



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 enhance science, technology and business across the evolving elastomeric community through working to expand the elastomeric profession and individual development through educational, technical and interactive activities. Rubber Division, ACS is over 100 years old!

OUR VISION

Enhancing science, technology and business across the evolving elastomeric community.

OUR MISSION

To promote and advance the evolution of the global elastomeric profession and its relevance to society.

RUBBER DIVISION, ACS

How is Rubber Division, ACS structured?

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER OR VOLUNTEER

What committees are there within Rubber Division, ACS?

25-Year Club Committee	Melanie Avdeyev	Meetings & Events Manager
Advisory Committee on Testing Procedures	Chuck Brady	Technical Meetings Manager
Best Paper Committee	Chuck Brady	Technical Meetings Manager
Exhibits & Meeting Sites Committee	Beth Berkheimer	Expo & Future Sites Director
Finance & Budget Committee	Gabrielle Daniel	Accounting Manager
Marketing Committee	Gretchen Cermak	Marketing & Communications Director
Membership Committee	Heather Maimone	Membership & Outreach Director
Nominating Committee	Lakisha Miller-Barclay	Executive Director & CEO
Program Planning Committee	Chuck Brady	Technical Meetings Manager
RCT Editorial Board	Chuck Brady	Technical Meetings Manager
Scholarship Committee	Anne-marie Bretzin	Exec. Assistant & Office Manager
Science & Technology Awards Committee	Chuck Brady	Technical Meetings Manager
Service Awards Committee	Anne-marie Bretzin	Exec. Assistant & Office Manager
Strategic Education Committee	Heather Maimone	Membership & Outreach Director
Student Affairs Committee	Heather Maimone	Membership & Outreach Director
Subdivision Advisory Committee	Lakisha Miller-Barclay	Executive Director & CEO
Young Professionals Committee	Gabrielle Daniel	Accounting Manager

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.

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 Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee of Rubber Division ACS. 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 Executive Committee at the Rubber Division spring meeting and then voted upon by the general membership of Rubber Division, ACS in the General Elections held June-August.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

What is the Executive Committee?

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

What is the Executive Committee responsible for?

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

STEERING COMMITTEE

What is the Steering Committee?

The Steering 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 positions and the Executive Director & CEO. Membership in both the Rubber Division and the American Chemical Society is required. Steering Committee members serve as voting members of the Executive Committee of the Rubber Division.

What is the Steering Committee responsible for?

This is a smaller subset of the larger Executive Committee. The Steering Committee is the governing body with the authority to function for the Executive Committee between regular meetings of the Division in all matters that are not specifically designated as the responsibility of the Executive Committee 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 Nominating Committee maintains a list of potential candidates and recommends individuals each year for the Secretary position to be approved by the Executive Committee at the Spring Meeting. Upon approval, a vote is held by the general membership of Rubber Division, ACS in the general elections held June-August. 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.

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

- Most meetings stated above will be held virtually.

Steering 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.