



COUNCIL

CORNER

The 258th ACS National Meeting (held in San Diego, California) is now history and I am happy to give our Local Section members a report out from that meeting.

Actions of the Council

Election Results: Elected Committees of Council

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Anne M. Gaffney, Lydia E. M. Hines, Will E. Lynch, and Sally B. Peters for three-year terms (2020-2022), and Dee Ann Casteel for a one-year term (2020) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC).

George M. Bodner	172	Joseph A. Heppert	175
James C. Carver	177	*Lydia E. M. Hines	199
*Dee Ann Casteel	183	*Will E. Lynch	222
Kenneth P. Fivizzani	136	*Sally B. Peters	235
*Anne M. Gaffney	201	Margaret J. Schooler	178

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Michelle V. Buchanan, Charles E. Cannon, Alan A. Hazari, Amber S. Hinkle, and Thomas H. Lane for three-year terms (2020-2022) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E).

V. Dean Adams	132	Alan M. Ehrlich	148
Mark A. Benvenuto	126	*Alan A. Hazari	198
*Michelle V. Buchanan	212	*Amber S. Hinkle	302
*Charles E. Cannon	179	*Thomas H. Lane	288
Alan B. Cooper	163	Joseph P. Stoner	119

* = Elected

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Lisa M. Balbes, D. Richard Cobb, Emilio X. Esposito, Jason E. Ritchie, and Stephanie J. Watson for three-year terms (2020-2022) on the Committee on Committees (ConC).

Satinder Ahuja	99	Sarah M. Mullins	175
*Lisa M. Balbes	242	*Jason E. Ritchie	210
*D. Richard Cobb	266	Susan M. Schelble	172
Harry J. Elston	78	Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks	169
*Emilio X. Esposito	247	*Stephanie J. Watson	176

* = Elected

Results from “clicker questions” asked of the Council on 8-28-19: (Council responses in red)

Question #1

What do you see as your primary role as an ACS Councilor?

- 1) To serve on an ACS Committee (9%)
- 2) To govern the Society (with the Board of Directors) (14%)
- ✓ 3) To serve as a representative for the members within my Local Section or Division (63%)
- 4) To network with fellow Councilors and members to learn best practices (1%)
- 5) To attend National Meetings and learn more about the chemical enterprise (1%)
- 6) To serve as an officer or leader within my local section of division leadership (13%)

Question #2

What percentage of ACS members are NOT represented on Council, either through a local section or technical division?

- 1) 1-5% (24%)
- 2) 5-10% (20%)
- 3) 10-15% (21%)
- 4) 15-20% (35%)

The answer is #3. As of now, approximately 18,000 members, or 12% of the ACS membership is not represented by Councilors. These individuals either live in unassigned territories in the United States and are not members of a technical division, or they are one of the 16,054 international members who are not members of a division.

Question #3

Should all ACS members have representation on Council?

- ✓ 1) Yes (82%)
- 2) No (18%)

Question #4 (1 answer)

Should ALL ACS members, with the knowledge, qualities and skills needed, be able to serve on ALL ACS Committees?"

- ✓ 1) Yes (70%)
- 2) No (24%)
- 3) No opinion (6%)

Question #5 (multiple answers)

Presently there are restrictions on the ACS Council Related Committees that require a certain percentage of its members be Councilors. The Council Standing Committees require that 100% of their members be Councilors. Please rank your preference regarding these restrictions from the list below, with your first choice being your 1st vote on through your last choice being your 4th vote:

- 1) The restrictions should be kept in place (17.18%)
- ✓ 2) The restrictions should be reduced (17.43%)
- 3) The restrictions should be removed (15.47%)
- 4) These restrictions should apply to ALL ACS Committee (15.19%)

Other Council Actions

Continuation of Committees

On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the continuation of the Committees on International Activities and Professional Training, contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.

Establishment of an International Chemical Sciences Chapter

On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities, and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the creation of an ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapter in the Republic of Georgia, contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.

Redistricting of a Local Section

On the recommendation of Nominations & Elections, the Council voted that the Pittsburgh Local Section be transferred from District II to District III in order to bring District III's member population into compliance with bylaw requirements.

Resolutions

The Council passed resolutions in memory of former Executive Director John Kistler Crum;

In memory of other deceased Councilors; in recognition and celebration of the 100th birthday of Gerald Meyer, and his 80 years of service to the Society

Highlights from Committee Reports

Nominations and Elections

The Committee on Nominations and Elections solicits Councilors' input of qualified individuals for President-Elect and/or Directors for future consideration. Suggestions can be sent to nomelect@acs.org.

Ballots for the 2019 fall national election will be distributed starting on September 30th, with a voting deadline four weeks later on October 25th. ACS members eligible to vote and with an email address on file will receive an electronic ballot with the option to request a paper ballot. Those members with no email address on file will be sent a paper ballot with the option to vote electronically. The ACS election vendor, Survey & Ballot Systems, will send three email reminders during the voting period to those who have not voted as of the reminder dates. N&E encourages all ACS members to vote for President-Elect and the Constitutional Amendment. Election information may be viewed at acs.org/elections.

Budget and Finance

The Society's 2019 financial performance through July 31st yielded a Net from Operations of \$30.1 million. This is \$10 million favorable to the Approved Budget, and \$1.7 million less than the same period in 2018. Total revenues are right on budget at \$338 million. Total expenses are \$308 million, which is \$10 million favorable to budget.

The committee considered two 2020 program funding reauthorization requests, and on its recommendations, the Board subsequently approved funding for the ChemIDP and the International Student Chapters Programs in the 2020 Proposed Budget.

The committee considered new program funding requests for 2020 as well. The Board subsequently approved funding for the Green and Sustainable Chemistry Education Resources pilot for inclusion in the 2020 Proposed Budget.

The Society is expected to end the year in compliance with each of the five Board-established financial guidelines. Additional information can be found at www.acs.org, at the bottom of the page, click 'About ACS', then 'Financial'.

San Diego Meeting Attendance

The theme of the 258th ACS National Meeting was “Chemistry and Water.” As of Tuesday evening, August 27, attendance was:

Attendees	7,488
Students	3,095
Exhibitors	995
Expo only	430
Guest	401
Total	12,409

2019 Career Navigator live data

Participating Employers	31
Number of Open Positions	81
Job Seeker Profiles	239
Lightning Talk Attendees	270
Career Pathway Registrations	1,180
Career Consultant Interactions	555

Petitions to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director & CEO no later than December 4 to be included in the Council agenda for consideration at the spring 2020 meeting in Philadelphia. Contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws with any questions or requests for information at bylaws@acs.org

Actions of the Board of Directors

The Board's Executive Session

The Board received and discussed reports from its committees on Budget and Finance, Professional and Member Relations, Strategic Planning, Executive Compensation, and Pensions and Investments, as well as the ACS Governing Board for Publishing, the Task Force on the Future of Meetings, and the Society Programs Globalization Board liaison. In particular,

On the recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted to approve the Society's nominees for the 2020 National Science Board Public Service Award and the 2020 Tang Prize in Biopharmaceutical Science.

On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications and an Editor Selection Committee, the Board voted to approve the appointment and reappointment of editors-in-chief for ACS journals. Their names will be announced once they have been notified and practical arrangements for their service to ACS have been finalized.

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to set the advance member registration fee for national meetings held in 2020 at \$505 – this amount is equal to the 2019 fee, adjusted for inflation – and to approve or reauthorize several program funding requests.

Executive Director and CEO Report

The Executive Director/CEO and his direct reports provided updates to the Board on the activities of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) and the ACS Publications Division. He offered updates on issues relating to the ACS Core Value of Diversity, Inclusion, and Respect; the current status of Society membership; ACS financials; initiatives associated with the International Year of Periodic Table; and upcoming events and activities. As part of his report, he invited the Executive Vice President for Scientific Advancement to lead an informal discussion on key issues for that division.

Other Society Business

The Board heard reports from members of the Presidential Succession on their current activities as well as those planned for 2020, particularly the presidential symposia and endorsed symposia for this San Diego meeting.

The Board liaison for globalization provided a summary of a recent Board survey and received additional feedback from the Board on the globalization vision for Society programs. The goal here is encouragement and expansion, where appropriate, of existing successful international activities and initiatives, as well as evaluating current products and programs; exploring additional options and opportunities; and advising the Board on the assembly of a coherent and balanced program portfolio appropriate to the globalized ACS of the twenty-first century.

The Board received a preview of recommendations from the Committee on Strategic Planning for process improvements focused on streamlining the ACS strategic planning process, including an adjustment of the cycle time; inclusion of an analysis of professional association market dynamics; and concentration on only the highest-value elements for the Strategic Plan.

The Board received its customary extensive briefing from its Committee on Executive Compensation. The compensation of the Society's executive staff continues to receive regular review by the Board.

The Board received a status update from the Task Force on the Future of Meetings. The task force has been charged with performing a "deep dive" on the current portfolio of ACS meetings and conferences, identifying current offerings, evaluating governance and staff support structures, revenue streams, financial targets, and business models, and recommending actions that will ensure the sustainability and future relevance of that portfolio.

The Board also held a discussion with members of the executive committee and staff leadership of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) on the vision, mission, and structure of SACNAS. Various components of the recently signed Chemistry Enterprise Partnership agreement were discussed, emphasizing the shared overarching objective of promoting and achieving diversity in STEM. The Board agreed to the appointment of a joint ACS-SACNAS task force charged with developing additional short-term goals, evaluating continued partnership potential, and developing long-term goals.

The Board's Regular Session

The Board held a well-attended interactive regular session on Sunday, August 25, that featured the work done by the Task Force on the Next Generation of the ACS leadership program portfolio as well as a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the ACS Leadership Development System.

As noted before, both Steve Tajc and I would love to hear from our members if you have any questions about the items we will be voting on, or if you have any opinions on how you would like us to vote. We are on the Council to represent YOU and to serve YOU.

Steve and I believe it is important for you to know what your Councilors are doing and for us to pass interesting information you on to our fellow Members. We are always reminded that it is an honor that you have selected us to serve in these roles.

IMPORTANT NATIONAL ACS ELECTION INFORMATION

THE ACS NATIONAL ELECTION WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 30TH THROUGH OCTOBER 25TH.

IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTION, ALL ACS MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE ON A MAJOR PETITION TO MOVE MANY OF THE SPECIFICS OUT OF THE ACS BYLAWS INTO A WORKBOOK WHEREAS THE ACS, IN THE FUTURE, WILL BE MORE AGILE AND IT WILL TAKE LESS TIME TO MAKE MEANINGFUL AND NEEDED CHANGES.

WE URGE ALL ROCHESTER MEMBERS TO VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTION – AND VOTE FOR THIS PETITION.

Feel free to contact me at DCOBB4@rochester.rr.com or Steve at stajc3@naz.edu with any input, ideas or questions.

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