

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ORAL REPORT to Council
Donna G. Friedman, Chair

August 19, 2020, Fall 2020 Virtual Meeting

[slide 1] Mr. President-Elect, members of Council, and guests. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) certified bylaws for three Local Sections so far this year. Congratulations to these Sections.

[slide 2] All certified bylaws and options to update your bylaws are available on ACS's website. C&B voted to approve minor edits to the Model BYLAWS, to make them consistent with the ACS Governing Documents, which were revised effective May 1st.

C&B voted to permit the word "mail" to include "email" in unit bylaws that still refer to "mail", but only when "mail" is used for sending meeting announcements or in the bylaw on bylaw amendments, with the caveat that if the bylaw includes words such as "envelope" or "postmarked", U.S. postal mail must be used. We will contact the forty-two Local Sections and two Divisions that have not updated their bylaws in the past 20 years to inform them of this change and to encourage them to update their bylaws.

[slide 3] New petitions to amend the Constitution and/or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than **December 2**, for consideration by Council at the spring 2021 meeting. The petition guidelines are in the ACS Governing Documents and on the webpage. We urge you to get C&B's initial feedback before you formally submit a petition.

Contact us at bylaws@acs.org if you have any questions or need information about bylaws or petitions. We're always happy to help.

Mr. President-Elect, this concludes my report.