

2026 SCHEDULE OF DUES AND BENEFITS

I. DUES AND BENEFITS PACKAGES

1. The SOCIETY strives to provide continued and sustainable growth ~~in its Membership Community~~ through regular reassessment of its dues and benefits packages for members, Society Affiliates, and Community Associates as defined in the Standing Rules. These dues and benefits packages ~~are will be~~ established and updated based on the professional and personal benefits they provide to individuals at different stages in their careers and as their roles in the global chemistry enterprise evolve. (5/31/24)

2. Annually, the Committee on Membership Affairs shall assess benefits, propose dues commensurate with the benefits packages, and submit its recommendations to the Committee on Budget and Finance, which shall conduct an analysis of the proposed dues and benefits packages to determine the financial impact on the SOCIETY. After review by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, ~~t~~The recommendation for dues and benefits and a statement of financial impact by the Committee on Budget and Finance shall be submitted by the Committee on Membership Affairs to Council for action at its spring meeting. Members are welcome to submit comments to the Committee on Membership Affairs for consideration when developing benefits and dues packages. (5/31/24)

3. Dues will be based on the fair-market value of each benefits package as outlined below. Changes in the base dues rate from one year to the next may not exceed \$10 or 10 percent, whichever amount is greater. (5/31/24)

4. Should the Council not act to replace the proposed dues and benefits packages as submitted, the dues and benefits shall default to the last approved version. (5/31/24)

5. This Schedule is not applicable to Corporation Associates. (5/31/24)

II. BASE DUES

The base dues rate shall be \$160. (3/23/22)

III. BENEFITS PACKAGES

1. Premium Package

The Premium Package contains the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY. (3/23/22)

2. Standard Package

The Standard Package contains the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY except that it does not provide: (5/31/24)

a. Any ACS Publications or author benefits including but not limited to universal publications accesses and reduced subscription rates as approved by the Board of Directors. (3/23/22)

b. Any Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) benefits including but not limited to complimentary search activities. (3/23/22)

c. Discounted registration rates for ACS meetings, workshops, LinkedIn Learning access, and continuing education courses. (5/31/24)

d. Access to the ACS webinar recording library. (3/23/22)

e. Access to the print edition of the official organ of the SOCIETY; however, digital access is available. (5/31/24) 24

3. Basic Package

The Basic Package is a free package, which shall include only the privileges and benefits described below: (3/23/22)

a. Receipt of SOCIETY newsletters. (3/23/22)

b. Receipt of weekly, abbreviated digests of the official organ of the SOCIETY. (3/23/22)

c. Five downloadable articles from the official organ of the SOCIETY. (5/31/24)

d. Access to ACS Link. (5/31/24)

e. Access to discounts on personal services offered by external SOCIETY partners, except for discounts to the group insurance rates in the ACS Member Insurance Program. (5/31/)

IV. DUES RATES

1. MEMBERS

a. The dues for a MEMBER selecting the **Premium Package** shall be the base dues rate unless the MEMBER opts to use any of the following applicable statuses: (5/31/24)

(1) **Retired.** A MEMBER who has either (1) accumulated at least twenty-five years of paid membership prior to January 1, 1986, and is retired from full-time professional employment or (2) 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 receive the **Premium Package** at a rate discount of one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate for each year beginning on the MEMBER's anniversary date, ~~and shall receive the official organ of the SOCIETY upon annual request.~~ (5/31/24)

(2) **Emeritus.** A MEMBER who has accumulated at least thirty-five years of paid membership and who is retired from full-time professional employment shall, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, be entitled to receive the **Premium Package** and 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.~~ (5/31/24)

(3) **Graduate Student.** 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 the **Premium Package** at a rate of eleven thirty-seconds (11/32) of the base dues rate with digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY so long as the individual is engaged in full-time graduate work. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. "Full-time" represents any combination of course work, research work, and teaching that the institution considers a full-time load. (5/31/24)

b. The dues for a MEMBER selecting the **Standard Package** shall be one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate. (5/31/24)

c. A MEMBER who selects the **Premium** or

Standard Package is eligible for those discounts and waivers as outlined elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)

