

ORIGINAL

FOR FUNCTION COMMITTEE ACTION

Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Local Section Activities
(AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES)

Standing Rule VII, Sec. 1, b

Petition

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

STANDING RULE VII

Units (Local Sections, Divisions, International Chapters) Function

Section 1.

Local Sections Function

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

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

(1) study and make recommendations to the Council concerning SOCIETY policy affecting the interests of Local Sections;

(2) assist Local Sections in coordinating their efforts with SOCIETY and Division activities;

(3) promote both formal and informal cooperation and communication of Local Sections with Divisions and other Local Sections;

(4) explore possibilities of assisting Local Sections in enriching their program of activities;

(5) receive reports on and rate the effectiveness of Local Section activities;

(6) receive, consider, and make recommendations to the Council concerning petitions for chartering new Local Sections and for changes in territory or name;

(7)-take such actions as necessary if any Local Section has an inactive Executive Committee such as to appoint an interim Executive Committee or facilitate the Local Section's elections;

~~(87)~~ make recommendations to the Council concerning combining or dissolving Local Sections;
~~(98)~~ study the needs for financial support of local activities in relation to the SOCIETY's program and make recommendations to the Council concerning proper allotments for this purpose;

~~(109)~~ determine the formula for distribution of dues funds allocated to Local Sections as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules and conveying that formula for approval by the Council;

~~(1140)~~ act for the Council in resolving any member's appeal from adverse action on a request for assignment to a Local Section in accordance with the provisions of these Standing Rules; and

~~(1244)~~ act for the Council, in collaboration with the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, to approve the affiliation of Local Sections with other technical organizations.

Explanation

The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) seeks to amend the committee's duties that are in the Standing Rules.

On occasion, Local Sections experience challenges when their elected governing body experiences a lapse in leadership. This situation can occur due to resignations, ineffective succession planning, or failure to conduct elections, among other reasons. When this occurs, a Local Section may be without a duly elected Executive Committee and unable to fulfill certain responsibilities outlined in their bylaws. This petition seeks to provide LSAC with the authority to support Local Sections by taking action on their behalf, including appointing an interim executive committee and/or facilitating a Local Section's election if necessary.