



Governance Committee: Make a Lasting Impact on ACS Without Attending a Single Board Meeting!

Do you care about the long-term health, accountability, and effectiveness of ACS? Then sign up to contribute to strengthening the organization's governance, practices, and policies.

Committee Needs & Description

The American Cheese Society Governance Committee (GC) is seeking thoughtful, collaborative, and strategic volunteers to help strengthen the organization's governance practices, policies, and leadership framework. The GovComm serves as a resource and thought partner to the Board on governance structure, policy development, organizational practices, and continuous improvement.

What Does the GovComm Work On?

- Reviewing and recommending updates to governance policies and procedures
- Evaluating organizational practices for effectiveness and alignment with ACS priorities
- Supporting policy clarity, consistency, and transparency
- Advising on governance-related questions brought forward by the Board
- Helping ensure ACS governance practices remain sustainable, inclusive, and mission-focused
- Projects vary from year to year depending on organizational priorities and Board requests.

Time Commitment:

Currently the committee meets monthly for an hour or less (second Wednesday of the month at 3 pm MT) and works asynchronously via email in between meetings (1-3 emails per month). Committee members should expect to commit up to 30 – 60 minutes per month. The term length is 3 years with an option to renew for one term afterwards because you will have so much fun!

Who Should Apply? Candidates would ideally have some or all of the following experiences:

- Nonprofit governance or board service
- Organizational leadership or management
- Policy review and development
- Strategic planning
- Legal, operational, or administrative experience
- Collaborative problem-solving and thoughtful discussion

Prior ACS volunteer experience is helpful, but not required. We encourage members with fresh perspectives and a strong commitment to the Society's mission to apply.

What's In It for You?

- Contribute to the long-term success and sustainability of ACS
- Gain deeper insight into nonprofit governance and organizational leadership
- Collaborate with engaged volunteer leaders across the cheese community
- Help shape policies and practices that support the future of ACS

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

