



## ACS Guidelines on Campaigning and Communication

### Preface

As befits a society of scientific professionals, American Chemical Society Elections should be conducted in an ethical and fair manner. It is the responsibility of ACS governance, and in particular, the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E), to provide all members running for office with an opportunity to campaign on an equal basis.

When informing the ACS membership of their position with respect to the Society, its future, and its policies, candidates and their supporters are strongly urged to follow the campaign practices outlined in the document on Campaigning and Communication. It should be noted that campaign activities are limited to candidates only. Nominees (i.e. members whose names appear on ballots from which Councilors select final candidates) are expected to refrain from active campaigning.

The purpose of this document is to concisely state key requirements of fair and appropriate ACS campaign practices. Additional information is given in the “Manner of Election Procedures”, Article X, Bylaw V, ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

### Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the ACS Campaign and Communication Guidelines is to assure that:

- All candidates are treated fairly and equally
- All parties understand campaign activities and required actions
- Members have sufficient information to make informed choices in elections
- ACS elections are conducted in a manner befitting a professional society

These guidelines apply to elections for the ACS presidential succession and elections for members of the ACS Board of Directors, and describe appropriate activities for:

- Candidates (i.e. members whose names appear on the final election ballot)
- Persons acting on behalf of the nominees and candidates
- Members of the ACS Committee on Nominations and Elections
- Persons in the ACS Presidential succession
- Members of the ACS Board of Directors
- ACS Staff

### Actions Resulting from Violation(s)

Any violation(s) will be reported to the ACS Committee on Nominations and Elections for review and discussion, and significant infractions that are verified by N&E will be reported to the ACS electorate and/or submitted to the Council Policy Committee (CPC) for investigation.

### Additional Information

Questions regarding the ACS Guidelines on Campaigning and Communication or the interpretation of these guidelines should be directed to the Office of the Executive Director or to the Chair of the ACS Committee on Nominations and Elections.