

**ACS Governing Documents (ACSGovDocs) as of January 1, 2022**  
**Summary of Changes in 2021**

The ACS Governing Documents (ACSGovDocs) at [www.acs.org/govdocs](http://www.acs.org/govdocs) were updated and are effective as of January 1, 2022. Additions are underlined and deletions are crossed out. Contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) at [bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org) if you have any questions.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES**

Extensive changes that were made to the following Standing Rules (per the Petition to Harmonize Committee Structure, Processes, and Terms) were confirmed by the Board of Directions March 26, 2021, as approved by Council March 24, 2021. These changes are effective as of March 26, 2021.

- Standing Rule I, Sec. 1
- Standing Rule II, Sec. 1, 2, 3, 5
- Standing Rule III, Sec. 1, 2, 3
- Standing Rule IV, Sec. 1
- Standing Rule V, Sec. 2
- Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- Standing Rule IX, Sec. 4

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Local Section Activities) are effective March 26, 2021, were approved March 24, 2021 by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors March 26, 2021.

- Standing Rule VII, Sec. 1, b

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Minority Affairs) are effective August 28, 2021, were approved August 25, 2021 by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors August 28, 2021.

- Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, b, (9)

The following changes to the Schedule of Membership, effective March 26, 2021, were approved March 24, 2021 by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors March 26, 2021.

- 2022 Schedule of Membership I, Sec. 2, 3
- 2022 Schedule of Membership II
- 2022 Schedule of Membership III, Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
- 2022 Schedule of Membership IV, Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
- 2022 Schedule of Membership V, Sec. 1, 2, 3

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.

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### DETAILS OF CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES

#### STANDING RULE I

##### Membership Function

###### Section 1.

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c. The Committee on Membership Affairs is a ~~Standing~~ Society Committee of the Council, as described elsewhere in these Standing Rules.

#### STANDING RULE II

##### Council Executive Function

###### Section 1.

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h. ~~The Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections, the Chair of the Committee on Committees, the Chair of each Standing Committee of the Council, and the Chairs of~~ the following ~~each Society Committees~~ shall have all the privileges of membership on the Council Policy Committee except that of voting: Budget and Finance, Committees, Constitution and Bylaws, Divisional Activities, Economic and Professional Affairs, Education, Local Section Activities, Meetings and Expositions, Membership Affairs, and Nominations and Elections.

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###### Sec. 2.

##### Composition of Council

a. The President and the Secretary of the SOCIETY shall be the President and the Secretary, respectively, of the Council, and the President shall serve as the presiding officer of the Council. There shall be Society Committees as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules, ~~to aid both the Council and the Board of Directors, in the performance of their functions.~~ Society Committees shall report to the Council or the Council and the Board of Directors. ~~Society Committees shall be composed of voting Councilors, including Directors, and may, when deemed appropriate, include other members of the SOCIETY, as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules.~~

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###### Sec. ~~3~~4

##### Meetings of the Council

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###### Sec. 4.

##### Society Committees of the Council

~~The Council~~ SOCIETY shall have the following committees (hereinafter referred to as “Society Committees”) with the duties as described below and elsewhere in these Standing Rules:

###### a. Society Committees Reporting Only to the Council

- (1) Committee on Analytical Reagents
- (2) Committee on Committees (elected)
- (3) Committee on Constitution and Bylaws
- (4) Committee on Divisional Activities
- (5) Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs
- (6) Committee on Ethics
- (7) Committee on Local Section Activities
- (8) Committee on Meetings and Expositions
- (9) Committee on Membership Affairs
- (10) Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols

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- (11) Committee on Nominations and Elections (elected)
- (12) Council Policy Committee (elected)
- (13) Committee on Project SEED
- (14) Committee on Technician Affairs

**b. Society Committees Reporting to the Council and the Board of Directors**

- (1) Committee on Budget and Finance
- (2) Committee on Chemical Safety
- (3) Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs
- (4) Committee on Chemists with Disabilities
- (5) Committee on Community Activities
- (6) Committee on Education
- (7) Committee on Environmental Improvement
- (8) Committee on International Activities
- (9) Committee on Minority Affairs
- (10) Committee on Patents and Related Matters
- (11) Committee on Professional Training
- (12) Committee on Public Relations and Communications
- (13) Committee on Publications
- (14) Committee on Science
- (15) Committee on Senior Chemists
- (16) Committee on Women Chemists
- (17) Committee on Younger Chemists

**a-c. Elected Society Committees of the Council that are elected**

- (1) The Council shall elect the following committees as described below and elsewhere in these Standing Rules:
  - (a) Council Policy Committee
  - (b) Committee on Nominations and Elections
  - (c) Committee on Committees.
- (2)
  - (a) ~~For the Council Policy Committee,~~ **The** President shall serve as Chair **of the Council Policy Committee** and the Secretary of the SOCIETY shall serve as Secretary ex officio.
  - (b) The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall elect its Chair **and Secretary** from its own membership.
  - (c) The Committee on Committees shall elect its Chair **and Secretary** from among its own membership. The President-Elect shall serve as a member ex officio.

