

**American Chemical Society
2019 Committee Information Sheet**

Committee	Committee on Chemistry & Public Affairs (CCPA)
Type	Joint Board-Council Committee Appointed by the President and Board Chair
Charter	<p>The Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs is responsible for advice and recommendation for ACS action on public policy matters involving the chemical sciences and technologies. To accomplish this, the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and analyze legislative, regulatory, research, science education funding and other science policy issues that impact the chemical sciences and technologies. 2. Define, propose, implement, and, where appropriate, work with groups within ACS on courses of action with respect to the above issues, which include but are not limited to: recommendations to the Board on appropriate studies or actions which should be undertaken; comments on policy issues which may be incorporated in ACS official policy statements; providing expert advice to the government on questions concerning the chemical sciences and technologies; and establishing ad hoc and standing subcommittees or task forces of experts to deal with specific issues. 3. Encourage and facilitate participation by the members of ACS in government relations. 4. Provide oversight for the ACS Public Policy Fellowships program, including the selection process.
Goals and Activities	<p>From the CCPA 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:</p> <p>Mission: Increase ACS member engagement and effectiveness in impacting public policy.</p> <p>GOAL 1: Empower and engage ACS members to interact with federal and state policymakers by providing tools, training, connections, and networks.</p> <p>GOAL 2: Produce and maintain impactful and precise policy statements and messages on key issues of importance to the chemical enterprise [within the scope of legislative, regulatory, research, science education funding, and other science policy issues.]</p>

	GOAL 3: Maintain a competitive public policy fellowship program with a focus on the long-term contributions of fellows to the chemical enterprise.
Normal Meeting Schedule	CCPA meets semiannually, on Saturday of the Spring and Fall national meetings. In addition, CCPA members are encouraged to participate in an advocacy- or policy-related activity where they live or in Washington DC. These activities may include congressional visits, the ACS or multi-society Legislative Summit, federal agency visits, or other relevant activities. Some of these additional activities often assume a two-day time commitment.
Reimbursement Policy	<p>For meetings at the national meetings, expenses are reimbursed according to the ACS reimbursement policy:</p> <p>ACS will reimburse non-Councilor committee members, associates, and consultants for reasonable, ordinary and necessary transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred by attending meetings of Council-related committees at national meetings, up to an amount equal to 50% of the amount Councilors can be reimbursed under the Non-Councilor Travel Expense Program. For Councilors, reimbursement is provided through the Councilors Travel Expense Program.</p> <p>If necessary, ACS will reimburse certain travel expenses incurred due to authorized committee meetings and work performed outside of national meetings. CCPA members, associates, and consultants are reimbursed for meeting expenses incurred for the committee-related activity in Washington, DC.</p>
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