The ACS Governing Documents (ACSGovDocs) at www.acs.org/govdocs were updated and are effective as of October 1, 2022. 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.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Application and Dues Process for Corporation Associates) are effective September 27, 2022, were amended and approved August 24, 2022, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors September 27, 2022.

Standing Rule I, Sec. 9, c

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Elections Function) are effective September 27, 2022, were approved August 24, 2022, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors September 27, 2022.

Standing Rule II, Secs. 1, 4, c
Standing Rule III, Secs. 2-5
Standing Rule IV

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Use of Dues) are effective May 22, 2022, were approved March 23, 2022, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors May 22, 2022.

Standing Rule II, Sec. 7, c, e, f

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Divisional Activities) are effective September 27, 2022, were approved August 24, 2022, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors September 27, 2022.

Standing Rule VII, Sec. 2, b

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities) are effective May 22, 2022, were approved March 23, 2022, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors May 22, 2022.

Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, b, (4)

The following changes to the Schedule of Membership, effective March 23, 2022, were approved March 23, 2022 by the Council.

2023 Schedule of Membership I, Sec. 1, 2, 3
2023 Schedule of Membership II
2023 Schedule of Membership III, Sec. 1, 2, 3
2023 Schedule of Membership IV, Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
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

Sec. 9. Affiliates and Associates

c. Corporation Associates

(2) A Committee on Corporation Associates of the Board of Directors shall consider all applications for Corporation Associates and take such action as it deems appropriate. Application for such status shall be made on the appropriate form and be accompanied by a check in payment of dues for the first year. Upon approval by the committee, an invoice will be sent for dues.

(3) The dues of Corporation Associates shall be graduated and based on the number of chemical scientists employed by the preceding year by the unit enrolled in accordance with their total annual sales revenues with a schedule set in advance by the Board of Directors.

(5) The obligation for dues for a Corporation Associate shall continue from year to year. The status of any Corporation Associate in arrears for dues after March 31 shall be communicated to the Board of Directors for its action. If, by action of the Board of Directors, a Corporation Associate is dropped for nonpayment of dues, it shall be reinstated only by vote of the Board of Directors upon recommendation by its Committee on Corporation Associates.

STANDING RULE II
Council Executive Function

Section 1.

c. The Council Policy Committee is an elected committee of the Council, as described below provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules.

d. The Council Policy Committee shall be composed of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Chief Executive Officer, and 12 elected members of the SOCIETY.

e. Election of Councilors to the Council Policy Committee shall be arranged so as to provide rotation. Each year the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall propose not fewer than eight voting Councilors for membership on the Council Policy Committee, four of whom shall be elected by the Council not later than October 1 for a term of three years beginning with the first day of January following. Nominations for membership on the Council Policy Committee may also be made by petition of 25 Councilors.
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f. No elected Councilor shall serve more than two successive terms of three years each on the Council Policy Committee.

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

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Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

Sec. 4.

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c. Society Committees of the Council that are elected

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(b) The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall elect its Chair and Secretary annually from its own membership.

(c) The Committee on Committees shall elect its Chair and Secretary annually from among its own membership. The President-Elect shall serve as a member ex officio.

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Dues

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Sec. 7

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c. An allocation from dues general SOCIETY revenues shall cover the printing and distribution cost of copies for all MEMBERS and Society Affiliates of the editorial portion of the official organ of the SOCIETY. The allocation shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, on recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance. The Board shall report the amount of the allocation through the Society Committee on Budget and Finance at the next Council meeting.

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e. An annual allocation from SOCIETY funds equivalent to 20 percent of SOCIETY dues revenue applicable to the second preceding year shall be made to provide for financial support of Local Sections and Divisions. The allocation will be made from a quasi-endowment established by the Board of Directors expressly for this purpose. The amount available for financial support of Local Sections and Divisions will be based upon the SOCIETY’s endowment payout policy as established by the Board of Directors. This allocation shall be divided between Local Sections and Divisions with 55 percent of the allocation for Local Section support and 45 percent of the allocation for Division support.

f. All funds collected as SOCIETY dues revenue are obligated for Local Section and Division support use up to the amount of the allocation. The SOCIETY must distribute allocations to each Local Section and Division, unless a Local Section or Division is not in compliance with reporting requirements. Unclaimed allocations will stay in either the Local Section or Division fund pool for redistribution in the current year. The formula for such redistribution shall be at the discretion of the Committee on Local Section Activities or the Committee on Divisional Activities, respectively.
STANDING RULE III
Committees Function

... Sec. 2.