~~b. Standing Committees of the Council~~

- (1)
  - (a) ~~Committee on Membership Affairs~~
  - (b) ~~Committee on Meetings and Expositions~~
  - (c) ~~Committee on Divisional Activities~~
  - (d) ~~Committee on Local Section Activities~~
  - (e) ~~Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs~~
  - (f) ~~Committee on Constitution and Bylaws~~

(2)

- (a) ~~The Council shall provide for such Standing Committees, composed wholly of voting Councilors, as it deems necessary to explore all matters in which the Council has an interest.~~
- (b) ~~Each Standing Committee of the Council shall be responsible to the Council, shall report to the Council Policy Committee and the Council at each meeting of such bodies, and shall submit a comprehensive summary or full report of its activities to be made a part of the official record.~~

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~~(c) The Chair of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the President, with the advice of the Committee on Committees, for one calendar year, each individual being limited to three successive one year terms as Chair of the same Committee.~~

~~(d) Each Standing Committee annually shall elect one of its members to serve as Secretary.~~

~~(e) A member of a Standing Committee shall serve two calendar years and shall be permitted only three successive two year terms on the same committee.~~

~~(f) The President, with the advice of the Committee on Committees, shall appoint voting Councilors to the various Standing Committees and fill vacancies in such a manner as to produce rotation.~~

~~(g) Each Standing Committee shall consist of not fewer than twelve and not more than twenty members, except on special authorization of the Council.~~

~~(h) The Chair and other members of each Standing Committee must be qualified voting Councilors when appointed. If any member of a Standing Committee becomes disqualified, that member shall be dropped and a vacancy declared, except that the President may postpone until the end of the calendar year dropping from the Committee a Councilor so disqualified and the simultaneous declaration of a vacancy if such postponement will significantly benefit the operations of the Committee.~~

### ~~c. Other Committees of the Council~~

~~(1)~~

~~(a) Committee on Analytical Reagents~~

~~(b) Committee on Ethics~~

~~(c) Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols~~

~~(d) Committee on Project SEED~~

~~(e) Committee on Technician Affairs~~

~~(2)~~

~~(a) The Council may provide for Other Committees, **members of which need not be Councilors**, to consider and report upon SOCIETY matters within the Council's jurisdiction. Other Committees of the Council, responsible to that body, may be established by the Council or the Council Policy Committee. These committees may serve any purposes that the Council or the Council Policy Committee determine to be appropriate. The Committee on Committees shall review each committee not less often than every five years and shall advise the Council whether it should be continued.~~

~~(b) Each Other Committee shall report to the Council Policy Committee and to the Council at least once a year. A written report of each Other Committee's activities shall be made a part of the official record.~~

~~(c) The Chair of each Other Committee shall be appointed by the President, with the advice of the Committee on Committees, for one calendar year, each individual being limited to three successive one year terms as Chair of a given Committee. However, the President may waive this three term limit in specific instances. A Chair shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed.~~

~~(d) Other Committees may have any composition of membership and size that the Council or the Council Policy Committee determines would be most effective in accomplishing the desired results. Appointments to Other Committees shall be for three year terms, arranged so as to provide rotation. The President, with the advice of the Committee on Committees, shall appoint the members of each Other Committee.~~

~~(e) A Committee member shall be permitted only three consecutive three year terms on a given Other Committee. However, the President may waive this rule in specific instances.~~

### ~~d. Society Committees~~

~~(1)~~

~~(a) Committee on Budget and Finance~~

~~(b) Committee on Education~~

~~(2)~~

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~~(a) There shall be Society Committees as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules to aid both the Council and the Board of Directors in the performance of their functions. Society Committees shall be composed of voting Councilors, including Directors, and may, when deemed appropriate, include other members of the Society, as provided in the Bylaws.~~

~~(b) Each Society Committee shall be responsible to the Board of Directors on all matters relating to fiscal affairs, and to both the Board and the Council on all other matters. Each Society Committee shall report to the Council Policy Committee, to the Council, and to the Board of Directors at each meeting of such bodies. In addition, each Society Committee shall report upon request to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors when the Executive Committee wishes to act for the Board between Board meetings. A written report of each Society Committee's activities shall be made a part of the printed record.~~

~~(c) The Chair of each Society Committee shall be appointed jointly by the President and the Chair of the Board, with the advice of the Committee on Committees, for one calendar year, each individual being limited to three successive one-year terms as Chair of the same Committee. However, a Chair shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed.~~

~~(d) Each Society Committee annually shall elect one of its members to serve as Vice Chair.~~

~~(e) A member of a Society Committee shall serve a term of three calendar years, and shall be permitted only three successive three year terms on the same Society Committee. A member of a Society Committee may also be a member of another committee with related responsibilities.~~

~~(f) Appointment to Society Committees shall be arranged so as to provide rotation. With the advice of the Committee on Committees, each year one member shall be appointed by the President, one member shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Directors, and any other vacancies shall be filled by joint appointments.~~

~~(g) Each Society Committee shall consist of not fewer than twelve and not more than twenty members.~~

~~(h) Appointees shall be selected such that a majority of the members are qualified voting Councilors.~~

### **e. Joint Board Council Committees**

~~These committees and their duties are listed elsewhere in these Standing Rules.~~

~~(1) Other Joint Board Council Committees, responsible to both bodies, may be established by joint resolution of the Council and the Board of Directors. These committees may serve any purposes that the establishing bodies determine to be appropriate; the responsibilities and lifetime of each shall be stipulated in the founding resolution. The Committee on Committees shall review each of these committees not less often than every five years and shall advise the Council and the Board of Directors whether it should be continued.~~

