



Get Involved!

The Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society is an international association of chemists, engineers, technicians, scientists, plant managers, sales and marketing professionals and others in the rubber, polymer or related fields within industry, academia and government. We work to educate, connect and grow the elastomer industry through educational, technical, business and networking activities. Rubber Division, ACS is over 100 years old!

OUR MISSION

To educate, connect and grow the evolving elastomer industry

OUR VISION

We are the premier resource that strengthens the bonds between science and industry for a thriving elastomer community.

OUR CORE VALUES

Excellence ~ Passion for Knowledge ~ Focus on Members
~ Innovation ~ Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Respect

RUBBER DIVISION, ACS

How is Rubber Division, ACS structured?

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is the parent company. They have 32 technical divisions – Rubber Division is one of them. Rubber Division, ACS also has 16 subdivision Rubber Groups, three Affiliated Technical Organizations and two Affiliated Partners.

COMMITTEE MEMBER OR VOLUNTEER

What committees are there within Rubber Division, ACS?

Advisory Committee on Testing Procedures	Chuck Brady	Technical Programs Manager
Best Paper Committee	Chuck Brady	Technical Programs Manager
Education Committee	Heather Maimone	Training & Membership Director
Exhibits Committee	Melanie Avdeyev	Conference Director
Finance & Budget Committee	Christelle Asare	Accounting Manager
Governance Committee	Lakisha Barclay	Executive Director & CEO
Marketing Committee	Gretchen Cermak	Marketing & Communications Director
Membership Committee	Heather Maimone	Training & Membership Director
Partnership Committee	Lakisha Barclay	Executive Director & CEO
Program Planning Committee	Chuck Brady	Technical Programs Manager
RCT Editorial Board	Chuck Brady	Technical Programs Manager
Scholarship Committee	Anne-marie Bretzin	Exec. Assistant & Office Manager
Science & Technology Awards Committee	Chuck Brady	Technical Programs Manager
Service Awards & History Committee	Anne-marie Bretzin	Exec. Assistant & Office Manager
Young Professionals Committee	Melanie Avdeyev	Conference Director

How do I join a committee?

Become a Rubber Division, ACS member if you aren't already. Contact the staff liaison listed for the committee you are interested in joining. Some committee charters limit the number of positions, so just ask the staff liaison if there is an opening for you. Each committee's chair must approve new members. Visit rubber.org/join-a-committee for committee descriptions and rubber.org/staff for staff contact information.

How do I become a committee chair?

Establish yourself as an active member of that committee. Express interest to the staff liaison and the Division Chair. Committee appointments are made by the Division Chair.

What are they responsible for?

Committee members are responsible for working on a team to steer the direction of each specific area a committee oversees. They vote on motions when needed to move an action up to the next level. Committee chairs are responsible for overseeing and leading the committee along with the staff liaison.

What opportunities are there for volunteers?

Gain a working knowledge of the Division and all we offer, so you can help represent the Division at our IEC booth. Other opportunities may arise as we continue to develop new programs as well – Women’s Conference, Young Professionals events, etc.

AREA DIRECTOR

What is an Area Director and what are they responsible for?

Area Directors serve as voting members of the Board of Directors and serve on the board of their local Rubber Group. Their primary job function is to be the liaison between their local Rubber Group and the Rubber Division, ACS Board of Directors. This is a three-year term, however, you can be re-elected for additional terms.

How do I become an Area Director?

Membership in both the Rubber Division and the American Chemical Society is required. You are nominated by your local Rubber Group, therefore, you should be active within the group. A vote is held by the Board of Directors at the Rubber Division, ACS spring meeting and then voted upon by the general membership of Rubber Division, ACS in the General Elections held June-August.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What is the Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors is comprised of our Executive Committee, the Area Directors and six designated Committee Chairs. Membership in both the Rubber Division and the American Chemical Society is required.

What is the Board of Directors responsible for?

This committee provides oversight and governance of Rubber Division, ACS, including areas such as budgeting, strategic planning & initiatives and partnership development.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

What is the Executive Committee?

The Executive Committee consists of the Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Councilor, Director of Bylaws and Procedures, Directors' Representative, Directors' Representative-elect, Alternate Councilor, Member-at-Large, Past Chair position and the Executive Director & CEO. Membership in both the Rubber Division and the American Chemical Society is required. Executive Committee members serve as voting members of the Rubber Division, ACS Board of Directors.

What is the Executive Committee responsible for?

This is a smaller subset of the larger Board of Directors. The Executive Committee is the governing body with the authority to function for the Board of Directors between regular meetings of the Division in all matters that are not specifically designated as the responsibility of the Board of Directors within the bylaws.

How do I become considered for the election process?

You should be active within your local Rubber Groups, as well as in Rubber Division activities to include serving on one or more committees and moving up to committee chair positions if feasible. You should also let the Executive Director and Division Chair -elect know if you are interested in being considered for an officer position. The Governance Committee maintains a list of qualified candidates for the Secretary position (two years Rubber Division, ACS membership and have held Area Director position OR served as a Committee Chair). Once elected, you automatically move through the five officer positions - Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, Chair-elect and Chair. Each position is a one year term.

TIME, TRAVEL & FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

	January Executive Meeting	Spring Meeting	July Executive Meeting	International Elastomer Conference	Local Rubber Group Meetings
Area Director		X		X	X
Committee Member		X		X	
Committee Chair		X		X	
Board of Directors		X		X	
Executive Committee	X	X	X	X	

- Most meetings stated above will be held virtually.

Executive Committee Members and Area Directors – between meetings, email votes may be required on policy, funding or operational issues. All committee members are responsible for any costs associated with travel or registration required for these meetings. For all committees, conference call meetings are held periodically if needed.