The Committee on Committees is an elected Society Committee of the Council, whose members are elected by Council as follows: as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules.

... b. 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 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. 3.

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

Sec. 4.

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. 5.

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

STANDING RULE IV
Elections Function

Section 1.

a. The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be responsible for the Elections Function.

b. The Committee on Nominations and Elections is an elected Society Committee of the Council, whose members are elected by Council as follows: as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules.

c. The duties of the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall include the following, inter alia:

(1) receive from members suggestions of persons who should be considered when selecting candidates for SOCIETY offices; receive proposals for nomination by a Councilor petition as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules; and receive nominating petitions as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules;

(2) prepare a panel of nominees for District Directors and President-Elect, and of candidates for Director-at-Large, together with a summary of the qualifications of those named;

(3) supervise all SOCIETY elections, except for the power expressly reserved to the Council Policy Committee to set aside the results of a disputed national or District election and to require a new election;
(4) receive and review credentials of Councilors and determine eligibility for admittance to the Council meetings;

(5) conduct elections in the Council; and

(6) serve as an election appeals board for all Local Section or Division elections: establish regulations for conduct of election appeals, investigating allegations of improper election procedures, and determining if violations have occurred; order new elections if necessary to insure validity; submit charges of conduct when it has reason to believe that significant election procedure violations have occurred.

Sec. 2.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections is a Society Committee of the Council, whose members are elected by Council as follows: (3/26/21)

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

c. Election of Councilors to the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be arranged so that new people may join the committee every year 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.

No Councilor shall serve more than two consecutive terms of three years each on the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

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

b. Each member of the Committee on Nominations and Elections must be a qualified voting Councilor when elected. If a member or member-elect of the Committee on Nominations and Elections 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.

c. Any vacancy on the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be filled by the Council.

Sec. 2.

b. The duties of the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall include the following, inter alia:

a. Receive from members suggestions of persons who should be considered when selecting proposed nominees or candidates for SOCIETY offices;

b. Receive proposals for nomination by a Councilor petition as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules; and

c. Receive nominating petitions as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules;

d. Prepare a panel list of nominees for District Directors and President-Elect, and of candidates for Director-at-Large, together with a summary of the qualifications of those named.
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e. Prepare a list of nominees for the other elected committees as described elsewhere in the ACS Governing Documents. The Council Policy Committee determines the slate of nominees for the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

f. Supervise all SOCIETY elections, except for the power expressly reserved to the Council Policy Committee to set aside the results of a disputed national or District election and to require a new election;

g. Determine eligibility for admittance to the Council meetings; and receive and review credentials of Councilors and determine eligibility for those requesting admission admittance to the Council meetings.

h. Conduct elections in the Council meetings.

i. Serve as an election appeals board for all Local Section or Division elections; establish regulations for conduct of election appeals; investigating allegations of improper election procedures; and if it determines if violations have occurred, take such actions as it deems necessary up to and including, ordering new elections if necessary to insure validity; submit charges of improper conduct when the committee has reason to believe that significant election procedure violations have occurred.

Sec. 4.

Sec. 3.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections may admit to a Council meeting, under such rules as the committee may develop, a limited number of non-Councilors whose presence will benefit the meeting or the operation of the SOCIETY.

Sec. 5.

Manner of Elections

... c. When there are more than two candidates, a preferential ballot shall be used, and the election shall be conducted using procedures developed by the Committee on Nominations and Elections and approved by the Council. Any modifications or changes to these procedures shall be approved by the Council.

Sec. 6.

Sec. 5.