~~(2) Each Other Joint Board Council Committee shall be responsible to the Board of Directors on all matters relating to fiscal and legal affairs and property rights, and to both the Board and the Council on all other matters. Each Other Joint Board Council Committee shall report to the Council Policy Committee, to the Council, and to the Board of Directors at least once a year. In addition, each Other Joint Board Council Committee shall report upon request to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors when the Executive Committee wishes to act for the Board between Board meetings. A written report of each Other Joint Board Council Committee's activities shall be made a part of the official record.~~

~~(3) The Chair of each Other Joint Board Council Committee shall be appointed jointly by the President and the Chair of the Board, with the advice of the Committee on Committees, for one calendar year, each individual being limited to three successive one year terms as Chair of a given Committee. However, a Chair shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed.~~

~~(4) Other Joint Board Council Committees may have any composition of membership and size that the establishing bodies determine would be most effective in accomplishing the desired results. Except when membership is specified owing to simultaneous service on certain Council or Board-related SOCIETY bodies, appointments to Other Joint Board Council Committees shall be for three~~

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~~year terms, arranged so as to provide rotation. The President, with the advice of the Committee on Committees, shall appoint one member and the Chair of the Board of Directors shall appoint one member each year; any other vacancies shall be filled by joint appointments. If in any year a single vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by joint appointment.~~

~~(5) A Committee member shall be permitted only three consecutive three year terms on a given Other Joint Board-Council Committee.~~

~~f. All Committees shall report in the manner provided in these Standing Rules.~~

### Sec. 25.

#### Committee Appointments, Terms, and Composition

**a. The President, with the advice of the Committee on Committees, shall appoint the members and the Chair of each Society Committee that reports only to the Council and is not a committee that is elected. The President shall fill any vacancies in these committees by appointment. The President and the Chair of the Board of Directors, with the advice of the Committee on Committees, jointly shall appoint the members and the Chair of each Society Committee that reports to both the Council and the Board of Directors. The President and the Chair of the Board of Directors jointly shall fill any vacancies by appointment.**

**b. Members of Society Committees shall be members of the SOCIETY, unless the appointing officer(s) decide to make an exception. In making appointments, the President will ensure that Councilors are well represented among the members of Society Committees. Society Committees that are elected shall consist of only Councilors.**

**c. The terms for a member of a Society Committee shall be three calendar years. A member of a Society Committee shall be eligible to serve two successive three-year terms on the same committee. Service for at least eighteen months shall constitute a full term for the purpose of this term limit. The term of the Chair of a Society Committee shall be one calendar year. The Chair shall be limited to three successive one-year terms on the same committee. If the Chair is initially appointed for a partial term of more than six months, the Chair is eligible thereafter to serve only two successive one-year terms.**

**d. Associates and consultants may be appointed for one-year terms on Society Committees in the same manner as members are appointed. They may be reappointed.**

**e. At any time the President, or the President and the Chair of the Board of Directors for committees that report to both, may remove a Society Committee chair, member, associate, or consultant for cause.**

**f. Appointments shall be made so that each Society Committee consists of not fewer than 12 and not more than 20 members, unless the appointing officer(s) decide to make an exception on recommendation from the Committee on Committees.**

**g. A Society Committee shall both provide a written report for the Council agenda and give an oral report to Council at least once per year; however, Society Committees that are elected shall provide both a written and oral report at each meeting of the Council.**

**h. The Committee on Committees shall review each Society Committee, except for those that are elected, not less often than every five years and shall advise the Council and the Board of Directors on its continuance.**

### Sec. 6.

#### Society Committee Meetings

**a. Meetings of Society Committees, with the approval of the committee chair, may be held by means of electronic communications technology that permits those in attendance to hear or read the proceedings substantially concurrently with their occurrence, and for members to vote as needed. Society Committee associates and consultants are not eligible to vote.**

#### **b. g. Meetings of Society Committees and Standing Committees of the Council**

~~Each Society Committee and each Standing Committee shall encourage the expression of member opinion on SOCIETY matters within its field of duties, and whenever possible shall allow reasonable time for members to make their views known before appropriate action is taken. To~~

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~~accomplish this, e~~Each Society Committee shall hold at least two open and two executive meetings during each national meeting of the SOCIETY at which the Council meets, each year, and well before the date of these meetings shall publicize the meeting date and time and major topics to be discussed and the time and place of the open meeting. Except for routine matters or those requiring immediate action, no Society Committee recommendation shall be presented for Council action until the topic has been discussed at a one of the committee's previous ~~in an open meetings,~~ national meeting of the SOCIETY at which Council met. At other national meetings of the SOCIETY, those members of each Committee who may be in attendance are urged to be available for informal discussions at a time and place publicized in advance.

**c. A quorum for a Society Committee meeting is a majority of its voting members.**

**h. Eligibility**

~~Except as otherwise provided in these Standing Rules, no Councilor shall be a voting member of more than one committee of the group comprising the Society Committees, the elected Committees of the Council, and the Standing Committees of the Council, provided, however, that the Council may waive this rule in specific instances if reasons convincing to the Council are supplied.~~

**i. Size of Council-Related SOCIETY Bodies**

~~The Council shall set the size of the Council-related SOCIETY bodies within limits set elsewhere in these Standing Rules, upon advice of the Committee on Committees, and with the concurrence of the Board on the size of those which are also Board-related.~~

**j. Vacancies on Council-Related SOCIETY Bodies**

~~Except as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules, vacancies on Council-related SOCIETY bodies shall be construed as occurring when an incumbent's term is completed or when the Committee on Committees learns that the incumbent is unable to complete the current term and when the appointing authorities have been so notified.~~

**Sec. 75.**

**Dues**

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**Sec. 86.**

**Student Chapters**

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### **STANDING RULE III**

#### **Committees Function**

##### **Section 1.**

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**b.** The duties of the Committee on Committees...

