

ACS Governing Documents (ACSGovDocs) as of January 1, 2025
Summary of Changes in 2024

The ACS Governing Documents (ACSGovDocs) at www.acs.org/govdocs were updated and are effective as of January 1, 2025. Additions are underlined and deletions are crossed out. Contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) at bylaws@acs.org if you have any questions.

BYLAW CHANGES

The following changes are effective September 19, 2024, were approved August 21, 2024, by Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors on September 19, 2024.

BYLAW III

(Constitution, Article VI)

Council

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Sec. 2.

a. Global geographic zones (hereinafter referred to as “Zones”) shall be established as set forth in the Standing Rules for the purpose of election of Councilors by members of the SOCIETY who are not members of a Local Section.

b. The ratio of the number of Councilors elected by Divisions to the sum of the number of Councilors elected by Local Sections plus the number of Councilors elected by Zones shall be 20:80.

c. The number of Councilors elected by Zones shall be the lesser of 10 percent of the number of Councilors elected by Local Sections or 45. ~~Twenty percent of elected Councilors shall be elected by Divisions and 80 percent shall be elected by Local Sections.~~ Each Division, ~~and each Local Section,~~ **and each Zone** shall elect Councilors and Alternate Councilors as provided in the Bylaws or Standing Rules.

Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Name of the Committee on Technician Affairs) are effective January 1, 2025, were approved August 21, 2024, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors December 6, 2024.

Standing Rule II, Sec. 4, a, (14)

Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, a, (14)

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition for Global Representation on Council) are effective September 19, 2024, were approved August 21, 2024, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors September 19, 2024.

Standing Rule II, Secs. 1-2

Standing Rule IV, Secs. 2, 9, 11, 14, 17

Standing Rule VII, Sec. 3

Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1

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The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition on Dues and Benefits) are effective May 31, 2024, were approved March 20, 2024, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors May 31, 2024.

Standing Rule I, Secs. 1-9
Standing Rule II, Sec. 7
Standing Rule VII, Secs. 1, q; 2, c; 3, c

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Remove Inconsistencies and Add Missing Provisions) are effective May 31, 2024, were approved March 20, 2024, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors May 31, 2024.

Standing Rule II, Sec. 1, d
Standing Rule III, Sec. 2, a
Standing Rule IV, Secs. 1, b; 6; 9
Standing Rule VI, Sec. 5, j

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance) are effective May 31, 2024, were approved March 20, 2024, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors May 31, 2024.

Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, b, (1)

The following changes to the Schedule of Dues and Benefits (formerly known as the Schedule of Membership), effective May 31, 2024, were approved March 20, 2024, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors May 31, 2024.

2025 Schedule of Dues and Benefits I; III-VI

For the detailed changes noted below, per the effective dates given above, the effective dates were added at the end of the paragraphs in the ACS Governing Documents. If text was moved from one Standing Rule to another and if there was no change was made to the text, a new date was not added. Where no dates appear, the effective date is November 1, 2019.

DETAILS OF CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES

STANDING RULE I

Membership Function

Section 1.

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b. The duties of the Committee on Membership Affairs shall include the following, *inter alia*:

(1) elect members and affiliates to the SOCIETY, conduct reviews, and make recommendations to the Council concerning standards and requirements for member and affiliate status, including privileges and restrictions, and concerning ~~special dues categories~~ **and benefits packages** referred to elsewhere in these Standing Rules or in the Schedule of ~~Membership~~ **Dues and Benefits**;

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(3) review the status of, and trends in member, ~~and affiliate,~~ **and associate** data and recommend to the appropriate SOCIETY bodies actions in furtherance of the committee's duties and the Purposes of the SOCIETY;

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(4) consider charges of injurious conduct against a member or Society Affiliate according to expulsion procedures prescribed elsewhere in these Standing Rules; and

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Sec. 2.

Membership

a. Applicants for membership shall be elected only as provided in the Bylaws and these Standing Rules.

~~Sec. 5.~~

b. Any person, qualified as specified in the following subsections, who shall have been nominated in writing by two members of the SOCIETY, who shall have paid the initial membership dues and fees as applicable, and whose application shall have been approved by the Committee on Membership Affairs, shall be declared elected a MEMBER or a STUDENT MEMBER of the SOCIETY. The requirement of having two nominations in writing may be waived by the Committee on Membership Affairs in cases where applicants live in areas remote from SOCIETY members.

~~Sec. 3.~~

~~**c.** A member may be dropped from membership for nonpayment of dues or for conduct that in any way tends to injure the SOCIETY or affect adversely its reputation, or that is contrary to or destructive of the SOCIETY's Purposes. No member shall be dropped except after opportunity to be heard as provided in these Standing Rules. When The term "member" is used, this includes refers to both MEMBERS and STUDENT MEMBERS. When either a whereas the terms "MEMBER" or "STUDENT MEMBER" is mentioned, this excludes the other category of membership.~~

~~Sec. 4.~~

d. The membership term for new and reinstated members shall be an inclusive twelve-month period or multiple thereof should the member choose a multi-year renewal. The member's anniversary date shall be the date of entry into the active membership roll.

~~Sec. 6.~~

e. Except as provided in the Bylaws and elsewhere in these Standing Rules, membership in the SOCIETY and the obligation for dues continue from year to year unless a member's resignation, signed by the member, is received by the Chief Executive Officer prior to the end of the twelve-month period for which dues have been paid. Any person in arrears for dues for 60 days shall cease to be a member of the SOCIETY, provided that at least two weeks before the name is removed from the rolls, the Chief Executive Officer shall send the member a written notice of delinquency, together with a copy of the Standing Rules pertaining to the subject.

f. A person whose resignation was received within the specified time limit, or whose membership was terminated through the nonpayment of dues, may be reinstated as a member of the SOCIETY by the Committee on Membership Affairs when that person requests reinstatement and has paid the current dues.

~~Sec. 35.~~

a. MEMBERS

The Committee on Membership Affairs may approve for MEMBER a person who meets any of the following requirements for formal training, experience, or employment in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education. Natural sciences are those that deal with matter, energy, and their interrelationships and transformations.

(1) An earned bachelor's or higher degree in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education from an appropriately accredited educational institution, or one acceptable to the Committee on Membership Affairs.

