

**American Chemical Society  
2024 Committee Information Sheet**

**PLEASE NOTE:** In the event of governance meetings taking place virtually or hybrid, guidance on the meeting schedule and reimbursement of expenses will be determined by the Committees who have purview over these areas.

<b>Committee</b>	Committee on Chemistry & Public Affairs (CCPA)
<b>Type</b>	Society Committee (Appointed by the President and Board Chair)
<b>Charter</b>	<p>The Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs is responsible for advice and recommendation for ACS action on public policy matters involving the chemical sciences and technologies. To accomplish this, the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identify and analyze legislative, regulatory, research, science education funding and other science policy issues that impact the chemical sciences and technologies.</li><li>2. Define, propose, implement, and, where appropriate, work with groups within ACS on courses of action with respect to the above issues, which include but are not limited to: recommendations to the Board on appropriate studies or actions which should be undertaken; comments on policy issues which may be incorporated in ACS official policy statements; providing expert advice to the government on questions concerning the chemical sciences and technologies; and establishing ad hoc and standing subcommittees or task forces of experts to deal with specific issues.</li><li>3. Encourage and facilitate participation by the members of ACS in government relations.</li><li>4. Provide oversight for the ACS Public Policy Fellowships program, including the selection process.</li></ol>
<b>Goals and Activities</b>	<p>From the CCPA Strategic Plan:</p> <p>Vision: Public policy informed by chemistry</p> <p>Mission: Catalyzing ACS communities to improve public policy</p> <p>Goal 1: Empower and engage ACS communities with inclusion of diverse voices to interact with policymakers by providing tools, training, and connections.</p> <p>Goal 2: Cultivate a hub of expertise inside ACS to inform and impact public policy including production and maintenance of policy statements and messages on key issues.</p>

	Goal 3: Develop a public policy fellowship ecosystem that fosters diverse participation and empowers alumni to be long-term leaders inside ACS.
<b>Normal Meeting Schedule</b>	CCPA meets semiannually (hybrid) at each national meeting all day on Saturday (~8 am-5 pm), including lunch.
<b>Reimbursement Policy</b>	<p>ACS will reimburse volunteer committee members, associates, and consultants for ordinary and necessary transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred by attending meetings of Council-related committees at the spring and fall meetings. If necessary, ACS will also reimburse certain travel expenses incurred due to authorized committee meetings and work performed outside of spring and fall meetings. Advanced authorization is required.</p> <p>The <b>Councilor Attendance Incentive Allotment Program</b> provides funds for members, associates and consultants who are Councilors. Under this program, if the Councilor attends the Council meeting, either virtually or in-person, an allotment will be sent to the Local Section or Division they represent soon after the Council meeting.</p> <p>Non-Councilors are eligible for reimbursement under the <b>Volunteer Reimbursement Program</b>.</p>
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