President-Elect

... c. Nomination for President-Elect by Councilor Petition – Wherever in these Standing Rules provision is made for selection of candidates for President-Elect by the Council from a list of nominees presented by its Committee on Nominations and Elections, nominations may be received from the Council prior to the selection of candidates nothing herein shall prohibit petitions for nomination from the floor at the Council meeting provided that such petitions are submitted in writing and signed by not fewer than 50 Councilors present at the meeting and provided that not more than one-third (1/3) of such Councilors shall be MEMBERS of any one Local Section. If these provisions are followed, nothing herein shall prohibit petitions for nomination from the floor at the Council meeting provided that such petitions are submitted in writing and signed by not fewer than 50 Councilors present at the meeting and provided that such petitions are submitted in writing and signed by not fewer than 50
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Councilors present at the meeting and provided that not more than one-third (1/3) of such Councilors shall be MEMBERS of any one Local Section. MEMBERS whose names are so presented shall become nominees for that office.

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e. Members of the SOCIETY may nominate additional candidates for President-Elect by providing to the Chief Executive Officer by July 15, nominating petitions endorsed by at least one-half (1/2) percent of the SOCIETY membership entitled to vote in the SOCIETY’s most recent fall election, with neither more than one-sixth (1/6) of that from members of a single Local Section nor more than two-thirds (2/3) from any one District of the SOCIETY. Each member may nominate no more than one candidate for President-Elect in a given election. The names of any candidates duly nominated by petition shall be included on the ballot, along with the names of those candidates selected by the Council.

f. On or before October 10, the Chief Executive Officer shall distribute to each member of the SOCIETY a ballot containing the names of all candidates for President-Elect and constructed as provided herein.

g. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs by ballot of the Council from among the other nominees in the previous election and any petition candidates in the previous election.

Sec. 7.

All vacancies shall be filled as provided in these Standing Rules, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution.

Sec. 8.

No funds or facilities of the SOCIETY, its Local Sections, or Divisions shall be used to support or oppose a candidate or nominee except as provided in these Standing Rules.

Sec. 9.

Unresolved Disputes

a. Unresolved disputes concerning elections in Local Sections or Divisions shall be referred by the Secretary of the SOCIETY to the Committee on Nominations and Elections for investigation and resolution. The Committee shall have the power to set aside the results of a disputed election and to require a new election.

b. Unresolved disputes concerning District and national elections shall be referred by the Committee on Nominations and Elections, to the Council Policy Committee for investigation and resolution. The Council Policy Committee shall have the power to set aside the results of a disputed election and to require a new election.

Sec. 10.

Sec. 6.

Director-at-Large

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

a-b. 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 positions of Director-at-Large to be filled. The number of such candidates shall be at least twice the
number of such positions to be filled. These names shall be announced to the Council at a meeting to be held not later than May 1.

b. Members of the SOCIETY may nominate additional candidates for Director-at-Large by providing to the Chief Executive Officer by July 15, nominating petitions endorsed by at least one-fourth (1/4) of the SOCIETY membership entitled to vote in the SOCIETY’s most recent fall national election, with neither more than one-sixth (1/6) of that from members of a single Local Section nor more than two-thirds (2/3) from any one District of the SOCIETY. Each member may nominate no more than one candidate per Director-at-Large position in a given election. The names of any candidates duly nominated by petition shall be included on the ballot along with those nominated by the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

e. On or before October 10, the Chief Executive Officer shall distribute to each voting Councilor a ballot containing the names of all candidates for the positions of Director-at-Large to be filled.

Sec. 11.

Sec 7.

District Director

g. District Directors shall be elected to terms staggered in a manner to produce rotation.

a. For the purpose of electing District Directors, there shall be six geographic Districts. To provide equitable representation, the member population of each District shall be within 10 percent of the result obtained by dividing by six the number of members whose addresses lie within the United States and Canada. Each District shall be made up of whole, neighboring Local Sections, plus those members not belonging to any Local Section who have their addresses in specified states, provinces, or counties. The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall review annually the distribution of member population within the six Districts as defined by the official count. It shall recommend to the Council such redefined District boundaries as are necessary to satisfy the provisions contained herein. The Council shall act upon this recommendation in sufficient time for any adopted changes to take effect January 1 following. The Council in creating a new Local Section shall designate the District to which it is assigned.

b. Each member whose address lies within the United States and Canada shall be entitled to vote for the office of District Director from that District in which is located the member’s Local Section is located or, lacking one, the member’s address. The address of a member is that to which the official organ of the SOCIETY is sent.

