

**American Chemical Society  
2023 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 Environmental Improvement (CEI)
<b>Type</b>	Society Committee (Appointed by the President and Board Chair)
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<p>The ACS Board of Directors and Council have charged the Committee on Environmental Improvement with promoting the Society's, as well as the public's, awareness and active concern for protecting and improving the quality of human health and the environment.</p> <p>To achieve this goal, the Committee is responsible for advising ACS governing bodies on pertinent environmental issues in science and public policy warranting action by the Society. Once identified, these issues then become the focus of Committee action, and the source of their projects. Responsibilities shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Monitoring environmental legislation and regulations for possible ACS comments and/or recommendations, and when appropriate, writing and/or reviewing Society statements.</li> <li>b. Keeping abreast of current and emerging environmental problems, focusing on possible areas of action by the Committee and/or the Society.</li> <li>c. Researching environmental chemistry issues, compiling pertinent material, and disseminating the information to appropriate groups and individuals within and outside the Society.</li> <li>d. Developing Society position statements, informational brochures, and appropriate publications (such as books and articles) on environmental issues in science and public policy using the technical expertise of Committee members.</li> <li>e. Designing and coordinating programs related to environmental improvement for symposia and publications.</li> <li>f. Promoting environmental chemistry education in secondary schools, colleges, and universities, and for the general public by developing science curricula, audio courses, etc., and distributing these materials to educators and other interested persons.</li> </ol> <p><i>The Committee has identified its mission as advancing sustainability thinking and practice across ACS and society for the benefit of earth and its people.</i></p>
<b>Normal Meeting Schedule</b>	Semiannually, at each national meeting. Generally, executive session meets on Saturday all day, with open session at the end of the meeting.
<b>Reimbursement Policy</b>	The Councilor reimbursement program provides funds for national meeting attendance of committee members, associates and consultants who are Councilors. Non-Councilor committee members, associates, and consultants will be reimbursed for reasonable, ordinary and necessary expenses incurred by attending CEI meetings, up to an amount equal to 50% of the amount Councilors can be reimbursed under the Non-Councilor Travel Expense Program. CEI members also can be reimbursed when traveling on other pre-approved committee business outside of the ACS National meetings.
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