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~~(5) appoint members to fill vacancies that have existed longer than sixty days on the Council-related SOCIETY bodies whose members or chairs are normally appointed by the President; and~~

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**Sec. 2.**

The Committee on Committees is an ~~Elected~~ a Society Committee of the Council, whose members are elected by Council as follows; ~~as described elsewhere in these Standing Rules.~~

**Sec. 3.**

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

b. ~~Sec. 4.~~ Election of Councilors to the Committee on Committees shall be arranged so as to provide rotation. Each year the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall propose the names of not fewer than twice as many voting Councilors for membership on the Committee on Committees as there are members whose terms are expiring. Not later than October 1 the Council shall elect from a

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list of nominees a number of members corresponding to the number of vacancies on the Committee on Committees for a term of three years beginning with the first day of January following. Nominations for membership on the Committee on Committees may also be made by petition of 25 Councilors.

### **Sec. 53.**

No elected Councilor shall serve more than two successive terms of three years each on the Committee on Committees.

### ~~Sec. 6.~~

~~Each year the Committee on Committees shall elect a Chair and a Secretary from its membership.~~

### **Sec. 74.**

If a member or member-elect of the Committee on Committees fails at any time to qualify as a voting Councilor, that member shall thereafter remain a member of the Committee and a voting Councilor for one additional year or to the end of that member's term on the Committee, whichever is shorter.

### **Sec. 85.**

Any vacancy on the Committee on Committees shall be filled by the Council.

### ~~Sec. 9.~~

~~The Council shall elect the Committee on Committees, on which the President Elect shall serve as a member ex officio. The Committee shall elect its Chair from among its own membership.~~

## **STANDING RULE IV**

### **Elections Function**

#### **Section 1.**

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#### **Sec. 2.**

Note: the text in Sec. 2 was moved from Sec. 1 and renumbered.

~~e.~~ The Committee on Nominations and Elections is ~~an Elected-a~~ **Society** Committee of the Council, **whose members are elected by Council** as **follows**: described elsewhere in these Standing Rules.

~~a. d.~~ The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be composed of 15 voting Councilors.

**b.** (1) Election of Councilors to the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be arranged so as to provide rotation. Each year the Council Policy Committee shall propose the names of not fewer than twice as many voting Councilors for membership on the Committee on Nominations and Elections as there are members whose terms are expiring. Not later than October 1 the Council shall elect from the list of nominees a number of members corresponding to the number of vacancies on the Committee on Nominations and Elections for a term of three years beginning with the first day of January following. Nominations for membership on the Committee on Nominations and Elections may also be made by petition of 25 Councilors.

**Sec. 3.** (2) No Councilor shall serve more than two successive terms of three years each on the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

(3) **a.** Each year the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall elect a Chair and a Secretary from its membership.

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Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

## **STANDING RULE V**

### **Governing Documents Function**

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#### **Sec. 2.**

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws is a ~~Standing~~ **Society** Committee of the Council, as described elsewhere in these Standing Rules.

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### STANDING RULE VII

#### Units (Local Sections, Divisions, International Chapters) Function

#### Section 1.

##### Local Sections Function

a. **The Committee on Local Section Activities shall be responsible for the Local Sections Function.**

- b. The duties of the Committee on Local Section Activities shall include the following, *inter alia*:
- (1) study and make recommendations to the Council concerning SOCIETY policy affecting the interests of Local Sections;
  - (2) assist Local Sections in coordinating their efforts with SOCIETY and Division activities;
  - (3) promote both formal and informal cooperation and communication of Local Sections with Divisions and other Local Sections;
  - (4) explore possibilities of assisting Local Sections in enriching their program of activities;
  - (5) receive reports on and rate the effectiveness of Local Section activities;
  - (6) receive, consider, and make recommendations to the Council concerning petitions for chartering new Local Sections and for changes in territory or name;
  - (7) **take such actions as necessary if any Local Section has an inactive Executive Committee such as to appoint an interim Executive Committee or facilitate the Local Section's elections;**
  - ~~(87)~~ make recommendations to the Council concerning combining or dissolving Local Sections;
  - ~~(98)~~ study the needs for financial support of local activities in relation to the SOCIETY's program and make recommendations to the Council concerning proper allotments for this purpose;
  - ~~(109)~~ determine the formula for distribution of dues funds allocated to Local Sections as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules and conveying that formula for approval by the Council;
  - ~~(1140)~~ act for the Council in resolving any member's appeal from adverse action on a request for assignment to a Local Section in accordance with the provisions of these Standing Rules; and
  - ~~(1244)~~ act for the Council, in collaboration with the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, to approve the affiliation of Local Sections with other technical organizations.