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Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

e. One percent of the members of the SOCIETY entitled to vote in the District electing a District Director, not more than one-third (1/3) of whom are assigned to any one Local Section, may nominate a candidate for District Director by filing a petition with the Chief Executive Officer by July 15. Each member may nominate no more than one candidate for District Director in a given election. A petition candidate must be entitled to vote in the District electing the District Director 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 District’s Councilors.

g. District Directors shall be elected in a manner to produce rotation.

f. On or before October 10, the Chief Executive Officer shall distribute to each member of the SOCIETY entitled to vote in the District electing a District Director a ballot containing the names of all the candidates for Director from that District and constructed as provided herein.
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h. A vacancy in the office of District Director, if the unexpired term is more than one year, shall be filled for the unexpired term by vote of the members in the District affected as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. If the unexpired term is one year or less and time permits, the vacancy shall be filled as soon as practicable for the period of the unexpired term plus a full term by vote of the members in the District affected as specified in these Standing Rules. If insufficient time is available to conduct the election of a District Director by vote of the members of the District affected, then the District Director shall be selected by vote of the Councilors in the District affected but shall serve only for the period of the unexpired term.

Sec. 12. Nomination for President-Elect by Councilor Petition

Wherever in these Standing Rules provision is made for selection of candidates for President-Elect by the Council from a list of nominees presented by its Committee on Nominations and Elections, nothing herein shall prohibit petitions for nomination from the floor at the Council meeting provided that such petitions are submitted in writing and signed by not fewer than 50 Councilors present at the meeting and provided that not more than one-third (1/3) of such Councilors shall be MEMBERS of any one Local Section. MEMBERS whose names are so presented shall become nominees for that office.

Sec. 8. 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.

a. Election of Councilors to the Committee on Nominations and Elections elected committees shall be arranged so as to provide rotation. Each year the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall propose not fewer than eight voting Councilors for membership on the Council Policy Committee, four of whom shall be elected by the Council; and the names of not fewer than twice as many voting Councilors for membership on the Committee on Committees as there are members MEMBERS whose terms are expiring. Not later than October 1, the Council shall elect from the list of nominees, as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules, the 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 Council Policy Committee Committee on Committees elected committees may also be made by petition of 25 Councilors.

b. Not later than October 1, the Council shall elect from the list of nominees, as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules, the number of members corresponding to the number of vacancies on the Committee on Nominations and Elections elected committees for a term of three years beginning with the first day of January following the election.

c. No elected Councilor shall serve more than two successive terms of three years each on any one of the Council Policy Committee Committee on Committees elected committees.

d. Each member MEMBER of the Committee on Nominations and Elections an elected committee must be a qualified voting Councilor when elected. If a member MEMBER or member-elect MEMBER-ELECT of the Committee on Nominations and Elections an elected committee fails at any time to qualify as a voting Councilor, that member MEMBER shall thereafter remain a member MEMBER of the Committee and a voting Councilor for one additional year or to the end of that member MEMBER’s term on the Committee, whichever is shorter.

e. Any vacancy in any office originally filled by vote of the Council, except on the Council Policy Committee, shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term of said office as soon as practicable
after the vacancy occurs. 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-succe ssion, this combined period of service shall be construed equivalent to a regular full term.

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Sec. 13.

Sec. 10.

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 first day of January following election, or until a qualified successor has been chosen and qualifies.

b. Each Director-at-Large and each District Director shall serve the term specified in the Constitution, beginning on the first day of January following election, or until a qualified successor has been chosen and qualifies.

Sec. 14.

Sec. 11.

Elections and Withdrawal or Death of Candidate

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b. Should a deficiency in the number of candidates for a specific elective office occur after the ballots have been sent to members and before the established deadline for return of ballots, the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall declare the election void for that particular office. The Committee shall then provide an additional candidate or candidates, if necessary, by adding the name next in line from the same candidate selection process. Provisions shall be made for additional submission and validation of petition candidates. New ballots shall be prepared and the election resumed on a schedule established by the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

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Sec. 15.

