

ACS Governing Documents (ACSGovDocs) as of May 1, 2023
Summary of Changes in 2023

The ACS Governing Documents (ACSGovDocs) at www.acs.org/govdocs were updated and are effective as of May 1, 2023. Additions are underlined and deletions are crossed out. Contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) at bylaws@acs.org if you have any questions.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Council Policy Committee) are effective April 24, 2023, were approved March 29, 2023, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors April 24, 2023.

Standing Rule II, Sec. 1, b

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Environmental Improvement) are effective April 24, 2023, were approved March 29, 2023, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors April 24, 2023.

Standing Rule II, Sec. 4, b, (7)
Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, b, (7)

The following changes to the Standing Rules (per the Petition to Add Plan B to Council Meetings) are effective April 24, 2023, were approved March 29, 2023, by the Council and confirmed by the Board of Directors April 24, 2023.

Standing Rule IV, Secs. 4, d; 8, b

The following changes to the Schedule of Membership, effective March 29, 2023, were approved March 29, 2023, by the Council.

2024 Schedule of Membership IV, Secs. 3, 4, 7
2024 Schedule of Membership V, Sec. 2

For the detailed changes noted below, per the effective dates given above, the effective dates were added at the end of the paragraphs in the ACS Governing Documents. If text was moved from one Standing Rule to another and if there was no change was made to the text, a new date was not added. Where no dates appear, the effective date is November 1, 2019.

DETAILS OF CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES

STANDING RULE II
Council Executive Function

Section 1.

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- b. The duties of the Council Policy Committee shall include the following, *inter alia*:

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(7) investigate allegations of improper election procedures in District or national elections and determine if violations have occurred; set aside the results of such an election when it finds sufficient cause; submit charges of conduct, as defined elsewhere in these Standing Rules, when it has reason to believe that significant election procedure violations have occurred; ~~and~~

(8) serve as an appeals board for any member or candidate dissatisfied with an admission-related action of the Committee on Membership Affairs; ~~and-~~

(9) serve as the conduct committee for Council, with authority to address matters related to a Councilor or Alternate Councilor’s conduct that is adverse to the interests of the SOCIETY or any unit thereof. This authority includes but is not limited to the ability to remove a Councilor or Alternate Councilor from their position upon a determination of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council Policy Committee that such action is warranted, provided that a Councilor or Alternate Councilor is sent electronic and written notice of the committee’s intention and has an opportunity to be heard and seek reconsideration by the committee prior to such action taking effect.

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Sec. 4.

Society Committees

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b. Society Committees Reporting to the Council and the Board of Directors

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(7) Committee on Environmental ~~and Improvement~~ **Sustainability**

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STANDING RULE IV

Elections Function

Sec. 4.

Manner of Elections

Preamble

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d. Upon agreement of both the Council Presiding Officer, and the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections or their designee that an event or circumstance beyond the Council’s control, such as natural disasters or technology failures, will negatively impact the ability of a significant number of Councilors to cast their votes during a Council meeting, any balloting at Council can be postponed until after the Council meeting.

Sec. 8.

Elected Committees

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b. Not later than ~~October~~ **November** 1, the Council shall elect from the list of nominees, as provided elsewhere in these Standing Rules, the number of MEMBERS corresponding to the number of vacancies on the elected committees for a term of three years beginning with the first day of January following the election.

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STANDING RULE VIII

Duties of Committees

Section 1.

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b. Duties of Committees that Report to both the Council and the Board of Directors

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(7) Committee on Environmental ~~and Improvement~~ Sustainability

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(f) design and coordinate programs related to environmental sustainability ~~improvement~~ for symposia and publications; and

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The following changes were approved by Council March 29, 2023:

2024 SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP

IV. DUES CATEGORIES

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3. Student Members

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c. ~~A STUDENT MEMBER~~ shall receive digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. ~~A STUDENT MEMBER shall not receive print access to the official organ of the SOCIETY.~~ They are not entitled to receive the print edition.

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4. Society Affiliates

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

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7. Emeritus Members

a. A member of the SOCIETY who has accumulated at least thirty-five years of paid membership, and who is retired from full-time professional employment, ~~and is over seventy years of age~~, is eligible for emeritus status and upon request shall be given such status upon certification by the Chief Executive Officer. Such a member shall 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.

V. MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS AND VARIATIONS

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2. **Disabled waiver.** A Regular Member, Graduate Student Member, STUDENT MEMBER, Society Affiliate or Retired Member who ~~becomes totally disabled~~ has a long-term disability may be granted a dues waiver. To be eligible for a waiver, the member must have paid dues for at least ~~ten years, have been disabled 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 member’s appeal from adverse action on such a request.

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REGULATION CHANGES

The Board of Directors approved the following changes to the Regulations:

The following changes are effective March 25, 2023:

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

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3. *Use of SOCIETY Name and Insignia.* The name and insignia of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY may be reproduced in the form as described in the SOCIETY's Constitution and as further specific in the ACS branding guidelines provided that:

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c. any design using the insignia does not show the insignia in contact with, or overlaid by, other graphics, or does not show the insignia smaller than, or in an inferior relationship to, other insignias.

Express permission of the Board shall be required in any other instance where the name and insignia are proposed to be used, including situations where the insignia may be modified, altered, or adapted, and all situations where the user is other than the SOCIETY, its officers, or one of the aforementioned SOCIETY bodies. Where express permission is required, requests shall be submitted to the Board through the Chief Executive Officer.

In the case of requests to file amicus briefs, whether in the name of the SOCIETY or its units, the permission of the Board is required, and shall not be granted absent a showing of a unified Member interest in the position proposed to be argued in the brief.

The following changes are effective April 24, 2023:

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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13. *Advisory Board for the ACS Green Chemistry Institute (ACS GCI)*

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(2) Chair of the ACS Committee on Environmental ~~and Sustainability Improvement~~ or his or her designee

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d. *Appointment and Term of Service.* The Chair of the Committee on Environmental ~~and Sustainability Improvement~~ shall serve as a member of the Advisory Board or appoint one member of his or her committee to the Advisory Board. The remaining Advisory Board members shall be appointed or reappointed by the Chair of the ACS Board of Directors based on a slate of nominees proposed by the Advisory Board Chair in consultation with the ACS Chief Executive Officer, GCI Director, and GCI Advisory Board. With input from the Advisory Board, the ACS Chief Executive Officer and the GCI Director shall recommend an Advisory Board Chair from among the nominated and appointed members of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board Chair shall be appointed by the Chair of the ACS Board of Directors to a one-year term, subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms.
