

ORIGINAL

FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Petition to Amend the Council Executive Function
(AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES)

Standing Rule II, Sec. 1 (f); Sec. 5 (g)

Petition

We, the voting members of the American Chemical Society's Council Policy Committee hereby petition to amend the SOCIETY's Standing Rules as follows (additions **underlined**; deletions ~~struck through~~):

STANDING RULE II
Council Executive Function

Section 1.

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f. The ~~Chairs of the following Society Committees shall have all the privileges of membership on the Council Policy Committee~~ **may seek collaboration with the Chairs of Society Committees to act in an advisory capacity on matters relating to Council policies** ~~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.~~

Sec. 5.

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g. A Society Committees shall ~~both provide a written report~~ **orally to** for the Council **when their agenda and give an oral report** **includes a recommendation for Council action. Committees not bringing action before Council may report orally when granted approval by, or at the direction of, the Council Policy Committee.** ~~to Council at least once per year; h~~ However, Society Committees that are elected shall provide both a written and oral report at each meeting of ~~the~~ Council.

Explanation

Historically, Society Committees provided written reports and one oral report to Council per year. In 2020, the Council Policy Committee (CPC) voted to suspend this requirement for non-elected Society Committees with no action before Council. This amendment codifies the current practice in the standing rules. While the amendment removes the oral reporting requirement, CPC welcomes oral reports from all Society Committees including those without action before Council.

Prior to 2021, the Society had Standing Committees (C&B, CEPA, DAC, LSAC, M&E, and MAC), Society Committees (B&F and SOCED), Elected Committees (ConC, N&E, and CPC), Other Committees of the Council, and Joint Board-Council Committees. With the passage of the Petition to Harmonize Committee Structures, Processes, and Terms, all of these committees were reclassified as

Society Committees. However, Standing Rule II, Sec. 1(f) was not amended to reflect the SOCIETY's new committee structure.

The Council Policy Committee recognizes the value of input and advice from the Chairs of all Society Committees. This amendment provides inclusion of all Society Committees in serving in an advisory role on Council policy matters.