CPC Policy on Comments by Committee Chairs

Committee chairs have the privilege of preparing “comments” for publication in C&EN (Chemical & Engineering News).

CPC reminds committee chairs that, when preparing comments on petitions or other issues, they have an obligation to provide a balanced and fair report that informs and educates the reader. This is particularly important when the writer’s committee has developed the petition under discussion or has been assigned primary responsibility for its consideration.

Opposing viewpoints raised in committee or brought to its attention should be summarized and responded to as appropriate. The rationale for the writer’s and the committee’s position should be stated.