

**ORIGINAL**

**FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Petition to Remove Inconsistencies and Add Missing Provisions**  
(AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES)

**Standing Rule II, Sec. 1, (d)**  
**Standing Rule III, Sec. 2, (a)**  
**Standing Rule IV, Secs. 1, (b); 6; 9**  
**Standing Rule VI, Sec. 5, (j)**

**Petition**

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

**STANDING RULE II**  
**Council Executive Function**

**Section 1.**

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d. The Council Policy Committee shall be **composed of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary, and 12 additional Councilors** ~~elected-members of the SOCIETY~~ **to the committee.**

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**STANDING RULE III**  
**Committees Function**

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**Sec. 2.**

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a. The Committee on Committees shall be composed of the President-Elect, ~~as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules,~~ and 15 ~~elected-members~~ **additional** ~~who must qualify as voting Councilors~~ **elected to the committee.**

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**STANDING RULE IV**  
**Elections Function**

**Section 1.**

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b. The Committee on Nominations and Elections **shall be composed of 15 Councilors** ~~is an elected~~ **to the** ~~committee of the Council,~~ ~~as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules.~~

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**Sec. 6.**

**Director-at-Large**

a. Directors-at-Large shall be elected by the Council. They shall be elected in a manner to produce rotation.

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**e. A vacancy in the office of Director-at-Large shall be filled as soon as practicable by a vote of the Council for the unexpired term; however, if the unexpired term is less than one year, the vacancy shall be filled by election for a period equal to the unexpired term plus a full term as specified in these Standing Rules. For purposes of determining eligibility for self-succession, this combined period of service shall be construed equivalent to a regular full term.**

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#### **Sec. 9.**

##### **Elected Committees**

~~The elected committees, which includes the Council Policy Committee, Committee on Committees, and Committee on Nominations and Elections, shall be composed of 15 voting Councilors.~~

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#### **STANDING RULE VI**

##### **Meetings Function**

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#### **Sec. 5.**

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j. **Absent cause, n**No member may be deliberately excluded from any open meeting of the SOCIETY or its subunits.

#### **Explanation**

All members of the Council Policy Committee, the Committee on Nominations and Elections, and the Committee on Committees are Councilors. Amendments to Standing Rule II, Sec. 1, (d), Standing Rule III, Sec. 2, (a), and Standing Rule IV, Sec. 1, (b) are needed to clarify this. The introduction to Standing Rule IV, Sec. 8 is inconsistent with the other Standing Rules and has been deleted.

There is no provision in the Standing Rules for filling a vacancy in the position of Director-at-Large. The amendment to Standing Rule IV, Sec. 6 adds such a provision. Language is based on Standing Rule IV, Sec. 7 which describes the process for filling a vacancy in the position of District Director.

The amendment to Standing Rule VI, Sec. 5, (j) closes a gap in the existing language, which does not list any exceptions to the prohibition to excluding members from open meetings of the Society and its subunits. While the language is intended to be inclusive and sensitive to the rights of members, an exception is always allowed for inappropriate behavior which negatively impacts the rights of other members in our meetings. This amendment lists that exception.