### STANDING RULE VIII

#### Duties of Society Committees

##### Sec. 1.

a. **Duties of Committees that Report Only to the Council (some duties are listed elsewhere in the Standing Rules as noted below)**

(1) **Committee on Analytical Reagents**

This committee is involved with setting standards for, and establishing approved analytical procedures for determining the purity of, chemical reagents sold by commercial companies. ~~The committee meets in Washington, D.C. twice annually and discusses modifications to procedures and additions to the list of reagents considered.~~ **The committee creates and revises analytical procedures and the reagents list.** The committee's work leads to periodic revision of the publication, *Reagent Chemicals: Specifications and Procedures*. The ~~present~~ committee **may** include representatives of commercial chemical manufacturers, standards organizations, and users of chemical reagents.

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- (2) **Committee on Committees** (duties are listed elsewhere)
- (3) **Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** (duties are listed elsewhere)
- (4) **Committee on Divisional Activities** (duties are listed elsewhere)
- (5) **Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs**
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- (6) **Committee on Ethics**
- ...
- (7) **Committee on Local Section Activities** (duties are listed elsewhere)
- (8) **Committee on Meetings and Expositions** (duties are listed elsewhere)
- (9) **Committee on Membership Affairs** (duties are listed elsewhere)
- (10) **Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols**
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- (11) **Committee on Nominations and Elections** (duties are listed elsewhere)
- (12) **Council Policy Committee** (elected) (duties are listed elsewhere)
- (13) **Committee on Project SEED**
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- (14) **Committee on Technician Affairs**

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

- (1) **Committee on Budget and Finance**

Note: Other than the changes to the duties of the Committee on Minority Affairs, there are no changes to the duties of the remaining committees that report to both the Council and the Board of Directors; see the list in Standing Rule II.

~~Section 1.~~

~~Elected Committees of the Council (the duties are listed elsewhere)~~

- ~~a. Council Policy Committee~~
- ~~b. Committee on Nominations and Elections~~
- ~~e. Committee on Committees~~

~~Sec. 2.~~

~~Standing Committees of the Council (except as noted below, the duties are listed elsewhere)~~

- ~~a. Committee on Membership Affairs~~
- ~~b. Committee on Meetings and Expositions~~
- ~~c. Committee on Divisional Activities~~
- ~~d. Committee on Local Section Activities~~
- ~~e. Committee on Constitution and Bylaws~~
- ~~f. Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs~~

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~~Sec. 3.~~

~~Other Committees of the Council~~

- ~~a. Committee on Analytical Reagents~~
- ...
- ~~b. Committee on Ethics~~
- ...
- ~~e. Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols~~
- ...
- ~~d. Committee on Project SEED~~
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- ~~e. Committee on Technician Affairs~~

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### Sec. 4.

#### SOCIETY Committees

- a. ~~Committee on Budget and Finance~~
- b. ~~Committee on Education~~

### Sec. 5.

#### Joint Board-Council Committees

##### a. ~~...~~

- ~~(1) Chemical Safety~~
- ~~(2) Chemistry and Public Affairs~~
- ~~(3) Chemists with Disabilities~~
- ~~(4) Community Activities~~
- ~~(5) Environmental Improvement~~
- ~~(6) International Activities~~
- ~~(7) Minority Affairs~~
- ~~(8) Patents and Related Matters~~
- ~~(9) Professional Training~~
- ~~(10) Public Relations and Communications~~
- ~~(11) Publications~~
- ~~(12) Science~~
- ~~(13) Senior Chemists~~
- ~~(14) Women Chemists~~
- ~~(15) Younger Chemists~~

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#### (9) **Committee on Minority Affairs**

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

- (a) oversee the SOCIETY's programs devoted or related to **minority** issues **regarding underrepresented and marginalized groups in the chemical sciences**;
- (b) develop a long-range plan to ensure increased participation of **minority** chemical professionals **from underrepresented and marginalized groups** in the profession and in the SOCIETY at all levels;
- (c) study and make recommendations on the current status of **minorities underrepresented and marginalized groups** in the SOCIETY and in the chemical sciences;
- (d) promote and recognize the professional accomplishments of **minorities people with underrepresented and marginalized identities** in the chemical sciences and in the SOCIETY; **and**
- (e) increase the interest of **minority** chemical professionals **with underrepresented and marginalized identities** in the work of the SOCIETY; **and**
- (f) **study the impact of the SOCIETY's activities on diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect on underrepresented and marginalized groups and provide impact statements and recommendations to the Council and the Board of Directors.**

## STANDING RULE IX

### Other Rules

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#### Sec. 4.

The Council, along with the Board of Directors ~~as necessary for~~ **those committees that report to the Council and the Board of Directors** ~~Joint Board-Council Committees, is authorized to~~ **may** create committees and assign their duties in accordance with the Bylaws **and these Standing Rules.**

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### SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The following changes were approved by Council March 24, 2021, and confirmed by the Board of Directors March 26, 2021:

#### I. DUES AND BENEFITS PROCESS

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2. The Committee on Membership Affairs (~~MAC~~) shall assess member benefits annually, propose dues commensurate with those benefit packages, and submit its recommendations to the Committee on Budget & Finance, ~~which (B&F)~~. B&F 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 of Budget and Finance** B&F, shall be submitted by the **Committee on Membership Affairs** MAC to Council for action at its spring meeting. (~~4/22/2020~~) (3/26/21)

