

ORIGINAL

FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Environmental Improvement
(AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES)

Standing Rule II, Sec. 4, b, (7)
Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, b, (7)

Petition

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

STANDING RULE II
Council Executive Function

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Sec. 4.

Society Committees

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b. Society Committees Reporting to the Council and the Board of Directors

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(7) Committee on Environmental ~~and Improvement~~ **Sustainability**

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STANDING RULE VIII
Duties of Committees

Section 1.

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b. Duties of Committees that Report to both the Council and the Board of Directors

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(7) Committee on Environmental ~~and Improvement~~ **Sustainability**

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(f) design and coordinate programs related to environmental ~~improvement~~ **sustainability** for symposia and publications; and

Explanation

The Committee on Environmental Improvement (CEI) is recommending changing their name to the Committee on Environment and Sustainability (CES). The rationale for the proposed change is to 1) maintain CEI's focus on the environment; 2) emphasize CEI's leadership in promoting sustainability within ACS; and 3) clarify that CEI's actions and activities do not include remediation efforts by dropping the word improvement from the name.

Along with the proposed name change CEI is also seeking to amend its duties by changing the word *improvement* to *sustainability* to ensure it matches the needs of the committee, SOCIETY, and its members.