Vacancies in Office

a. A vacancy in any office filled by vote of the Council, except on the Council Policy Committee, shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term of said office as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. 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-succe ssion, this combined period of service shall be construed equivalent to a regular full term.

b. A vacancy in the office of District Director, if the unexpired term is more than one year, shall be filled for the unexpired term by vote of the members in the District affected as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. If the unexpired term is one year or less and time permits, the vacancy shall be filled as soon as practicable for the period of the unexpired term plus a full term by vote of the members in the District affected as specified in these Standing Rules. If insufficient time is available to conduct the election of a District Director by vote of the members of the District affected, then the District Director shall be selected by vote of the Councilors in the District affected but shall serve only for the period of the unexpired term.

c. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled as soon as practicable after the vacancy
d. Nomination for any vacancy shall be made in accordance with these Standing Rules pertaining to nominations for the office concerned.

e. A vacancy in any office filled by vote of a Local Section or Division shall be filled in accordance with its bylaws by the Local Section or Division concerned as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. Such changes in office shall be reported promptly to the Chief Executive Officer. Any vacancy in the position of Councilor or Alternate Councilor 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 in the bylaws of the Local Section or Division 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, the vacancy may be filled until the next annual election by appointment by the governing body of the Local Section or Division.

Sec. 16

Sec. 12.

Eligibility

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c. Irrespective of other provisions of these Standing Rules, no nominee shall become a candidate unless the nominee has indicated a willingness to serve, if elected, in writing to the Secretary of the SOCIETY. It shall be the responsibility of the group submitting a nomination to the Chief Executive Officer or to the Council to present to the Chief Executive Officer, prior to balloting, evidence that the nominee is willing to serve if elected.

Sec. 17

Sec. 13.

Tie Vote

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c. Tie votes for any office in an annual election of a Local Section or Division shall be resolved in accordance with its bylaws by its governing body, or by vote of its members either at an election meeting or by ballot.

Sec. 18

Sec. 14.

Requirements for Balloting

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c. For all SOCIETY balloting the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall establish and submit to the Council Policy Committee for their approval balloting procedures that meet the requirements of (1) fair balloting that is open to all eligible members of the SOCIETY, (2) anonymity, (3) protection against fraudulent balloting, (4) ballot archiving, and (5) the timely reporting and archiving of balloting results.

d. The Chief Executive Officer and at least one member of the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall together be responsible for the counting of ballots received within the interval and shall certify the results.

Sec. 19
Sec. 15.

Procedure for Special Elections

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Sec. 20

Sec. 16.

Fair Election Procedures

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c. For the purpose of distributing campaign material, candidates for office shall have the right to use the membership list of those members eligible to vote for that office. All costs associated with use of the distribution lists shall be borne by the candidate.

d. If in a Local Section or Division 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.

e. If in a District or national election the Council Policy Committee finds a significant violation of 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 the Committee on Nominations and Elections to carry out a new election. Opportunity shall be provided for a candidate whose election is challenged, and the challenger(s), to state their views and convey such comments with any correspondence on the subject to the Council Policy Committee. Opportunity shall be provided for full discussion by all candidates before the Council Policy 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 membership of the Council Policy 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.

f. A vacancy in any office filled by vote of a Local Section or Division shall be filled in accordance with its bylaws by the Local Section or Division concerned as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. Such changes in office shall be reported promptly to the Chief Executive Officer. Any vacancy in the position of Councilor or Alternate Councilor 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 in the bylaws of the Local Section or Division 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, the vacancy may be filled until the next annual election by appointment by the governing body of the Local Section or Division.

STANDING RULE VII

Units (Local Sections, Divisions, International Chapters) Functions

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Sec. 2.

Divisions Function
b. The duties of the Committee on Divisional Activities shall include the following, inter alia:

... (3) perform the duties incident to the creation of new Divisions as prescribed elsewhere in these Standing Rules and making recommendations to the Council for combination or dissolution of Divisions;

(4) take such actions as necessary if any Division has an inactive Executive Committee such as to appoint an interim Executive Committee or facilitate the Division’s elections;

(5) make recommendations to the Council concerning combining or dissolving Divisions;

Note: subsequent sections remain and are renumbered.