3. Dues for each category will be based on the fair-market value of each benefits package **as outlined below**. ~~The base rate for dues shall be calculated by multiplying the previous year's base rate by a factor that is the ratio of the revised Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Service Category) for the second year previous to the dues year to the value of the index for the third year previous to the dues year, as published by the United States Department of Labor, with fractional dollar amounts rounded to the nearest whole dollar.~~ Annual **base** dues changes as recommended to Council may not exceed \$10 or 10 percent, whichever amount is greater. (~~4/22/2020~~) (3/26/21)

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#### II. BASE DUES

The ~~2021~~ **2022** base dues rate will be **\$160**, ~~as recommended by the Committee on Budget & Finance and approved by Council action.~~ (~~4/22/2020~~) (3/26/21)

#### III. DUES CATEGORIES

##### ~~1.~~ Regular Member

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c. **Regular Members are eligible for those discounts as outlined elsewhere in the Schedule of Membership.**

##### 2. **Regular Member – Contributing**

a. **Regular Members – Contributing are entitled to a subset of the privileges and benefits offered by the SOCIETY as described below.**

b. **The dues for Regular Members – Contributing shall be one-half (1/2) of the full base dues rate.**

c. **Regular Members – Contributing shall be excluded from the following benefits:**

i. **They may not receive publications benefits.**

ii. **They may not receive Chemical Abstracts Service benefits including but not limited to complimentary search activities.**

iii. **They may not receive discounted registration rates for ACS meetings, workshops, and continuing education courses.**

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- iv. They may not receive access to the ACS webinar recording library.
- d. Regular Members – Contributing shall receive digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. They are not entitled to receive the print edition.
- e. Regular Members – Contributing shall have a vote for elective offices of the SOCIETY and shall be eligible for elective office in the SOCIETY.
- f. Except as described above, Regular Members – Contributing shall have access to all other benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members.
- g. Regular Members – Contributing are eligible for those discounts as outlined elsewhere in the Schedule of Membership.

### 2. 3. Regular Member – Graduate Student

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- b. 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 a ~~discount rate~~ rate of eleven thirty-seconds (11/32) ~~one-half~~ of the 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.
- c. Regular Members - Graduate Student shall receive digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. They are not entitled to receive the print edition.
- d. Regular Members – Graduate Student are eligible for those discounts as outlined elsewhere in the Schedule of Membership.

### 3. 4. Student Member

- a. STUDENT MEMBERS are members of the SOCIETY and, in accordance with the ~~Standing Rules~~ ACS Governing Documents, 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. ~~(4/22/2020)~~ (3/26/21)
- b. A STUDENT MEMBER, upon affirmation to the Chief Executive Officer of qualification for such status, shall be entitled to a ~~discount rate~~ of five-sixths five thirty-seconds (5/32) of the membership dues. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. ~~(4/22/2020)~~ (3/26/21)
- c. A STUDENT MEMBER shall receive ~~electronic~~ digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. A STUDENT MEMBER shall not receive print access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. ~~A STUDENT MEMBER wishing to receive a printed copy of the official organ shall pay an additional sum equal to one-half of the calculated per member amount of the allocation to the official organ described elsewhere in this Schedule of Membership, rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.~~ ~~(4/22/2020)~~ (3/26/21)
- d. STUDENT MEMBERS are eligible for those discounts as outlined elsewhere in the Schedule of Membership.

### 4. 5. Society Affiliates

- a. A Society Affiliate, who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY, in accordance with the ~~Standing Rules~~ ACS Governing Documents, shall retain affiliate status only so long as payment is made of Society Affiliate dues, which shall be equal to the full membership dues. ~~A Society Affiliate shall not be eligible for any of the special dues categories specified elsewhere in this Schedule of Membership.~~ b. Society Affiliates shall have the following

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privileges described in the ACS Governing Documents and the following benefits:  
(4/22/2020) (3/26/21)

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~~(3) Society Affiliates shall be assigned to an appropriate Local Section in the same manner as members as provided in the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and this Schedule of Membership. Society Affiliates may be assessed Local Section dues in the amount specified for Society Affiliates by the bylaws of that Section. In Local Sections, Society Affiliates may be appointed as Committee Chairs, if allowed by the Local Section bylaws, but may not hold an elective position of the Local Section, vote on Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of the Local Section, or serve as a voting member of its Executive Committee or equivalent policymaking body. In their bylaws, Local Sections may either provide or withhold the privilege of voting by Society Affiliates for an elective position (other than Councilor or Alternate Councilor) of the Local Section.~~

~~(4) Society Affiliates may become **Society Affiliates of any Division** unless specifically prohibited by the bylaws of the Division and shall be subject to such dues as are specified by the bylaws of that Division for Society Affiliates. In Divisions, Society Affiliates may be appointed as Committee Chairs, if allowed by the bylaws of the Division, but may not hold an elective position of the Division, vote on Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of the Division, or serve as a voting member of its Executive Committee or equivalent policymaking body. In their bylaws, Divisions may either provide or withhold the privilege of voting by Society Affiliates for an elective position (other than Councilor or Alternate Councilor) of the Division.~~

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**d. Society Affiliates are eligible for those discounts as outlined elsewhere in the Schedule of Membership.**

### **6. Community Associate**

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

**b. Community Associates may not concurrently benefit from any of the other Dues Categories defined elsewhere in the Schedule of Membership.**

