;
2. The Board of Directors is responsible for governance during interims between sittings of Assemblies of Delegates; and
3. The Board of Directors employs a professional Executive Director to lead the day-to-day operations of the Society;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT,
In order to streamline the operation of the Society and to further provide for transparent and accountable leadership and management of the society, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society be amended as needed to provide that:

- The authorized duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, including its individual members, shall be consistent with policies established by the Assembly of Delegates and shall consist of: appointment and dismissal of the Executive Director, setting annual compensation for the Executive Director, review of the performance of the Executive Director, directing the Executive Director in the management of activities, property, and affairs of the Society, and serving as the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
WHEREAS:
1. The Constitution of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, provides for the election of a Treasurer;
2. Sigma Xi (hereinafter, the Society) has been served by capable and dedicated leaders in the office of Treasurer;
3. These capable and dedicated leaders include the incumbent Treasurer to whom great gratitude is due;
4. The financial challenges of the Society are such that dedicated, professional, and accountable leadership is required;
5. The challenges as well as prudent ongoing management require transparent and well documented financial structures, decisions, and results; and
6. The Society employs a Director of Budget and Finance who is responsible to the Executive Director, and through the Executive Director to the Board of Directors and to the membership;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT,
In order to streamline, make more transparent, and set clear accountability for the financial management of the Society, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society be amended as needed to provide for:
   A. The abolishment of the office of Treasurer;
   B. The responsibility of the Director of Budget and Finance professional position to be clearly established as, under the direction of the Executive Director, to provide prudent ongoing financial management for the Society that is transparent and fully documented and to report through the Executive Director to the Board, Assemblies of Delegates, and the membership.