



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. Recently, we took on the task of creating an Enthusiast Exam, an entry-level exam focused on newer cheese professionals.
- **What tasks do you complete each year?** Our primary task every year is to successfully present, evaluate and score the CCP and TASTE exams.
- **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.
- **How long are members expected to participate on the committee?** Following the suggestion of the ACS BOD, the Certification Committee sets 6-year terms for its members. 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.

Current Meeting Schedule:

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