

**ORIGINAL**

**FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on International Activities**

(AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES)

**Standing Rule VII, Sec. 3, (b); (g)**

**Petition**

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

**STANDING RULE VII**

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

**Section 3.**

**International Chapters Function**

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

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

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

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

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

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g. **The annual report of Each International Chapter, including an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures and investment of its funds shall prepare an annual report to be submitted by April 1 of each year to the responsible eCommittee on International Activities through the Chief Executive Officer not later than February 15 of each year and shall cover the period January 1 to December 31 preceding. Each year the committee shall prepare a summary of the International Chapter annual reports and submit it to the Council Policy Committee.**

### Explanation

The Committee on International Activities (IAC) seeks to amend the committee's duties listed in the Standing Rules. International Chapters also experience challenges such as lapses of leadership of their governing elected bodies and decreasing interest in the International Chapter's focus. Lapses of leadership may occur due to resignations, ineffective succession planning, or failure to conduct elections, among other reasons and could result in an International Chapter without a duly elected Executive Committee and unable to fulfill certain responsibilities outlined in their bylaws. When these situations occur, IAC would like an opportunity to provide assistance to International Chapters. Hence, this petition seeks to provide IAC with the same authority permitted to its unit counterparts by allowing IAC to support International Chapters by facilitating the appropriate processes and/or taking action on their behalf, including the appointment of an interim Executive Committee and/or facilitating an International Chapter's elections, if necessary. Likewise, IAC would also like to modify the language and due date for submission of annual reports so that it mirrors the language for the Local Sections and Divisions.