

Proposed 2022-2024 SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP
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I. DUES AND BENEFITS 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. 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 and Finance, (~~B&F~~). ~~B&F~~ 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 ~~B&F~~, shall be submitted by the Committee on Membership Affairs ~~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 as outlined below in Section II. ~~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 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 ~~2022-2024~~ base dues rate will be US \$160 ~~as recommended by the Committee on Budget and Finance and approved by Council action.~~

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.
- c. Regular Members are eligible for those discounts as outlined in Section IV of this document.

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.

3. Regular Member – Graduate Student

- a. Regular Members - 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 rate of eleven thirty-seconds (11/32) one-half of the membership dues so 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.
- c. Regular Members – Graduate Student shall receive digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. They are not entitled to receive the print edition.
- d. Regular Members – Graduate Student are eligible for those discounts as outlined in Section IV of this document.

43. Student Member

- a. STUDENT MEMBERS are members of the SOCIETY and, in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents Standing Rules, 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 a discount rate of five thirty-seconds (5/32) 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 digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. A STUDENT MEMBER shall not receive print 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.
- d. STUDENT MEMBERS are eligible for those discounts as outlined in Section IV of this document.

54. Society Affiliate Affiliates

- a. A Society Affiliate, who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY, in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents Standing Rules, 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. Society Affiliates shall have the following privileges described in the ACS Governing Documents and the following benefits:
 - (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.
 - (1) ~~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.~~
 - (2) ~~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.
- e. Society Affiliates are eligible for those discounts as outlined in Section IV of this document.

6. Community Associate

- a. Community Associates are not required to pay annual dues to maintain status with the SOCIETY. The length of the Community Associate term is 12-months.
- b. Community Associates may not concurrently benefit from any of the other Dues Categories defined elsewhere in this document.
- c. Community Associates shall not be eligible for any of the discounts and/or waivers specified in the ACS Governing Documents or elsewhere in this document.
- d. Community Associate shall have only the following privileges:
 - i. Community Associates are entitled to receive SOCIETY newsletters as offered by the SOCIETY.
 - ii. Community Associates are entitled to receive a weekly, abbreviated digest of the official organ of the SOCIETY, with links to stories of interest.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. Community Associates shall not be 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 affiliates. A Community Associate may attend and participate in a Division's open meetings and events.
 - v. Community Associates shall not be assigned to a Local Section. A Community Associate 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 affiliates. A Community Associate may attend and participate in a Local Section's open meetings and events.
- e. 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 shall not be eligible for any elective office in the SOCIETY or any of its Local Sections or Divisions.
- f. Unless specified above, Community Associates shall not have access to other benefits as offered by the SOCIETY to its members and/or affiliates.

75. 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 (1/2) of 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.

86. 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

1. **Multi-year Membership.** Regular Members, Regular Members – Contributing, Society Affiliates, Retired Members, Regular Members – Graduate Student, and STUDENT MEMBERS 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. ~~Membership Discounts~~
2. **Disabled waiver.** A Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, Retired Member, STUDENT MEMBER, Regular Member – Graduate Student, or Society Affiliate 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 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 status, by reclassification from STUDENT MEMBER or Regular Member – Graduate Student, 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, Retired Member, STUDENT MEMBER, Regular Member – Graduate Student, or Society Affiliate 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 member who is the spouse of a Regular Member 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 ~~per member~~ allocation from dues revenue for the official organ of the SOCIETY in lieu of one subscription.
6. **Unemployed Waiver.** After at least one year of paid membership, a Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, or Society Affiliate 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 from the member or affiliate category they held at the time of the request. 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 at least one year of paid membership, a Regular Member, Regular Member – Contributing, Retired Member, STUDENT MEMBER, Regular Member – Graduate Student, or Society Affiliate member who has elected to discontinue fulltime 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 (1/2) ~~of the membership dues off of the membership dues rate for the member or affiliate category they had at the time of the request~~. 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~~ 10 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 the ~~this~~ Schedule of Membership.
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 the ~~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 the ~~this~~ Schedule of Membership.