(6) determine the formula for distribution of dues SOCIETY funds allocated to Divisions as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules and convey that formula for approval by the Council; and

STANDING RULE VIII
Duties of Committees

Section 1.
... b. Duties of Committees that Report to both the Council and the Board of Directors

... (4) Committee on Chemists with Disabilities

The committee will promote educational and professional opportunities in the chemical sciences and in fields requiring knowledge of chemistry for persons with disabilities. The committee will champion the capabilities of those persons to educators, employers, and peers. The committee envisions a time when all individuals, including those with disabilities, will advance the chemical enterprise by drawing on the full range of their talents.

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

(a) ensure that all SOCIETY-sponsored services and programs promote and advance the full participation of students persons with disabilities;

(b) promote opportunities for individuals persons with disabilities employed in or seeking employment within chemistry and its allied fields, supporting the SOCIETY’s Strategic Plan;

(c) provide and promote a portfolio of programs, products and services to increase participation and leadership in the chemical community by persons with disabilities; and

(d) serve as a resource to the chemistry community as a whole with reference to issues concerning the education and employment of individuals persons with disabilities.

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The following changes were approved by Council March 23, 2022:
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I. DUES AND BENEFITS PACKAGES PROCESS

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 packages. 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 shall assess member benefits annually, propose dues commensurate with those 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. Annual changes in the base 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 2022 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**
   
   Regular Members are entitled to The Premium Package contains the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members.

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:

   (1) They may not receive publications benefits 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.

   (2) They may not receive Any Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) benefits including but not limited to complimentary search activities.

   (3) They may not receive Discounted registration rates for ACS meetings, workshops, and continuing education courses where allowable.

   (4) They may not receive Access to the ACS webinar recording library.

   b. Regular Members—Contributing shall receive The Standard Package contains digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. They are not entitled to receive It does not provide access to the print edition.

3. **Basic Package**

   The Basic Package shall include only the privileges and benefits described below:
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a. Community Associates are entitled to receive Receipt of SOCIETY newsletters as offered by the SOCIETY.

b. Community Associates are entitled to receive a Receipt of weekly, abbreviated digests of the official organ of the SOCIETY, with links to stories of interest.

c. 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.

d. Access to discounts on personal services offered by external SOCIETY partners.

IV. DUES CATEGORIES

1. Regular Members
   a. Regular members may select the Premium Package. The dues rate for Regular Members with the Premium Package shall be the full base dues rate.
   b. Regular members may select the Standard Package. The dues rate for Regular Members Contributing with the Standard Package shall be one-half (1/2) of the full base dues rate.
   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.
      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 Member Contributing are eligible for those discounts as outlined in Section IV of this document.

2. Regular Member — Graduate Student Members
   a. Regular Members Graduate Student are entitled to the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its 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
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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. **Regular Members** - Graduate Student Members shall receive digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. They are not entitled to receive the print edition.

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

3. **Student Members**
   a. **Undergraduate students may become** STUDENT MEMBERS are members of the SOCIETY and, 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.
   b. 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. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.
   c. A STUDENT MEMBER shall receive digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. A STUDENT MEMBER shall not receive print access to the official organ of the SOCIETY.
   d. STUDENT MEMBERS are eligible for those discounts as outlined elsewhere-in the Schedule of Membership.

4. **Society Affiliates**
   a. A Society Affiliate, who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY, in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents, shall be entitled to receive the Premium Package at the base dues rate and shall retain affiliate status only so long as payment is made of Society Affiliate dues, which shall be equal to the full membership dues. Society Affiliates shall have the privileges described in the ACS Governing Documents and the following benefits:
      i. Society Affiliates shall receive the official organ of the SOCIETY and may subscribe to SOCIETY publications at the same rates as members.
      ii. 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.
   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. Society Affiliates shall be entitled to those privileges of the SOCIETY which are herein specified.
   c. Except as described above, Society Affiliates shall have access to all other benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members.
   d. Society Affiliates are eligible for those discounts as outlined elsewhere in the Schedule of Membership.