(2) An associate degree or equivalent in a chemical science or related field of technology from an appropriately accredited educational institution, or one acceptable to the Committee on Membership Affairs.

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(3) Full certification, licensure, or other qualification as a pre-college teacher of chemical science, provided such certification, licensure, or other qualification is deemed satisfactory by the Committee on Membership Affairs.

(4) Less formal training than indicated above and significant documented work experience in chemical science, chemical technology, or chemical education that is satisfactory to the Committee on Membership Affairs as representing achievement equivalent to that in any of the provisions above. One year of full-time relevant work experience shall be broadly equivalent to one year of full-time education and training.

b. STUDENT MEMBERS

(1) The Committee on Membership Affairs may approve for STUDENT MEMBER a person who is actively working toward an undergraduate degree in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education from an appropriately accredited educational institution, or one acceptable to the Committee on Membership Affairs. A STUDENT MEMBER may retain such status only as long as that person is actively working toward such a degree. A STUDENT MEMBER who no longer meets the requirements for STUDENT MEMBER but does meet the requirements for MEMBER shall be reclassified no later than the beginning of the following membership year.

(2) A STUDENT MEMBER shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except that of holding an elective position of the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, or its Divisions, and the privilege of serving as a Temporary Substitute Councilor; however, if the bylaws of the Local Section or Division so permit, a STUDENT MEMBER may hold an elective position of the Local Section or Division, other than the positions of Councilor or Alternate Councilor.

Sec. 49.

Affiliates and Associates

a. A person who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY, **as described elsewhere in these Standing Rules,** may become a **Society Affiliate** of the SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as a “Society Affiliate,” in these Standing Rules and the Schedule of ~~Membership~~ **Dues and Benefits.** Such affiliation may be accorded by the Committee on Membership Affairs of the SOCIETY after application and recommendation by signature of two members of the SOCIETY in good standing.

b. A person who is **neither a member nor a Society Affiliate** may become an **affiliate of a Local Section and/or Division** of the SOCIETY as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules.

c. Corporation Associates

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d. Community Associates

(1) A person who is not a member of the SOCIETY but engages with the SOCIETY in ways that may include, but are not limited to, participating in webinars; subscribing to, publishing in, or reviewing manuscripts for ACS journals; or participating in other SOCIETY-sponsored programs, events, or services, may become a Community Associate of the SOCIETY.

(2) A Community Associate is not required to pay annual dues to maintain status with the SOCIETY. The length of the Community Associate term is twelve months and is renewable.

(3) A Community Associate shall not be assigned to a Local Section. A Community Associate shall not be a member of any Local Section and shall not be eligible for any of the privileges that are specified in a Local Section’s bylaws for members and/or Society Affiliates. A Community Associate may attend and participate in a Local Section’s open meetings and events and may become a Local Section Affiliate as described elsewhere in the Standing Rules. A Community Associate who is a Local Section Affiliate shall be eligible for the privileges specified in the Local Section’s bylaws for Local Section Affiliates.

(4) A Community Associate shall not be a member of any Division and shall not be eligible for any of the privileges specified in the Division’s bylaws for members and/or Society Affiliates. A Community Associate may attend and participate in a Division’s open meetings and

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events and may become a Division Affiliate as described elsewhere in the Standing Rules. A Community Associate who is a Division Affiliate shall be eligible for the privileges specified in the Division's bylaws for Division Affiliates.

(5) A Community Associate shall not be a member of any International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

(6) A Community Associate shall have no vote in the national affairs of the SOCIETY and shall not be eligible for any elective office in the SOCIETY or any of its Local Sections or Divisions.

e. ~~Neither Society Affiliates, nor Corporation Associates, nor~~ affiliates of a Local Section or Division, and Community Associates shall not be or represent themselves as members of the SOCIETY.

f. ~~A Society Affiliate, Local Section Affiliate, Division Affiliate, or Corporation Associate, or~~ Community Associate may be ~~dropped~~ lose access to ACS affiliation and associated benefits for good and sufficient reasons.

Sec. 57.

Expulsion

a. Grounds for Expulsion. Members or Society Affiliates of the SOCIETY ~~shall be expelled from the SOCIETY for whose~~ conduct tends to injure the SOCIETY or to adversely affect its reputation, or that is contrary or destructive to its Purposes as described in the SOCIETY's Constitution, shall be dealt with in proportion to the severity of their conduct or actions, up to and including expulsion from the SOCIETY.

b. Initiation of Process. Any member(s) of the SOCIETY may begin the expulsion process by submitting to the Chair of the Committee on Membership Affairs, a written statement that specifies the charges against the member or Society Affiliate.

c. Due Process. Procedures for considering expulsions shall be developed by the Committee on Membership Affairs and approved by the Council. Such procedures shall provide for quick resolution, fairness, confidentiality, and due process, including an opportunity for a charged member or Society Affiliate to be heard. Any modifications to the approved procedures shall be approved by the Council.

d. Advisors. The charged member or Society Affiliate may be assisted by an advisor who may act on their behalf ~~of the member~~. Such advisor may be an attorney if the charged member or Society Affiliate provides the Chair of the Committee on Membership Affairs with written notice of the attorney's name and office address at least ten working days prior to any hearing. An attorney for the SOCIETY may be selected by the SOCIETY's General Counsel to be present and speak at any such hearing(s).

e. Confidentiality. All charges, evidence, correspondence, findings, and recommendations pertaining to any such expulsion matter shall be confidential. All expulsion proceedings and hearings shall be closed to the public.

f. Appeal. The charged member or Society Affiliate may appeal an adverse decision of the Committee on Membership Affairs to the Council Policy Committee, which shall consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting, or at an earlier meeting specially called for the purpose of considering the appeal. Decisions of the Council Policy Committee shall be final.

g. Dissemination of Outcome. Upon disposition of the charges, the Chair of the Committee on Membership Affairs shall be responsible for communicating the outcome to the charged member or Society Affiliate, the Society's Chief Executive Officer, the Chair of the Board of Directors, and the member(s) who submitted the statement of charges. In the event the Committee on Membership Affairs determines to expel the charged member or Society Affiliate, the Chair of the Committee on Membership Affairs shall also inform the chairs of the Local Section, and of any Division(s) to which the charged member or Society Affiliate belongs. In addition, the Chair of the Board also may inform any additional people who, in the Chair's discretion, have a need to know the decision.

h. Readmission. A ~~P~~persons whose membership or affiliation in the SOCIETY has been

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terminated by any SOCIETY action herein described, or by resignation after the statement of charges is received by the charged member or Society Affiliate, shall not be readmitted upon subsequent application unless such application is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee on Membership Affairs.

