

ORIGINAL
FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Petition to Add Plan B to Council Meetings
(AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES)

Standing Rule IV, Secs. 4 (d), 8 (b)

Petition

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

STANDING RULE IV
Elections Function

Sec. 4.

Manner of Elections

Preamble

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d. Upon agreement of both the Council Presiding Officer and the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections, or their designee, that an event or circumstance beyond the Council's control, such as natural disasters or technology failures, will negatively impact the ability of a significant number of Councilors to cast their votes during a Council meeting, any balloting at Council can be postponed until after the Council meeting.

Sec. 8.

Elected Committees

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b. Not later than ~~October~~ **November** 1, the Council shall elect from the list of nominees, as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules, the number of MEMBERS corresponding to the number of vacancies on the elected committees for a term of three years beginning with the first day of January following the election.

Explanation

This petition to the standing rules adds the Plan B language that has been used for both virtual and hybrid meetings and approved by CPC for each meeting. Having such a plan seemed prudent given the enhanced reliance upon technology and electronic access in this new hybrid meeting environment. Given the importance of the voting process at Council, enshrining this plan and its related authorities in the Governing Documents also seemed prudent.