5. **Community Associates**
   a. Community Associates share common connections to the SOCIETY such as participating in webinars, subscribing to, publishing in, or reviewing manuscripts...
b. 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.

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

d. 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.

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

f. Community Associates shall not be a member of any 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 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 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 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.

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 or in the affairs of any Local Section or Division. Community Associates 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. Retired Members are entitled to the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its 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. Emeritus Members are entitled to the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members.  
   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 **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**

1. **Multi-year Membership.** A Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, Graduate Student Members, STUDENT MEMBERS, Society Affiliates, or 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.

2. **Disabled waiver.** A Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, Graduate Student Member, STUDENT MEMBER, Regular Member – Society Affiliate or Retired 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 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 or Regular Member – Contributing by reclassification from STUDENT MEMBER or Regular Member - Graduate 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 Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, Graduate Student Member, STUDENT MEMBER, Regular Member – 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 Officer with affirmation of such status, be entitled to a discount of one-half (1/2) of the membership dues for each year of such service beginning on the member’s anniversary date.

5. **Spouse Discount.** Upon request from a Regular Member who is the spouse of a Regular 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.

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

6. **Family Care Provider Discount.** After at least one year of paid membership, a Regular Member, Regular Member—Contributing, STUDENT MEMBER, Regular Member—Graduate Student 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 membership dues rate for the member or Society Affiliate dues category they had at the time of the request. Such discount shall commence on the member’s or Society Affiliate’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.

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**REGULATION CHANGES**

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

The following changes are effective August 20, 2022:

Regulation I:

7. **Standing Committees.** In addition to the Executive Committee, other Standing Committees of the Board are authorized to assist the Board with matters that benefit from ongoing oversight or consideration. Each such committee shall keep itself informed about matters within the field of its assignment and be the Board’s body of experts on these matters. As such, each Standing Committee, acting within its assigned area, shall recommend and suggest appropriate action on matters under consideration by the Board.

Individuals who are not members of the Board are generally eligible for service on Standing Committees of the Board and their subcommittees, but only members of the Board may serve on the Executive Committee, the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations, and on such other committees as the Board may specify (“Board-Member Only Standing Committees”). Appointments to Standing Committees shall be made by the Chair of the Board for such terms as may be specified by the Board. The Chair of the Board will ensure equity in the number of committee assignments given to each member of the Board. The terms for a member of service for those appointed to a Board-Member Only Standing Committee shall be one year, and a Board member may serve on one or more of these committees up to the length of their service on the Board six successive one-year terms. The term for service on other Board Standing Committees and subcommittees shall be one year for ex-officio appointments and three years for other appointments, unless otherwise indicated in these Regulations. The Board recognizes that differences in the nature and duties of Standing Committees support variances in their term limitations; however, unless otherwise specified herein or by the Board, no one shall serve more than three successive terms on the same Standing Committee. A member of another Board Standing Committee shall be eligible to serve up to two successive three-year terms on the same committee; however, that service may be extended if the Board Chair determines that there is a compelling need for ongoing expertise on the committee. Service for at least six months shall constitute a full
one-year term for the purpose of this term limit. Unless otherwise specified by the Board, the Chair
of the Board annually shall designate the chair of each committee.

9. Standing Committee on Audits. The Committee on Audits shall serve as a focal point for
communication among the members of the Board, the independent accountants, the internal auditors,
and SOCIETY management, insofar as their duties relate to financial accounting, auditing, financial
reporting, and internal controls. The Committee shall assist the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary
responsibilities regarding accounting policies and reporting practices of the SOCIETY and the
sufficiency of auditing relative thereto. It is to be the Board’s principal agent in ensuring the
independence of the independent accountants and internal auditors, the integrity of management, and
adequacy of disclosures to the public.

The responsibility of the Board for selection and appointment of the independent auditors is
delegated to the Committee on Audits. The Committee’s job is one of oversight. The Committee shall
meet with the auditors to discuss the scope and nature of their audit, the quality and adequacy of and
compliance with internal controls, approval of the internal audit plan, review of the annual financial
audit report and management letter, and review of the annual internal audit report. The Committee
shall also meet with key financial staff of the SOCIETY to discuss implementation of auditor
recommendations, review internal financial controls and procedures, review appropriateness of
accounting policies, evaluate auditor performance, and evaluate whistleblower complaints brought to
it by the Society’s General Counsel.

