



Certification Committee

Committee Description: The ACS Certification Committee oversees all aspects of the American Cheese Society's Certification programs. As such, the committee is responsible for managing and further developing the Certified Cheese Professional™ Exam and the Technical Aesthetic Sensory Tasting Evaluation (T.A.S.T.E.™).

Roles & Responsibilities:

- **What does the committee work on?** The committee is constantly working on the CCP and TASTE exams to improve the process and value to exam-takers. We govern the exam development and execution process and make decisions affecting the certifications. In the coming planning year, we will be working on a jobs analysis project and a month-long marketing campaign highlighting the certifications.
- **What tasks do you complete each year?** Our primary task every year is to successfully plan, execute, evaluate, and score the CCP and TASTE exams. We also develop new questions for the CCP exam and review the previous year's exam to ensure its fairness and relevancy.
- **Is any travel required?** Not required, but there is an expectation that you will be able to volunteer at the ACS conference to ensure a smooth exam day experience.

Time Commitment:

- **What months are busiest?** The month leading up to and following the exam are usually the busiest.
- **How many hours are generally expected of a committee member each month?** The committee meets every other week (on Tuesdays) for one hour. Many members are on subcommittees that meet an additional hour each week. In addition to meeting time, you may be tasked with a committee or sub-committee assignment that requires you to work independently in your free time. Average time commitment is 5 hours per month minimum.
- **How long are members expected to participate on the committee?** Following the suggestion of the ACS BOD, the Certification Committee sets 3 years terms. There is a two-term limit. Time spent as chairperson or vice chairperson to not count towards this time.

Desired Skills:

- **Are there any skills that are required?** An avid appreciation for cheese is a must! Currently looking for a cheese maker to join the committee, but anyone is welcome to apply. Subject matter expertise is valued, but so is a willingness to commit to learning and research. Preference is given to those with a current CCP and/or CCSE credential.

Current Meeting Schedule:

- Bi-weekly, Tuesdays, 12pm EST.
- **How many meetings are required to attend?** Routine attendance is expected.

Interested in joining a committee? Email us at info@cheesesociety.org

