

This petition was defeated at the August 22, 2012 Council meeting in Philadelphia.

Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters Funds

Bylaw IX, Sec. 4

Petition

We, the undersigned Councilors of the American Chemical Society, hereby petition to amend the SOCIETY Bylaws as follows (additions **underlined**; deletions ~~struck through~~):

REVISED

**BYLAW IX
International Chemical Sciences Chapters**

VERSION

Sec. 4.

FOR

COUNCIL

ACTION

An International Chemical Sciences Chapter shall receive no allotment of funds from the SOCIETY and shall not be entitled to elected representation on the Council. **However, the Board of Directors may grant funds to a Chapter for a specific SOCIETY activity in which participation of the Chapter is deemed necessary for carrying out that SOCIETY activity effectively.** A Chapter may assess local dues to be expended for its own purposes in harmony with the objects of the SOCIETY. (~~11/18/94~~)

Explanation

Recently, the Board of Directors authorized funds for subsidizing the travel of noncouncilor committee members to attend their corresponding committee meetings to support the activities of these committees. This prompts petitioners to renew seeking support for the International Sciences Chapters. An earlier petition was withdrawn because of questions about the Bylaw phrase, i.e. "*shall receive no allotment of funds,*" and because that petition was narrowly focused on travel by Chapter officers to ACS governance meetings. This petition makes the language general by authorizing the Board at its discretion to support a Chapter for a specific activity.

These Units of the SOCIETY provide important links between ACS members living in their area and the SOCIETY. The petition would allow the Board where appropriate to provide funds for the costs for example of videoconferencing or attendance at a Society meeting for which the Board determines that active participation by the Chapter is necessary. This would not be an allotment to or subsidy of any of the Chapters, but would cover the cost of participation by a Chapter in an activity beyond its territory that ACS governance believes is essential.

Signed:

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(This petition has been referred to the ***Committee on Membership Affairs**, Council Policy Committee, Society Committee on Budget and Finance, and Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.)

***Committee having primary substantive responsibility**

FINAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Society Committee on Budget & Finance has examined this petition and concludes that the implementation of the petition will have a minor negative impact on the finances of the Society, given the five chapters currently active; however, given the potential for indeterminate growth in the number of International Chapters and Society activities which could be supported, it cannot assess with reasonable accuracy the range of potential costs resulting from the implementation of this petition in the future.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws made one change to the petitioners' version; "allocate" was changed to "grant" because C&B thinks this is more clear.

The Committee finds the revised petition to be legal and consistent with other provisions of the Society's documents.

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council is required for approval of amendments to the Bylaws. If approved by Council, the amendments will become effective upon confirmation by the Board of Directors.

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Chair