

ACS Governing Documents (ACSGovDocs) as of May 1, 2020
Summary of Changes in 2020 (to date)

The ACS Governing Documents (ACSGovDocs) at www.acs.org/govdocs were updated May 1, 2020. For changes noted below, the effective date of 4/22/2020 was added at the end of the paragraphs. If text was moved from one document to another, e.g. from the Standing Rules to the Schedule of Membership, the wording will not indicate a new date if the text was identical to the previous document. Where no dates appear, the effective date is November 1, 2019. 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.

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition on Benefits and Dues) and the new Schedule of Membership, both effective April 22, 2020, were approved April 7, 2020 by the Council Policy Committee, acting ad interim for Council, and confirmed by the Board of Directors April 22, 2020.

STANDING RULES

STANDING RULE I
Membership Function

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Sec. 5.

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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 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.~~

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Sec. 9.

Affiliates and Associates

a. A person who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY may become a Society Affiliate of the SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as a "Society Affiliate," in these Standing Rules.

(1) 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.

~~(2) A Society Affiliate shall retain affiliate status only so long as payment is made of~~

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~~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 these Standing Rules.~~

~~(3) Society Affiliates shall have the following privileges:~~

~~(a) Society Affiliates shall receive the official organ of the SOCIETY and may subscribe to SOCIETY publications at the same rates as members.~~

~~(b) Society Affiliates shall be allowed to register and attend meetings (including regional meetings) of the SOCIETY at the same rates as members, and they shall be allowed to use all educational services of the SOCIETY at the same rates as members.~~

~~(c) Society Affiliates shall be assigned to an appropriate Local Section in the same manner as members as provided in the Bylaws and elsewhere in these Standing Rules.~~

~~(d) Society Affiliates may become Society Affiliates of any Division as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules.~~

~~(4) 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. Society Affiliates shall be entitled to those privileges of the SOCIETY which are herein specified.~~

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~~Sec. 10.~~

~~Discounts~~

~~a. A member of the SOCIETY who has accumulated at least thirty five years of paid membership, who is retired from full time professional employment, and is over seventy years of age, is eligible for emeritus status and upon request shall be given such status upon certification by the Chief Executive Officer. Such a member shall 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.~~

~~b. 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 a discount of one half the membership dues for each year beginning on the member's anniversary date, and shall receive the official organ of the SOCIETY upon annual request.~~

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

~~c. A person graduating with a bachelor's 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 MEMBER status, by reclassification from STUDENT MEMBER, and receive a half year waiver of membership dues to begin at any time up to one year from the date of graduation.~~

~~d. A 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.~~

~~e. A 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,~~

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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.

f.—Student Discounts

(1) ~~A STUDENT MEMBER, upon affirmation to the Chief Executive Officer of qualification for such status, shall be entitled to a discount of five sixths of the membership dues. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. A STUDENT MEMBER shall receive electronic 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 these Standing Rules, rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.~~

(2) ~~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 of one half of the membership dues so long as the student is doing full time graduate work. "Full time" is to represent any combination of course work, research work, and teaching that the institution considers a full time load.~~

(3) ~~The Committee on Membership Affairs shall have the power to interpret and apply these requirements, with the advice of the Society Committee on Education.~~

g. ~~Upon request from a member who is the spouse of a 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 allocation from dues revenue for the official organ of the SOCIETY in lieu of one subscription.~~

h. ~~After one year of paid membership, a 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. Such annual waiver shall commence on the 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.~~

i. ~~After one year of paid membership, a member who has elected to discontinue full time professional employment 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 fulltime professional employment.~~

STANDING RULE II Council Executive Function

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Sec. 5.

Dues

a. ~~For 1986 the base rate upon which membership dues shall be calculated shall be \$69. For each succeeding year the base rate shall be the dues established for the previous year. For 1986 and each succeeding year, an amount shall be calculated by multiplying the 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. At its spring meeting, the Council~~

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may set the dues and benefits of membership for the succeeding year ~~at that calculated amount or at the amount of the previous year's dues or at some intermediate whole dollar amount~~ using procedures and policies developed by the Committee on Membership Affairs and approved by the Council. The dues and benefits of membership 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 shall default to the last approved version. ~~dues shall become the rounded calculated amount. The dues and benefits of membership dues 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. Members not requesting any of the discounts provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules 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.~~

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----- 2021 SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP

I. DUES AND BENEFITS PROCES

1. The American Chemical Society strives to meet the challenge of continued and sustainable growth in membership through regular assessment of dues categories and benefits. To make membership in the Society a valued experience for its members, dues categories and benefits packages will be established based on the professional and personal benefits they provide to members at different stages in their careers and as their roles in the global chemistry enterprise evolve

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 (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 B&F, shall be submitted by MAC 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. 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 dues changes as recommended to Council 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.

II. BASE DUES

The 2021 base dues rate will be as recommended by the Committee on Budget & Finance and approved by Council action.

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III. DUES CATEGORIES

1. Regular Member

- a. Regular Members are entitled to the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members.
- b. The dues for Regular Members shall be the full dues rate.

2. Regular Member – Graduate Student

- a. Regular Member - Graduate Students are entitled to the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members.
- 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 of one-half of the membership dues so long as the student is doing full-time graduate work. “Full-time” is to represent any combination of course work, research work, and teaching that the institution considers a full-time load.

3. Student Member

- a. 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 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.
- b. A STUDENT MEMBER, upon affirmation to the Chief Executive Officer of qualification for such status, shall be entitled to a discount of five-sixths of the membership dues. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.
- c. A STUDENT MEMBER shall receive electronic 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. Society Affiliates

- a. A Society Affiliate 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 privileges:
 - (1) Society Affiliates shall receive the official organ of the SOCIETY and may subscribe to SOCIETY publications at the same rates as members.
 - (2) Society Affiliates shall be allowed to register and attend meetings (including regional meetings) of the SOCIETY at the same rates as members, and they shall be allowed to use all educational services of the SOCIETY at the same rates as members.

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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.

c. 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. Society Affiliates shall be entitled to those privileges of the SOCIETY which are herein specified.

d. Except as described above, Society Affiliates shall have access to all other benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members.

5. Retired Member

a. Retired Members are entitled to the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members.

b. 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 a discount of one-half the membership dues for each year beginning on the member's anniversary date, and shall receive the official organ of the SOCIETY upon annual request.

c. 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.

6. Emeritus Member

a. Emeritus Members are entitled to the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members.

b. A member of the SOCIETY who has accumulated at least thirty-five years of paid membership, who is retired from full-time professional employment, and is over seventy years of age, is eligible for emeritus status and upon request shall be given such status upon certification by the Chief Executive Officer. Such a member shall 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.

IV. MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS AND VARIATIONS

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1. **Multi-year Membership.** Members 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.

2. **Disabled waiver.** A 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.

3. **New Graduate Discount.** A person graduating with a bachelor's 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 MEMBER status, by reclassification from STUDENT MEMBER, and receive a half-year waiver of membership dues to begin at any time up to one year from the date of graduation.

4. **National Service Discount.** A 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.

5. **Spouse Discount.** Upon request from a member who is the spouse of a 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 allocation from dues revenue for the official organ of the SOCIETY in lieu of one subscription.

6. **Unemployed Waiver.** After one year of paid membership, a 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. Such annual waiver shall commence on the 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.

7. **Family Care Provider Discount.** After one year of paid membership, a member who has elected to discontinue full-time professional employment 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 fulltime professional employment.

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 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 Schedule of Membership.

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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 Schedule of Membership.

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 Schedule of Membership.