**c. Community Associates shall not be eligible for any of the discounts and/or waivers specified in the ACS Governing Documents or elsewhere in the Schedule of Membership.**

**d. Community Associates shall have only the following privileges:**

**i. Community Associates are entitled to receive SOCIETY newsletters as offered by the SOCIETY.**

**ii. Community Associates are entitled to receive a weekly, abbreviated digest of the official organ of the SOCIETY, with links to stories of interest.**

**iii. Community Associates are entitled to five additional downloadable articles from the official organ of the SOCIETY, beyond the number permitted for non-members of the SOCIETY.**

**iv. Community Associates shall not be eligible to affiliate with a Division and shall not be eligible for any of the privileges specified in the Division's bylaws for members and/or affiliates. A Community Associate may attend and participate in a Division's open meetings and events.**

**v. Community Associates shall not be assigned to a Local Section. A Community Associate may not affiliate with a 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 affiliates. A Community Associate may attend and participate in a Local Section's open meetings and events.**

**e. Community Associates shall have no vote in the national affairs of the SOCIETY or in the affairs of any Local Section or Division. Community Associates shall not be eligible for any elective office in the SOCIETY or any of its Local Sections or Divisions.**

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**f. Unless specified above, Community Associates shall not have access to other benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members and/or affiliates.**

~~5.~~ **7. Retired Member**

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~~6.~~ **8. Emeritus Member**

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### IV. MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS AND VARIATIONS

1. **Multi-year Membership. A Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, Regular Member – Graduate Student, STUDENT MEMBER, Society Affiliate, and Retired Member** not requesting any of the discounts provided elsewhere in this Schedule of Membership 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. ~~(4/22/2020)~~-(3/26/21)

2. **Disabled waiver. A Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, Regular Member – Graduate Student, STUDENT MEMBER, Society Affiliate, or Retired Member** member who becomes totally disabled may be granted a dues waiver. To be eligible for a waiver, the member must have paid dues for at least ten years, have been disabled 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 request. ~~(4/22/2020)~~-(3/26/21)

3. **New Graduate Discount.** A person graduating with a **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 MEMBER or Regular Member – Contributing** status, by reclassification from **STUDENT MEMBER or Regular Member – Graduate Student**, and receive a half-year waiver of membership dues to begin at any time up to one year from the date of graduation. ~~(4/22/2020)~~-(3/26/21)

4. **National Service Discount.** A **Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, Regular Member – Graduate Student, STUDENT MEMBER, or Society Affiliate** 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 Officer with affirmation of such status, be entitled to a discount of one-half of the membership dues for each year of such service beginning on the member's anniversary date. ~~(4/22/2020)~~-(3/26/21)

5. **Spouse Discount.** Upon request from a **Regular Member** member who is the spouse of a **Regular Member** member, one of the two, with affirmation of their status to the Chief Executive Officer, shall be entitled to a reduction in membership dues equal to the prior year's **per member** ~~per-member~~ allocation from dues revenue for the official organ of the SOCIETY in lieu of one subscription. ~~(4/22/2020)~~-(3/26/21)

6. **Unemployed Waiver.** After **at least** one year of paid membership, a **Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, or Society Affiliate** member 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 membership dues **from the member or affiliate dues category they held at the time of the request.** Such annual waiver shall commence on the

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member'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. (4/22/2020)-(3/26/21)

7. **Family Care Provider Discount.** After at least one year of paid membership, a **Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, Regular Member – Graduate Student, STUDENT MEMBER, or Society Affiliate** ~~member~~ 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 of the membership dues. Such discount shall commence on the member'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. (4/22/2020)-(3/26/21)

### V. Amendments to the Schedule of Membership

1. Except for dues that are set by Council, in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of the SOCIETY, ~~ten~~ **10** members or five voting Councilors may submit proposed amendment(s) to this Schedule of Membership 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 ~~this~~ **the** Schedule of Membership. (4/22/2020)

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 ~~this~~ **the** Schedule of Membership. (4/22/2020)

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 ~~this~~ **the** Schedule of Membership. (4/22/2020)

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### REGULATION CHANGES

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

The following changes are effective June 5, 2021:

Regulation I, Sec. 1: *Board of Directors - Overview*.

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f. ~~The Board of Directors shall be represented from its membership on Society Committees as provided in the Standing Rules.~~ (1/1/78)

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~~g. By joint resolution with the Council, the Board of Directors may establish Other Joint Board Council Committees as provided in the Standing Rules, to serve purposes which both bodies determine to be appropriate. (3/1/79)~~

~~fh. The Board of Directors shall provide for such other committees from its membership as it deems necessary to aid it in the performance of its functions. (1/1/78)~~

~~gi. The Board of Directors may provide for other committees to consider and report upon matters within the field of the SOCIETY and within the field of Board responsibility, membership to be unrestricted except as the Board may specify. (7/11/60)~~

~~hj. Each Board Committee and those Society Committees reporting both to the Council and the Board, and Other Joint Board Council Committee shall report to the Board of Directors periodically, but not less than once each year, in such manner as the Board may specify and in accordance with a schedule to be set from time to time by the Board of Directors. (3/1/79) (6/5/21)~~