2. STUDENT MEMBERS

a. A STUDENT MEMBER, upon affirmation to the Chief Executive Officer of qualification for such status, shall be entitled to receive the **Premium Package** at a rate of five thirty- seconds (5/32) of the base dues rate **with digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY**. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. (5/31/24)

~~b. A STUDENT MEMBER shall receive digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY, but is not entitled to receive the print edition. (5/31/24)~~

b. A STUDENT MEMBER is eligible for those discounts and waivers as outlined elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)

3. Society Affiliates

a. A Society Affiliate, an individual who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents, may select the **Premium Package** at the base dues rate or the **Standard Package** at one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate, and shall retain affiliate status only so long as payment is made of such dues. (5/31/24)

b. A Society Affiliate is eligible for those discounts and waivers as outlined elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)

4. Community Associates

a. A Community Associate shall only have access to the **Basic Package, a free package,** and its benefits. (5/31/24)

b. A Community Associate may not concurrently receive other benefits described elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)

c. A Community Associate shall not be eligible for any of the discounts or waivers described elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits (5/31/24)

V. DISCOUNTS, VARIATIONS, AND WAIVERS*

1. **Multi-year Benefits Packages.** A member or Society Affiliate not requesting any of the discounts provided elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits 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. (5/31/24)

2. **Emerging Economy Discount.** A member or Society Affiliate residing in a country with an emerging economy (as defined by the World Bank) is eligible for an annual dues discount. This discount is based on the World Bank country classification and reviewed annually: 50% dues reduction for members or Society Affiliates in upper-middle income countries, 66% dues reduction for members or Society Affiliates in lower-middle income countries, and 75% dues reduction for members or Society Affiliates in low-income countries. This discount will be applied automatically based on

the address of the member and may be continued indefinitely as long as the individual continues to reside in a country with an emerging economy, and the relevant World Bank country classification does not change. (5/31/24)

3. **New Graduate Discount.** An individual 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 a ~~half-year waiver~~ **50% discount** of the base dues rate for the Premium Package, to begin at any time up to one year from the date of graduation. (5/31/24)

4. **National Service Discount.** A member or Society Affiliate 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 base dues rate for each year of such service beginning on the individual's anniversary date. (5/31/24)

5. **Family Care Provider Discount.** After at least one year of paid dues, a member or Society Affiliate who has elected to discontinue full-time professional employment or full-time course work 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 base dues rate assessed at the time of the request. Such discount shall commence on the individual'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 full-time professional employment or full-time course work. (5/31/24)

6. **Disability Waiver.** A member or Society Affiliate who has a long-term disability may be granted a dues waiver. To be eligible for a waiver, the individual must have paid dues 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 appeal from adverse action on a disability waiver request. (5/31/24)

7. **Unemployed Waiver.** After at least one year of paid dues, a member or Society Affiliate 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 the base dues rate assessed at the time of the request. Such annual waiver shall commence on the individual'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. (5/31/24)

8. **Joint Memberships with Partner Organizations. Members in good standing with SOCIETY partner organizations may receive discounts on SOCIETY dues**

***Discounts may not be available in certain locations and are subject to other exclusions. Eligibility for discounts may vary, and additional terms and conditions may apply.**

assessed when selecting the Standard or Premium Package. Discounts may be available to MEMBERS, STUDENT MEMBERS, and Society Affiliates. These discounts do not apply to Local Section and Division dues.

**VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEDULE
OF DUES AND BENEFITS**

1. ~~Except for dues that are set by Council, in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of the SOCIETY, 10 members or five voting Councilors may submit proposed amendment(s) to this Schedule of Dues and Benefits 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 Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)~~

~~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 Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)~~

~~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 Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)~~