Sec. 68.

The Committee on Membership Affairs may conduct membership recruitment and retention market testing of SOCIETY memberships, services, and benefits, including special dues categories (such as provided in the Schedule of ~~Membership~~ **Dues and Benefits**), to provide data as the basis for recommendations to the Council. The number of individuals included in any test related to dues discounts shall not exceed a number equal to 10 percent of the total ~~membership~~ **number of members, Society Affiliates, and Community Associates**. Each test shall be limited to a three-year duration unless granted prior approval by the Council. All test results will be reported to the Council at least once a year.

STANDING RULE II

Council Executive Function

Section 1.

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b. The duties of the Council Policy Committee shall include the following, *inter alia*:

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(8) serve as an appeals board for any member or candidate dissatisfied with an admission-related action of the Committee on Membership Affairs; ~~and~~

(9) serve as the conduct committee for Council, with authority to address matters related to a Councilor or Alternate Councilor's conduct that is adverse to the interests of the SOCIETY and any unit thereof. This authority includes but is not limited to the ability to remove a Councilor or Alternate Councilor from their position upon a determination of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council Policy Committee that such action is warranted, provided that a Councilor or Alternate Councilor is sent electronic and written notice of the committee's intention and has an opportunity to be heard and seek reconsideration by the committee prior to such action taking effect; ~~and-~~

(10) serve as an election appeals board for elections of Councilors from Zones, establish regulations for conduct of election appeals, investigate allegations of improper election procedures, and if it determines violations have occurred, take such actions as it deems necessary up to and including, ordering new elections; submit charges of improper conduct when the committee has reason to believe that significant election procedure violations have occurred.

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d. The Council Policy Committee shall be **composed of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary, and 12 additional Councilors elected ~~members of the SOCIETY~~ to the committee.**

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Sec. 2.

Composition of Council

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d. Councilors Elected by Zones

(1) The number of Councilors authorized for each Zone for a four-year period beginning in a year divisible by four shall be determined from the number of paid members of the Zone who are ineligible to elect a Councilor by a Local Section (official count of December 31 of the second preceding year). Prior to May 1 of the first preceding year, the Council Policy Committee, in consultation with the Committee on International Activities, shall select a global divisor, x , such that Zones with up to x members shall have one Councilor, those with more than x members shall be determined by dividing the number of members as described above by x . The number

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of Councilors so determined shall be equal to the whole number of the quotient plus one for any fraction in the quotient equal to or greater than 0.550.

(2) The procedure for electing Councilors from Zones shall be established by the Committee on Nominations and Elections, the committee responsible for the Elections Function.

(3) The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall certify to the Chief Executive Officer not later than December 1 of each year, much earlier if possible, the names, addresses, and terms of the elected Councilors from each Zone for the ensuing year and shall name the individual or individuals to be disqualified if the Zone's representation is reduced as a result of the official determination of representation provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules.

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d-e. Disqualified Councilors

A Councilor disqualified during a term by reduction in a Local Section's, ~~or~~ Division's, or Zone's representation as a result of the official determination of representation provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules shall remain a voting Councilor until the expiration of that existing term.

e-f. Alternate Councilors

(1) The number of Alternate Councilors elected by each Local Section, ~~and~~ by each Division, and by each Zone shall equal the number of Councilors to which each is entitled.

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(2) The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall certify to the Chief Executive Officer not later than December 1 of each year the names, addresses, and terms of the elected Alternate Councilors from said Zone for the ensuing year.

Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

(54) In the event a Councilor elected by a Local Section or Division is unable to attend a Council meeting, the Local Section or Division shall select, in a manner to be determined by the Local Section or Division as described elsewhere in these Standing Rules, an individual from the list of Alternate Councilors furnished by the Local Section or Division, to attend the Council meeting. In the event a Councilor elected by a Zone is unable to attend a Council meeting, the Council Policy Committee shall select an Alternate Councilor elected by the Zone to attend the Council meeting. Alternate Councilors shall serve as the Councilor only at said Council meeting or recessed sessions thereof, with power to act on behalf of said Councilor. To gain admission to the Council meeting, said Alternate Councilor shall present a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Local Section or Division, or in case of a Zone, by the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections, certifying that said Alternate Councilor is to substitute for said absent Councilor.

Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

f-g. Temporary Substitute Councilors

If every Councilor and Alternate Councilor of a given Local Section or Division will be absent from a Council meeting, and thus leave the Local Section or Division without representation at such meeting, the Local Section or Division may designate one of its MEMBERS as a fully accredited Temporary Substitute Councilor, with power to vote, to represent the Local Section or-Division at that one Council meeting. In case of a Zone, the Council Policy Committee may designate a MEMBER of that Zone as a fully accredited Temporary Substitute Councilor, with power to vote, to represent the Zone at that one Council meeting. In such cases, the Chief Executive Officer must be notified at least fifteen days in advance of the Council meeting in order to assure certification of eligibility by the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

j. Term of office

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(1) The terms of office of ~~Local Section, and Division~~ Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be three years, except that a partial term of one or two years shall be used whenever necessary to establish or to restore rotation of three-year terms of Councilors and Alternate Councilors.

Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

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Sec. 4.

Society Committees

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a. Society Committees Reporting Only to the Council

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- (14) Committee on ~~Technician Affairs~~ Chemical Technical Professionals

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Sec. 7.

Dues

a. At its spring meeting, the Council may set the dues and benefits of membership packages for the succeeding year using procedures and policies (such as the Schedule of ~~Membership~~ Dues and Benefits) developed by the Committee on Membership Affairs and approved by the Council. The dues and benefits of ~~membership packages~~ as presented by the Committee on Membership Affairs in consultation with the Committee on Budget and Finance shall be voted on by Council without modification. Should the Council not act, the dues and benefits of ~~membership packages~~ shall default to the last approved version. The dues and benefits of ~~membership packages~~ so determined shall be announced to the membership by the Treasurer of the SOCIETY in the official organ of the SOCIETY six months before the effective date of each change.

b. In addition to the dues so determined, members and Society Affiliates residing outside the United States shall pay a surcharge to reflect additional mailing costs incurred by the SOCIETY in providing delivery of the official organ of the SOCIETY. The method of setting this surcharge shall be defined in SOCIETY Regulations. The surcharge shall not be subject to the dues discounts provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules and in the Schedule of ~~Membership~~ Dues and Benefits.

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STANDING RULE III

Committees Function

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Sec. 2.

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a. The Committee on Committees shall be composed of the President-Elect, ~~as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules,~~ and 15 ~~elect~~ additional ~~who must qualify as voting Councilors~~ elect to the committee.

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STANDING RULE IV

Elections Function

Section 1.

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b. The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be composed of 15 Councilors ~~is an elected~~ to the ~~committee of the Council,~~ as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules.

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Sec. 2.

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- i. Establish procedures for nomination and election of Councilors from Zones.
- j. Prepare a list of candidates for Council from each Zone.
- k. Certify to the Chief Executive Officer of the SOCIETY the election of Councilors from Zones for the ensuing year.

Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

Sec. 6.

Director-at-Large

a. Directors-at-Large shall be elected by the Council. They shall be elected in a manner to produce rotation.

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e. A vacancy in the office of Director-at-Large shall be filled as soon as practicable by a vote of the Council for the unexpired term; however, if the unexpired term is less than one year, the vacancy shall be filled by election for a period equal to the unexpired term plus a full term as specified in these Standing Rules. For purposes of determining eligibility for self-succession, this combined period of service shall be construed equivalent to a regular full term.

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Sec. 9.

Elected Committees

~~The elected committees, which includes the Council Policy Committee, Committee on Committees, and Committee on Nominations and Elections, shall be composed of 15 voting Councilors.~~

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Sec. 9.

Councilors Elected by Zones

a. On or before January 15, the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall send to the Chief Executive Officer the names of the MEMBERS of the SOCIETY selected as candidates for the position of Councilor to be filled. Each candidate must be a MEMBER of the SOCIETY and must be entitled to vote in the Zone electing the Councilor. When elected, each Councilor may serve a complete term despite changes in Zone or address.

b. Each member whose address lies within a defined Zone and is not a member of a Local Section shall be entitled to vote for Councilor(s) from said Zone.

c. A minimum of one percent of the members of the SOCIETY entitled to vote in the Zone electing a Councilor, not more than one-third (1/3) of whom are assigned to any one country, may nominate a candidate for Councilor by filing a petition with the Chief Executive Officer by July 15. Each member may nominate no more than one candidate for Councilor in a given election. A petition candidate must be entitled to vote in the Zone electing the Councilor for which the MEMBER is a candidate. The names of any petition candidates shall be included on the ballot along with the names of those selected by the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

d. On or before October 10, the Chief Executive Officer shall distribute to each member entitled to vote in the Zone electing a Councilor a ballot containing the names of all the candidates for Councilor from that Zone and construed as provided herein. Ballots shall be returned no later than four weeks after the ballots are distributed. Councilors elected by Zones shall begin their term on January 1 of the following year.

Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

Sec. 142.

Terms of Office

~~a. Each Local Section Councilor and Alternate Councilor and each Division Councilor and Alternate Councilor shall serve the term specified elsewhere in these Standing Rules, beginning on the~~

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first day of January following election, or until a successor shall have been chosen.

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Sec. 145.

Tie Vote

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d. Tie votes in the election of Councilors from Zones shall be resolved by a ballot of the Council.

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Sec. 178.

Fair Election Procedures

All elections and election campaigns for office in the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, ~~and~~ its Divisions, **and its International Chemical Sciences Chapters** shall be carried out according to the following:

a. No funds of the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, ~~or~~ its Divisions, **or its International Chemical Sciences Chapters** shall be used to support or to oppose the candidacy of an individual or group of individuals. No facilities, such as office space, equipment, or supplies; official letterhead; or mailing permit of the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, ~~or~~ its Divisions, **or its International Chemical Sciences Chapters** shall be used to support or oppose the candidacy of an individual or group of individuals, except as provided in this Section.

b. If space in a SOCIETY, Local Section, ~~or~~ Division, **or International Chemical Sciences Chapter** publication, other than a paid advertisement at commercial rates, be used to support or to oppose the candidacy of an individual, space must be made available simultaneously and equally to support or oppose the candidacy of every other candidate for the same office.

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d. If in a Local Section, ~~or~~ Division, **or International Chemical Sciences Chapter** election the Committee on Nominations and Elections finds a significant violation of the provisions in the Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules provisions regulating election procedures, for which the violation appears to benefit the winning candidate, the committee may declare the election void and order a new election to fill the vacancy. Opportunity shall be provided for a candidate whose election is challenged, and the challenger(s), to state their views and convey such comments to the committee. Opportunity shall be provided for full discussion by all candidates before the committee, or a decision may be rendered by balloting if that course of action is preferred by all candidates involved. A positive vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire committee shall be required to declare an election void. No candidate in the disputed election shall vote in the committee on this decision. The SOCIETY shall hear no further appeal from this decision.

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g. Any vacancy in the position of Councilor or Alternate Councilor elected from Zones shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in one of the following manners: (1) in a predetermined order of succession as provided by the Committee on Nominations and Elections from among Alternate Councilors and/or unsuccessful candidates for these positions, (2) by means of a special election, or (3) at the time of the next annual election. If the third option is used and the unexpired term is more than one year, the vacancy may be filled until the next annual election by vote by the members in the Zone affected as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs; however, if the unexpired term is one year or less, the vacancy shall be filled for the period of the unexpired term plus a full term by vote of the members in the Zone affected as specified in these Standing Rules.

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STANDING RULE VI

Meetings Function

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Sec. 5.

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j. ~~Absent cause, n~~No member may be deliberately excluded from any open meeting of the SOCIETY or its subunits.

STANDING RULE VII

Units (Local Sections, Divisions, International Chemical Sciences Chapters) Function

Section 1.

Local Sections Function

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q. A Local Section may **incorporate** under the laws of the appropriate state or commonwealth. Proposed Articles of Incorporation or proposed amendments to Articles of Incorporation shall first be submitted by the executive committee or equivalent of the Local Section to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws through the Chief Executive Officer for determination that the proposals are not inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, or the Schedule of ~~Membership~~ **Dues and Benefits** of the SOCIETY. Upon such finding, the Local Section may present the proposals to its membership for adoption and may incorporate or amend if they are adopted. The Articles of Incorporation or amendments thereto shall then be submitted to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, which committee, acting for the Council of the SOCIETY, may confer final approval, whereupon said articles or amendments shall become part of the bylaws of the Local Section.

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Sec. 2.

Divisions Function

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c. Formation of a Division

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(6) The Division may revise or amend the bylaws approved as mentioned above and elsewhere in these Standing Rules. Revisions or amendments to Division bylaws shall be submitted to the Council of the SOCIETY through the Chief Executive Officer for review. These revisions or amendments shall not become effective before approval by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council. No provision of Division bylaws shall be valid that are inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, or the Schedule of ~~Membership~~ **Dues and Benefits** of the SOCIETY.

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Sec. 3.

International Chemical Sciences Chapters Function

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b. ~~The duties of the Committee on International Activities shall include the following, *inter alia*:~~
(1) ~~study ongoing initiative and inform the SOCIETY entities on effective practices and projects related to international activities;~~
(2) ~~proactively advise and make recommendations to the Board on the science and engineering policies that transcend national boundaries;~~
(3) ~~ensure implementation of Board policies and activities pertaining to global strategies;~~
(4) ~~catalyze, support, and maintain liaisons and collaborations between national and international science and engineering organizations in concert with other efforts within the SOCIETY's structure;~~
(5) ~~enable the SOCIETY to advocate for scientific freedom and human rights as they relate to practitioners of chemical and related sciences;~~

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~~(6) identify ways in which the SOCIETY can raise the profile of, and meaningfully and appropriately be more welcoming to, the global community of chemical scientists and engineers; and~~

~~(7) be a resource for proactively advocating, catalyzing, initiating, and implementing international activities for the SOCIETY, including conferences and initiatives pertaining to education and research and development of broad scientific understanding, appreciation of chemistry, and promotion of the image of chemistry, in collaboration with other national and international organizations.~~

~~e.~~ The SOCIETY may authorize **formation of International Chemical Sciences Chapters**. The Committee on International Activities, or another designated responsible committee, shall act for the Board of Directors and the Council in monitoring the activities of each International Chapter and in implementing SOCIETY policy regarding such International Chapters. Monitoring duties shall include compiling a general summary of these activities in its committee reports to the Board of Directors and the Council, and making recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the formation or dissolution of an International Chapter. The responsible committee shall review each International Chapter every five years and shall advise the Board of Directors whether it should be continued.

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(2) A new International Chapter shall operate under **charter bylaws** prepared by the Council of the SOCIETY until such time as the Chapter desires to revise or amend them. All International Chapter bylaws shall be in English. Revisions or amendments of International Chapter bylaws shall be submitted to the Council through the Chief Executive Officer for review. These revisions or amendments shall not become effective before approval by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, acting for the Council. No provisions of International Chapter bylaws shall be valid that are inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, or the Schedule of Membership Dues and Benefits of the SOCIETY. A copy of the International Chapter's bylaws shall be filed with the Chief Executive Officer.

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j. International Chapters shall provide one or more names to the Committee on Nominations and Elections for the nomination of Councilors from their Zones.

k. Bylaws of each International Chapter shall provide that, upon the **dissolution** of the Chapter, any assets of the Chapter remaining thereafter shall be conveyed to such organization then existent, within or without the territory of the Chapter, as is dedicated to the perpetuation of Purposes similar to those of the SOCIETY, or to the SOCIETY, so long as whichever organization is selected by the governing body of the International Chapter at the time of dissolution shall be exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended or under such successor provision of the Code as may be in effect at the time of the Chapter's dissolution.

STANDING RULE VIII

Duties of Committees

Section 1.

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a. Duties of Committees that Report Only to the Council

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(14) Committee on ~~Technician Affairs~~ **Chemical Technical Professionals**

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b. Duties of Committees that Report to both the Council and the Board of Directors

(1) Committee on Budget and Finance

The duties of this committee shall include the following, *inter alia*:

(a) serve as the committee responsible for ~~finances~~ **financial oversight of the SOCIETY**, as described in the Bylaws **elsewhere in the Standing Rules**;

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(b) act for the Board of Directors to ~~implement financial policies and other broad financial actions within established budgets, and undertake specific action delegated to the Committee as delineated in the Regulations of the Board of Directors;~~

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(e) receive and review requests for funding of new and unbudgeted items, recommend approval or disapproval of the requests, and suggest and identify sources of funds if the request is to be approved; **and**

(f) monitor the rate of all expenditures in order to identify any emerging problems;

~~(g) study all activities supported by the budget and recommend to the Board of Directors and the Council, as appropriate, an order of priorities, including termination of programs, based upon determination of costs and effectiveness; and~~

~~(h) report to the Council the amount of the allocation from dues revenue to the official organ of the SOCIETY.~~

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(8) ~~Committee on International Activities (the duties are listed elsewhere)~~

The duties of this committee, as described elsewhere in the Standing Rules, shall also include the following, *inter alia*:

(a) study ongoing initiatives and inform the SOCIETY entities on effective practices and projects related to international activities;

(b) proactively advise and make recommendations to the Board on the science and engineering policies that transcend national boundaries;

(c) ensure implementation of Board policies and activities pertaining to global strategies;

(d) catalyze, support, and maintain liaisons and collaborations between national and international science and engineering organizations in concert with other efforts within the SOCIETY's structure;

(e) enable the SOCIETY to advocate for scientific freedom and human rights as they relate to practitioners of chemical and related sciences;

(f) identify ways in which the SOCIETY can raise the profile of, and meaningfully and appropriately be more welcoming to, the global community of chemical scientists and engineers;

(g) be a resource for proactively advocating, catalyzing, initiating, and implementing international activities for the SOCIETY, including conferences and initiatives pertaining to education and research and development of broad scientific understanding, appreciation of chemistry, and promotion of the image of chemistry, in collaboration with other national and international organizations;

(h) take such actions as necessary if any International Chemical Sciences Chapter (hereinafter referred to as International Chapter) has an inactive Executive Committee such as to appoint an interim Executive Committee or facilitate the International Chapter's elections;

(i) act for the Council in establishing the territory of each Zone;

(j) review annually the distribution of member population within each Zone as defined by the official count of December 31 of the preceding year; and

(k) determine the number of Zones, not to exceed six (6), for a four-year period beginning in a year divisible by four prior to March 1 of the first preceding year, with the approval of the Council Policy Committee.

SCHEDULE OF DUES AND BENEFITS CHANGES

The following changes were approved by Council March 20, 2024, and confirmed by the Board of Directors May 31, 2024:

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2025 SCHEDULE OF ~~MEMBERSHIP DUES AND BENEFITS~~

I. DUES AND BENEFITS PACKAGES PROCESS

1. The American Chemical Society ~~SOCIETY~~ strives to meet the challenge of **provide** continued and sustainable growth in membership ~~its Membership Community~~ through regular assessments of ~~its dues categories~~ and benefits packages **for members, Society Affiliates, and Community Associates as defined in the Standing Rules**. ~~To make membership in the SOCIETY a valued experience for its members,~~ **These** dues categories and benefits packages will be established **and updated** based on the professional and personal benefits they provide to ~~members~~ **individuals** at different stages in their careers and as their roles in the global chemistry enterprise evolve.

2. **Annually, the** ~~The~~ Committee on Membership Affairs shall assess ~~member~~ benefits **annually**, propose dues commensurate with ~~those~~ **the** benefits packages, and submit its recommendations to the Committee on Budget and Finance, which shall conduct an analysis of the proposed dues and benefits packages to determine the financial impact on the SOCIETY. The recommendation for dues and ~~membership~~ benefits and a statement of financial impact by the Committee on Budget and Finance shall be submitted by the Committee on Membership Affairs to Council for action at its spring meeting.

3. Dues ~~for each category~~ will be based on the fair-market value of each benefits package as outlined below. Changes in the base dues rate **from one year to the next** may not exceed \$10 or 10 percent, whichever amount is greater.

4. Should the Council not act to replace the proposed dues and benefits packages as submitted, the dues and benefits of ~~membership~~ shall default to the last approved version.

5. **This Schedule is not applicable to Corporation Associates.**

II. BASE DUES

The base dues rate shall be \$160.

III. BENEFITS PACKAGES

~~The American Chemical Society offers multiple benefits packages for its members, affiliates, and associates. As assigned in this Schedule of Membership, eligibility for receiving these packages varies across membership types. The offered packages are as follows.~~

1. Premium Package

The Premium Package contains the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY.

2. Standard Package

~~a.~~ The Standard Package contains the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY except that it does not provide:

a. ~~(1)~~ Any ACS Publications or author benefits including but not limited to universal publications accesses and reduced subscription rates as approved by the Board of Directors.

b. ~~(2)~~ Any Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) benefits including but not limited to complimentary search activities.

c. ~~(3)~~ Discounted registration rates for ACS meetings, workshops, **LinkedIn Learning access**, and continuing education courses ~~where allowable~~.

d. ~~(4)~~ Access to the ACS webinar recording library.

e. ~~b.~~ ~~The Standard Package contains digital a~~ Access to the **print edition of the** official organ of the SOCIETY; **however, digital access is available**. ~~It does not provide access to the print edition.~~

3. Basic Package

The Basic Package shall include only the privileges and benefits described below:

a. Receipt of SOCIETY newsletters.

b. Receipt of weekly, abbreviated digital digests of the official organ of the SOCIETY.

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- c. ~~Five additional~~ downloadable articles per month from the official organ of the SOCIETY beyond the number permitted for non-members of the SOCIETY.
- d. Access to ACS Link.
- e. Access to discounts on personal services offered by external SOCIETY partners, except for discounts to the group insurance rates in the ACS Member Insurance Program.

IV. DUES CATEGORIES-RATES

1. ~~Regular Members~~-MEMBERS

a. ~~Regular Members may~~ The dues for a MEMBER selecting the Premium Package, shall be the base dues rate for Regular Members with the Premium Package shall be the base dues rate, unless the MEMBER opts to use any of the following applicable statuses:

(1) Retired. A MEMBER who has either (1) accumulated at least twenty-five years of paid membership prior to January 1, 1986, and is retired from full-time professional employment or (2) has accumulated at least thirty years of paid membership and is retired from full-time professional employment shall, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, be entitled to receive the Premium Package at a discount of one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate for each year beginning on the MEMBER's anniversary date, and shall receive the official organ of the SOCIETY upon annual request.

(2) Emeritus. A MEMBER who has accumulated at least thirty-five years of paid membership and who is retired from full-time professional employment shall, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, be entitled to receive the Premium Package and pay no membership dues, may receive upon annual request the official organ of the SOCIETY, and shall have all the privileges of membership that were held at the time of certification to emeritus status.

(3) Graduate Student. A MEMBER who is a graduate student majoring in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education at an appropriately accredited educational institution shall be entitled to the Premium Package at a rate of eleven thirty-seconds (11/32) of the base dues rate with digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY so long as the individual is engaged in full-time graduate work. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. "Full-time" represents any combination of course work, research work, and teaching that the institution considers a full-time load.

b. ~~Regular Members may~~ The dues for a MEMBER selecting the Standard Package. The dues rate for Regular Members with the Standard Package shall be one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate.

c. ~~Regular Members are~~ A MEMBER who selects the Premium or Standard Package is eligible for those discounts and waivers as outlined elsewhere in the this Schedule of Membership Dues and Benefits.

2. ~~Graduate Student Members~~

a. ~~A member who is a graduate student majoring in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education at an appropriately accredited educational institution, shall be entitled to the Premium Package at a rate of eleven thirty seconds (11/32) of the base membership dues so long as the student is doing full-time graduate work. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. "Full time" is to represent any combination of course work, research work, and teaching that the institution considers a full-time load.~~

b. ~~Graduate Student Members shall receive digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. They are not entitled to receive the print edition.~~

c. ~~Graduate Student Members are eligible for those discounts as outlined elsewhere in the Schedule of Membership.~~

2. ~~3.~~ STUDENT Student MEMBERS Members

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a. ~~Undergraduate students may become STUDENT MEMBERS of the SOCIETY in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents. They shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except that of holding an elective position of the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, or its Divisions, and the privilege of serving as a Temporary Substitute Councilor; however, if the bylaws of the Local Section or Division so permit, a STUDENT MEMBER may hold an elective position of the Local Section or Division, other than Councilor or Alternate Councilor.~~

e. A STUDENT MEMBER, upon affirmation to the Chief Executive Officer of qualification for such status, shall be entitled to receive the **Premium Package** at a rate of five thirty-seconds (5/32) of the base ~~membership dues~~ rate. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.

b. A STUDENT MEMBERS shall receive digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. ~~They are~~ but is not entitled to receive the print edition.

c. A STUDENT MEMBERS ~~are~~ is eligible for those discounts and waivers as outlined elsewhere in the this Schedule of Membership Dues and Benefits.

3. ~~4.~~ Society Affiliates

a. A Society Affiliate, an individual who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY, in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents, may select the **Premium Package** at the base dues rate or the **Standard Package** at one half (1/2) the base dues rate, and shall retain affiliate status only so long as payment is made of Society Affiliates ~~such~~ dues.

b. ~~Society Affiliates shall have no vote in the national affairs of the SOCIETY and shall not be eligible for any elective office in the SOCIETY.~~

b. A Society Affiliates ~~are~~ is eligible for those discounts and waivers as outlined elsewhere in the this Schedule of Membership Dues and Benefits.

4. ~~5.~~ Community Associates

a. ~~Community Associates shares common connections to the SOCIETY such as participating in webinars, subscribing to, publishing in, or reviewing manuscripts for ACS journals, or participating in other SOCIETY sponsored programs, events, or services.~~

b. ~~Community Associate are not required to pay annual dues to maintain status with the SOCIETY. The length of the Community Associate term is twelve months.~~

a. A Community Associates shall only have access to the **Basic Package** and the its benefits provided therein.

b. A Community Associate may not concurrently benefit ~~from any of the other Dues Categories defined~~ receive other benefits described elsewhere in the this Schedule of Membership Dues and Benefits.

c. A Community Associates shall not be eligible for any of the discounts ~~and/or waivers specified in the ACS Governing Documents or~~ described elsewhere in the this Schedule of Membership Dues and Benefits.

f. ~~Community Associates shall not be a member of any Division and shall not be eligible for any of the privileges specified in the Division's bylaws for members and/or Society Affiliates. A Community Associate may attend and participate in a Division's open meetings and events and may become a Division Affiliate as described elsewhere in the ACS Governing Documents. A Community Associate who is a Division Affiliate shall be eligible for the privileges specified in the Division's bylaws for Division Affiliates.~~

g. ~~Community Associates shall not be assigned to a Local Section. A Community Associate shall not be a member of any Local Section and shall not be eligible for any of the privileges that are specified in a Local Section's bylaws for members and/or Society Affiliates. A Community Associate may attend and participate in a Local Section's open meetings and events and may become a Local Section Affiliate as described elsewhere in the ACS Governing Documents. A Community Associate who is a Local Section Affiliate shall be eligible for the privileges specified in the Local Section's bylaws for Local Section Affiliates.~~

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~~h. Community Associates shall not be a member of any International Chemical Sciences Chapter.~~

~~i. Community Associates shall have no vote in the national affairs of the SOCIETY and shall not be eligible for any elective office in the SOCIETY or any of its Local Sections or Divisions.~~

~~j. Unless specified above, Community Associates shall not have access to other benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members and/or Society Affiliates.~~

~~6. Retired Members~~

~~a. A member who has accumulated at least thirty years of paid membership and is retired from full-time professional employment shall, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, be entitled to receive the **Premium Package** at a discount of one half (1/2) of the base membership dues for each year beginning on the member's anniversary date, and shall receive the official organ of the SOCIETY upon annual request.~~

~~b. All members who, prior to January 1, 1986, had accumulated at least twenty five years of paid membership shall be entitled to this privilege upon retirement from full-time professional employment.~~

~~7. Emeritus Members~~

~~a. A member of the SOCIETY who has accumulated at least thirty five years of paid membership, and who is retired from full-time professional employment, is eligible for emeritus status and upon request shall be given such status upon certification by the Chief Executive Officer. Such a member shall receive the **Premium Package** and pay no membership dues, may receive upon annual request the official organ of the SOCIETY, and shall have all the privileges of membership that were held at the time of certification to emeritus status.~~

~~V. MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS, AND VARIATIONS AND WAIVERS~~

~~1. **Multi-year Benefits Membership Packages.** Regular Members, Graduate Student Members, STUDENT MEMBERS, A member or Society Affiliates, or ~~Retired Members~~ not requesting any of the discounts provided elsewhere in this Schedule of **Membership Dues and Benefits** may elect a dues period of one year, two years, or three years. The dues rate for two-year or three-year periods shall be two times or three times, respectively, the full annual dues rate established for the first year of the period.~~

~~2. **Emerging Economy Discount.** A member or Society Affiliate residing in a country with an emerging economy (as defined by the World Bank) is eligible for an annual dues discount. This discount is based on the World Bank country classification and reviewed annually: 50% dues reduction for members or Society Affiliates in upper-middle income countries, 66% dues reduction for members or Society Affiliates in lower-middle income countries, and 75% dues reduction for members or Society Affiliates in low-income countries. This discount will be applied automatically based on the address of the member and may be continued indefinitely as long as the individual continues to reside in a country with an emerging economy, and the relevant World Bank country classification does not change.~~

~~3. **New Graduate Discount.** An individual person graduating with an associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctoral degree in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education from an appropriately accredited educational institution, or one acceptable to the Committee on Membership Affairs, may apply for ~~Regular Member~~ classification from ~~STUDENT MEMBER~~ or ~~Graduate Student Member~~, and receive a half-year waiver of membership ~~the base~~ dues **rate for the Premium Package**, to begin at any time up to one year from the date of graduation.~~

~~4. **National Service Discount.** A ~~Regular Member, Graduate Student Member, STUDENT MEMBER,~~ member or Society Affiliate, or ~~Retired Member~~ who is serving actively in the Armed Forces of the United States of America or in another area of national service on temporary full-time duty of not less than one year nor more than four years may, upon request to the Chief Executive~~

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Officer with affirmation of such status, be entitled to a discount of one-half (1/2) of the ~~membership base~~ dues rate for each year of such service beginning on the ~~member's~~ individual's anniversary date.

5. **Family Care Provider Discount.** After at least one year of paid ~~membership dues~~, a ~~Regular Member, Graduate Student Member, STUDENT MEMBER,~~ member or Society Affiliate who has elected to discontinue full-time professional employment or full-time course work because of long-term obligations as a family-care provider, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, shall be entitled to a discount of one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate assessed ~~for the member or Society Affiliate dues category they had~~ at the time of the request. Such discount shall commence on the individual's anniversary date and may be continued for up to an additional two years so long as this status is affirmed annually. This provision may be invoked again only after a period of full-time professional employment or full-time course work.

6. **Disabled–Disability Waiver–waiver.** A ~~Regular Member, Graduate Student Member, STUDENT MEMBER,~~ member or Society Affiliate, ~~or Retired Member~~ who has a long-term disability may be granted a dues waiver. To be eligible for this waiver, the ~~member~~ individual must have paid dues for at least one year and furnish proof of the disability. The request for a waiver shall be made to the Chief Executive Officer annually upon receipt of the dues statement. The Committee on Membership Affairs, acting for the Council, shall resolve any ~~member's~~ appeal from adverse action on such a disability waiver request.

7. **Unemployed Waiver.** After at least one year of paid ~~membership dues~~, a ~~Regular Member~~ member or Society Affiliate who is unemployed and is seeking full-time professional employment, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, shall be entitled to an annual waiver of the base dues ~~from the member or Society Affiliate dues category they held~~ rate assessed at the time of the request. Such annual waiver shall commence on the ~~member's or Society Affiliate's~~ individual's anniversary date and may be renewed each year for a total not to exceed three years so long as this status is reaffirmed each year. This provision may be invoked again only after a period of full-time professional employment.

VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEDULE OF ~~MEMBERSHIP DUES AND BENEFITS~~

1. Except for dues that are set by Council, in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of the SOCIETY, 10 members or five voting Councilors may submit proposed amendment(s) to this Schedule of ~~Membership Dues and Benefits~~ to the Committee on Membership Affairs by written petition, at least five weeks prior to the committee's next official meeting. The Committee on Membership Affairs shall consider the proposed amendment(s) at an official meeting and may approve the amendment(s) by a majority affirmative vote, with concurrence by the Committee on Budget and Finance. After the meeting, the committee shall include the amendment(s) in the next release of the Schedule of ~~Membership Dues and Benefits~~.

2. If the proposed amendment(s) are not approved by the Committee on Membership Affairs, the decision may be appealed to the Council Policy Committee by written petition of 25 voting Councilors at least eight weeks prior to the next Council meeting. The Council Policy Committee shall consider the proposed amendment(s) at an official meeting and may approve by a majority affirmative vote. If approved, after the meeting, the Council Policy Committee will mandate that the Committee on Membership Affairs include the amendment(s) in the next release of the Schedule of ~~Membership Dues and Benefits~~.

3. If the Council Policy Committee does not approve the proposed amendment(s), an appeal may be brought to the Council floor for action if at least three-tenths (3/10) of voting Councilors agree to its consideration. The Council shall consider the proposed amendment(s) at an official meeting and may approve by a majority affirmative vote. If approved, after the meeting, the Council will mandate that the Committee on Membership Affairs include the amendment(s) in the next release of the Schedule of ~~Membership Dues and Benefits~~.

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REGULATION CHANGES

The Board of Directors approved the following changes to the Regulations:

The following changes are effective August 17, 2024:

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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14. *Governing Board for Publishing.*

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d. *Operation of the Governing Board for Publishing.* The Governing Board for Publishing shall meet at least ~~four~~ **three** times a year, and is authorized to use committees or subcommittees in carrying out its responsibilities, and to adopt rules consistent with these Regulations and the Purposes of the SOCIETY. The Governing Board for Publishing shall be responsible for advising the Chief Executive Officer on the appointment of the President of CAS and the President of the Publications Division, for reviewing the performance of and establishing compensation for CAS and Publications Division senior executive employees, except for the President of CAS and the President of the Publications Division, and for reporting such personnel actions to the Board. The Governing Board shall review and approve the CAS and Publications Division mission statements, statements on principles of operation and long-range planning documents, and transmit these documents or summaries of them to the Board for information or for review. The Governing Board for Publishing shall report to Council annually.

The following changes are effective December 6, 2024:

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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3. *Travel, Expenses, and Reimbursement of Directors.*

a. As a nonprofit organization, stewardship of SOCIETY resources is essential. Travel and expense practices for all SOCIETY officers and directors shall comply with policies applicable to ACS staff generally. The Secretary shall enforce these policies, but the Secretary's determinations may be appealed to the Chair of the Board. It is the policy of the Board that all ~~foreign~~ travel by any member of the Board shall meaningfully support the strategic objectives and global interests of the Board.

b. Each Director of the SOCIETY, whose ~~domestic~~ travel in the performance of official SOCIETY duties is authorized by the Chair pursuant to policies approved by the Board, and who is not a member of the Presidential Succession, shall be reimbursed by the Board for necessary, reasonable, and actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred. Board members not in the Presidential Succession contemplating ~~foreign~~ travel as part of their Board duties must obtain advance approval for the planned expenditure from the Chair of the Board.

c. Each year, one or more travel coordination meetings ("Officers' Summits") will be held with the Chief Executive Officer, Secretary, Chair of the Board and the Presidential Succession to review and coordinate their foreign travel and events and to authorize the SOCIETY's representation at those events. If the participants at the Officers' Summits cannot reach agreement, or if opportunities arise not contemplated at the Officers' Summits, the Chair of the Board shall determine whether ~~foreign~~ travel is authorized and, if so, who will be the SOCIETY's representative at the events. No reimbursement shall be issued for expenses associated with unauthorized travel.

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VII. MISCELLANEOUS

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5. *Contributions.* As a matter of policy, the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY does not contribute SOCIETY funds to health, welfare, civic organizations or other organizations that do not directly help advance the Society’s ~~Objects~~ Purposes, specifically, or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (“STEM”), generally. Within the limits of his or her Initiative Fund, the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to make modest contributions (up to \$10,000) to organizations and initiatives in furtherance of those ~~objects~~ Purposes, or of advancing STEM. Contributions to these organizations and initiatives from the Chief Executive Officer that exceed \$10,000 require approval of the Board.
