Resolution: Creation of Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award Fund

Endowment Fund Name: Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award Fund

Sponsoring Special Interest Group: Women in Toxicology (WIT) Special Interest Group (SIG)

Purpose: This resolution, when approved by the SOT Endowment Board and ratified by SOT Council, will create the Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award Fund. Proceeds from this Fund will be used to provide cash stipends to domestic or international students (undergraduate and/or graduate students) and/or postdoctoral fellows, whose studies and/or research interests are in the toxicological sciences. Award recipients are selected on the basis of scientific merit, leadership, and service.

The Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award will recognize and encourage women who are in the early stages of developing their career in the field of toxicology. In the description of the award, the generosity of Ms. Anne Wolven Garrett, an early leader in the Society of Toxicology, will be highlighted as the genesis for the award.

Funding: The Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award Fund is being created with an initial contribution of $8,000 from Shawn Douglas Lamb. It is anticipated that former colleagues of Ms. Wolven Garrett, as well as members of the WIT SIG and SOT, will make contributions to the Fund. It is intended that the total assets of the Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award Fund will reach $25,000 within three years, at which time the Society will match the funds with an additional $25,000 to qualify it as a Permanently Restricted Net Asset Fund with continuation of the Fund in perpetuity. It is anticipated that this can be accomplished by June 30, 2017, and that the first Award from the Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award Fund will be made to an individual(s) at the 2018 SOT Annual Meeting. From time to time, to encourage contributions, the WIT SIG may provide a match to fund contributions. Such matches will not receive an additional SOT match, but will contribute to the $50,000 total needed for the fund to qualify as a Permanently Restricted Net Asset Fund.

Management: Recipients of the Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award Fund will be selected by members of the WIT SIG Executive Committee on the basis of a completed application that will include information on the individual’s science/toxicology experience, leadership, and service.

ENDOWMENT FUND RESOLUTION APPROVAL

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Background: The Society has many female leaders who have been influential in the science of toxicology and the Society of Toxicology. Ms. Anne Wolven Garrett was one of the first women active in the Society’s leadership. Beginning in the early 1970s she served on several elected committees, several appointed committees, as Historian, and as Vice President and President of a Regional Chapter. As noted during her memorial service in 2012, Anne was especially proud of her work with the Society of Toxicology. She was known for taking budding toxicologists under her wing and ended many conversations with “hug yourself; you are very special.”

Date Approved by Endowment Award Fund Board: March 25, 2014
Date Ratified by SOT Council: