

## MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS IN THE RUBBER DIVISION

The membership year for the Rubber Division coincides with the calendar year, January 1st through December 31<sup>st</sup>; however the Division is in the process of going to a 12 month rolling membership in 2010. There are several categories of membership in the Division as follows:

- Member – a member of both the Rubber Division and the American Chemical Society;
- Affiliate – a member of the Rubber Division only;
- Student Affiliate – a college student. This category receives reduced dues;
- Emeritus Member or Emeritus Affiliate – a member or affiliate who has retired from regular employment, is age sixty or greater and has been a Member or Affiliate for the preceding fifteen years. Notification of eligibility must be sent to the Rubber Division's Executive Director, requesting this status;
- Honorary Life Affiliate – a member or affiliate who has performed an exceptional duty or other service and has been granted this status by the Executive Committee, e.g. the Chair of the Division receives this status upon completion of his or her term as the Chair.

Continuing Members and Affiliates will receive their first dues renewal invoice for the coming year in the preceding fall. Subsequent reminders are sent during the year, if dues have not been received. A Member has the right to vote on all open positions and hold elected office in the Rubber Division. An Affiliate enjoys all the privileges of a Member, except the right to vote for Councilors, hold elective office in the Division, or to vote on Articles of Incorporation and By Laws of the Division.

### Benefits to Individual Members of the Rubber Division:

- **Professional membership** in the only "national rubber" (and affiliated) non-profit technical society in the United States and with the least expensive dues.
- **Free** online Rubber Chemistry and Technology **journal**.
- **Free** online **membership directory** of industry and academia contacts (hardcopy available on request).
- **Free membership** upon emeritus status or serving as the Division Chair.
- Access to **Members Only Section information** on the Division web site.
- **Discounts** on Division meetings, symposia, workshops and correspondence courses.
- **Discounts** on Division publications, technical papers and hardcopy RCT Journal.
- **Discounts** on library technical search services.
- **Networking** via meetings and expositions.
- **Networking** via Committees and as an officer or Area Director.
- Eligible for Division's **member only awards and scholarships**.
- **Career** opportunity **workshops** and **on line Career Center**.

## Benefits to Companies Supporting Membership in the Rubber Division:

- **Training** and education for employees in technical and business areas.
- **Online** Rubber Chemistry and Technology **Journals**.
- **Career services** for posting company jobs/searching resumes.
- Opportunity to gain **future employees** via Student Colloquia and Workforce Development Program.
- **Online directory** of members for networking.
- **Networking** opportunities via national meetings & expositions.
- **Networking** and marketing opportunities with other industries via joint conferences.
- Online listing of **global meetings and events**.
- **Advertising** in Rubber Division's Show Daily, Show Planner, Show Guide and Division Sponsorship Program.
- **Site License** for RC&T Journals and technical papers.
- **Discounts** on meetings, expositions, pubs & workshops.

## Benefits for Rubber Groups:

- **Non-profit status as a 501(c)(3)** currently through the Rubber Division (via ACS).
- **Free liability insurance** for meetings and events.
- **Free online Rubber Group membership application.**
- **Free online Rubber Group Speakers Clearinghouse.**
- **Free advertisement** on our web site in the Rubber Group Section via news articles, technical meeting, events and officers information; all **updated electronically by you at any time.**
- **Free (or at cost) Fall Meeting Expo Booth.**
- **Free (or at cost) Room for your meetings** at Division meetings.
- **Free advertisement** in Rubber Division booth via your fliers and brochures.
- Serve as host **Local Coordinating Committee** and receive Division contribution of **\$1,000 toward your scholarship fund for fall** meeting.
- **Problem resolution** and information exchange via **Rubber Groups Roundtable** at fall Division meetings.
- **Answers** to your questions on non-profit operations.
- **Access** to Chair, Executive Director or other Rubber Division officers to speak to your group.
- **Influence** direction of Rubber Division via Area Director nominated to sit on the Division Executive Committee.
- **Nominate** people for S&T Awards and Rubber Division undergraduate scholarships.