The responsibility of the Board for selection and appointment of the independent auditors is
delegated to the Committee on Audits. The Committee members shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board
for terms not to exceed three years. The Committee will have such additional responsibilities as the Board shall direct in a committee
charter, which the Board shall approve and amend as necessary.

11. Standing Committee on Executive Compensation. The Committee on Executive Compensation
shall advise the Board or its Executive Committee on matters involving compensation of the Chief
Executive Officer and other members of the senior staff of the SOCIETY. The Committee shall be
responsible for recommending salary levels for the Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer, and Secretary
of the SOCIETY; formulating for Board approval the structure and details of the Executive incentive
plan; and advising the Board or its Executive Committee on any other matter involving compensation
of the senior staff of the SOCIETY.

The Committee shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past President, the Chair of the
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.

13. Advisory Board for the ACS Green Chemistry Institute (ACS GCI)

a. Establishment. The ACS Board delegates to the Advisory Board the general responsibility
and authority for advising the ACS GCI Director on the strategy, operations and performance of the
Institute. The ACS Green Chemistry Institute shall catalyze and enable the implementation of green
and sustainable chemistry and engineering throughout the global chemical enterprise and the
SOCIETY.
b. Membership of the Advisory Board for the ACS Green Chemistry Institute. The Advisory Board for the ACS Green Chemistry Institute shall consist of no more than seven members, who have a range of backgrounds in science, engineering, business, technology, and education. The Advisory Board must include at least one individual meeting each of the following criteria, however an individual may satisfy more than one criterion:

(1) Director of the ACS Green Chemistry Institute shall serve as a member ex officio without a vote on the Advisory Board

(2) Chair of the ACS Committee on Environmental Improvement or his or her designee

(3) Experience working in industry

(4) Experience working in government, nonacademic research institutions, or nongovernmental organizations

(5) Experience working in academia

c. Appointment and Term of Service. The Chair of the Committee on Environmental Improvement shall serve as a member of the Advisory Board or appoint one member of his or her committee to the Advisory Board. The remaining Advisory Board members shall be appointed or reappointed by the Chair of the ACS Board of Directors based on a slate of nominees proposed by the Advisory Board Chair in consultation with the ACS Chief Executive Officer, GCI Director, and GCI Advisory Board. The standard term for Advisory Board members shall be three years, subject to a maximum of two consecutive full terms. With input from the Advisory Board, the ACS Chief Executive Officer and the GCI Director shall recommend an Advisory Board Chair from among the nominated and appointed members of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board Chair shall be appointed by the Chair of the ACS Board of Directors to a one-year term, subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms.

15. Standing Committee on Pensions and Investments. The Committee on Pensions and Investments shall be responsible for the administration of the ACS Retirement Plan in all its details, as adopted and amended from time to time by the Board. Such authority shall be exercised prudently, reasonably, and in the sole interest of Plan participants and beneficiaries and include but not be limited to: the establishment of investment policy guidelines for the Plan; performance review of external fund managers; compliance of the Plan with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); compliance with the Internal Revenue Code; and making recommendations to the Board of proposals for adoption or amendment of the Plan. The Committee also has fiduciary responsibility for the ACS Defined Contribution Retirement and ACS ERISA 403(b) Plans.

The Committee shall be responsible for establishing investment policies and monitoring performance for other SOCIETY funds, as deemed appropriate by the Board. Consistent with the Board’s resolution approving the October 25, 2000, Agreement of Transfer of Trust, the Committee shall prudently manage and administer the various assets of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY Petroleum Research Fund (“ACS-PRF”) and shall determine the Annual Amount to be disbursed therefrom to fund the research grants program. The Committee will also be responsible for establishing investment policies and monitoring performance for the Hach Scientific Endowment Fund.

The Committee shall consist of five to seven members, and it is recommended that at least three of them be SOCIETY members with experience in pensions, endowments, or related fields of investment
management. The Chief Executive Officer and the Treasurer shall serve as voting members ex officio. Appointments shall be made by the Chair of the Board for terms not to exceed three years.