

**ORIGINAL****FOR FUNCTION COMMITTEE ACTION****Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities**  
(AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES)**Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, b****Petition**

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

**STANDING RULE VIII**  
**Duties of Committees**

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**Section 1.**

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**b. Duties of Committees that Report to both the Council and the Board of Directors (3/26/21)**

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**(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.

**Explanation**

The Committee on Chemists with Disabilities is recommending changing the word **students** to **persons** to be more inclusive to ACS members of all levels and backgrounds participating in the

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SOCIETY's meetings and events. Also, the committee is recommending that the word "individuals" be replaced with "persons" in subsections (b) and (d) for consistency in language.