### Regulation I, Sec. 2: *Chair of the Board of Directors.*

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b. On any matter arising between meetings of the Board and not falling within the purview of any ~~Society Committee~~ or Standing Committee of the Board, the Chair shall direct that it be held for action at the next meeting of the Board, or submitted by mail for interim action by the Board or its Executive Committee, or the Chair may act on behalf of the Board if said action conforms to policy or precedent as established by prior actions. Board members may vote upon interim matters via electronic mail, postal mail, or facsimile. No proxy votes are allowed. ~~Any i~~ **Any interim matters approved voted upon by the Board or its Executive Committee in the absence of unanimous written consent shall be subject to ratification by the full Board at its next regular meeting.** ~~(12/2/16) (6/5/21)~~

b. The Chair of the Board, or any three members of the Board, may request a recorded vote on any action or motion of the Board. Upon request of any five members of the Board, the results of the recorded vote shall be published in **the official organ of the Society** ~~Chemical & Engineering News.~~ ~~(12/2/16) (6/5/21)~~

### Regulation I, Sec. 6: *Executive Committee.*

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The three additional members of the Executive Committee who are elected by the Board shall serve as the Board's disciplinary committee, and as such shall, upon recommendation, ~~and with the ongoing advice,~~ of the SOCIETY'S General Counsel or the Board Chair, consider alleged persistent and/or serious violations of the Volunteer/National Meeting Attendee Conduct Policy, and take such actions as may be appropriate. ~~(12/13/20) (6/5/21)~~

### Regulation I, Sec. 7: *Standing Committees.*

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The Board may delegate to any **of its** Standing Committees or **to any** Society Committee **reporting to the Board**, authority to act for the Board in specified matters. All such actions shall be reported to the Board at the next regular meeting of the Board and at such other times as the Board requests or the Committee deems necessary. ~~(1/1/79) (6/5/21)~~

All Directors shall be notified of the meetings of ~~the Society Committees and the Standing Committees of the Board;~~ shall be informed of the subjects to be discussed; and shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the Executive Committee, any ~~Society Committee~~ **the Committee on Budget and Finance**, or the Standing Committees on Public Affairs and Public Relations, Professional and Member Relations, and Strategic Planning. ~~(12/2/16) (6/5/21)~~

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Regulation I, Sec. 11: *Standing Committee on Executive Compensation.*

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The Committee shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past President, the Chair of the ~~Society~~ Committee on Budget and Finance, and three members of the SOCIETY with demonstrated expertise in senior and executive staff compensation issues (the latter three appointed by the Chair of the Board to terms not to exceed three years and confirmed by vote of the Board). The Chief Executive Officer and President-Elect shall serve as members of the Committee without vote. (~~4/1/17~~) (6/5/21)

Regulation I, Sec. 22: *Conflict of Interest.* Whenever any business matter, which is to be considered by Board-related bodies, Officers of the SOCIETY, or Key Employees as defined by the Internal Revenue Service in its Form 990, involves activities or information that might directly or indirectly place a participant in a special conflict of interest, then the affected individual should consult with the General Counsel. If the General Counsel determines that a direct or indirect conflict of interest exists, then the individual shall refrain from participating in the consideration of, or any voting upon, such matter. All Officers of the Society, Key Employees, and members of the Board, the ~~Society~~ Committee on Budget and Finance, and such other Board-related bodies as the Board may determine (“covered individuals”), shall complete and sign conflict of interest disclosure forms annually and provide them to the General Counsel for review and advice. The General Counsel’s form shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer for review. (~~12/2/16~~) (6/5/21)

Regulation III, Sec. 3: *Designation of Nonvoting Councilors.* By joint action of the Council Policy Committee and the Executive Committee of the Board under the provisions of the Bylaws and Standing Rules, the incumbents in the following positions have been designated to serve as nonvoting Councilors: Treasurer, heads of each major staff division of the SOCIETY, Editor of the official organ of the SOCIETY, and the non-Councilor Chairs of ~~Society~~ “Other” Council and ~~Joint Board Council~~ Committees. (~~12/2/16~~) (8/21/20)

Regulation VI, new section: **4. New Program Funding. The approval of the Board is not required to re-budget funds for new Society programs if the total cost is less than \$500,000 over a three-year period. Such program funding actions may be initiated at any time upon concurrence of the Chief Executive Officer. Any such new programs shall be reported, for information only, to the Committee on Budget and Finance and to the Board. If such new Society program proposal exceeds a budget of \$500,000 over a three-year period, it must be evaluated by the Committee on Budget and Finance and presented to the Board for its approval.** (6/5/21)

The following changes are effective August 28, 2021:

Regulation I, Sec. 12, b: *Membership of the AACT Governing Board.* The AACT Governing Board shall consist of 11 members as follows: (6/5/15)

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b. *Membership of the AACT Governing Board.*

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The ~~Chair~~ **current President** of the AACT Governing Board will be elected by **will also serve as** the Governing Board members at the inaugural meeting, and annually thereafter **Chair. If needed,** ~~the~~ Chair may serve up to three one-year terms. (~~6/5/15~~) (8/28/21)

c. *Appointment and Term.*

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Members of the AACT Governing Board may be reappointed or elected subject to the rule that no member may serve for more than two consecutive full terms- **except for the AACT Presidential succession. After serving in the Presidential succession, the member should be referred to as a Past President of AACT and may act as an ambassador for the organization, but will not be eligible to run for another elected AACT office.** Members of the AACT Governing Board shall be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred as part of their service on the AACT Governing Board. ~~(6/5/15)~~ (8/28/21)

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