



Regulatory & Academic Committee

Committee Description: The Regulatory & Academic Committee's purpose is to keep ACS and its members abreast of the latest scientific research on artisan/specialty/farmstead cheese- including food safety, as well as regulatory and related industry issues that impact members. The committee helps build strong relationships and promote the industry with federal, state, and local regulators and academics. The committee helps craft and/or vet ACS messages, position statements, talking points, best practices, and relevant templates.

Roles & Responsibilities:

- **What does the committee work on?** Our focus is to keep abreast of important scientific research and regulations that may impact our artisan, farmstead, and specialty cheese members. We also strive to keep our Board of Directors aware of any potential issues that may impact the ACS Brand.
- **What tasks do you complete each year?**
 - Annual review of conference SOPs for cheese storage, prep, and distribution to conference attendees.
 - Annual meetings (at a minimum) with FDA to discuss regulatory impacts to the industry.
 - Project oriented work on our both Regulatory Subcommittee and our Sustainability & Climate Change Subcommittee.
- **Is any travel required?** No travel is required, but bi-monthly meeting attendance is required.

Time Commitment:

- **What months are busiest?** May ~ June tends to be busiest due to the annual conference
- **How many hours are generally expected of a committee member each month?** Approximately 2~3 hours per month (maximum) based on current objectives – including meetings as needed.
- **How long are members expected to participate on the committee?** Members are expected to complete at least one, 3-year term with the potential for a second, 3-year term.

Desired Skills:

- **Are there any skills that are required?** Knowledge of food safety, regulatory, sustainability or climate change research or connections. The committee is looking to grow our knowledge base while expanding our pipeline of talent. We are looking for direct connections to the above areas – not interest, but actual experience.

Current Meeting Schedule:

- Bi-monthly, Tuesdays @ 12:00 CST (Teams)
- **How many meetings are required to attend?** 4/6 meetings per year