



Judging and Competition Committee

Committee Description: The Judging & Competition Committee is committed to the advancement and growth of the Annual ACS Judging & Competition (“J&C”) and Awards Ceremony.

Roles & Responsibilities:

- **What does the committee work on?** The committee coordinates with the ACS Staff on all planning of the annual judging and competition including the budget, submission process, volunteer staffing, on-site logistics, cheese receiving, judging, and more.
- **What tasks do you complete each year?**
 - Determine all criteria for cheeses into J&C by ACS member cheesemakers
 - Review and amend categories
 - Establish judge roster
 - Review category entries
 - Determine the judging process, scoring guidelines, reporting, and awards criteria
 - Execute the annual Judging and Competition
 - Emcee the award ceremony
- **Is any travel required?** Committee members are expected to attend the Judging & Competition in Minnesota. Dates move between mid-May and mid-June. This means working Tuesday to Friday on-site first receiving entries then assisting during the judging. The amount of time you can expect to be away from work would be 4-7 days for the entire event. Please note that this is separate from the conference.

Time Commitment:

- **What months are busiest?** March- May: for entry review, and execution of the competition
- **How many hours are generally expected of a committee member each month?** Up to 4 hours a month (1 hour call weekly) plus additional sub-committee work (up to another 6 hours/month)
- **How long are members expected to participate on the committee?** Members on J&C do not have term limits. Generally, it takes at least a year to get up to speed.

Current Meeting Schedule:

- Calls are scheduled weekly for one hour- and alternate between full committee and subcommittees. Meetings are currently Thursdays from 10:30am CT – 11:30am CT
- Committee members are required to attend 80% of meetings and can miss no more than 6 full committee and 4 subcommittee calls per year. Committee members are also required to attend the annual competition.

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

