



## COUNCIL CORNER

Hello and Happy Spring!

The first ACS National Meeting of 2020 is very close. This year's meeting will run from March 22nd to March 26th and will be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

I like to use this report to our membership to let you know of key items your Councilors will be voting on at this meeting so that you have the opportunity to offer up your input, thoughts and ideas before we cast our votes.

### Here are the key items coming before Council in Philadelphia:

- In Philadelphia, there will also be a Town Hall Meeting where attendees can meet the nominees for ACS President for the 2020 election (term of 2021 – 2023) and ask questions of them. Councilors will then be asked to select the final two candidates of the four. The four people nominated are:
  - Frank D. Blum
  - Mary K. Carroll
  - Michael P. Doyle
  - Angela K. Wilson

Feel free to go on-line and look at these candidates and pass on any thoughts you have on who the best two would be to serve as the final two candidates in this year's election. I also have available the biographies of the candidates and their position statements if you are interested.

The final four candidates for Director-at-Large, for the 2020 election (term of 2021 - 2023), have also been announced. Those four candidates are:

- Dawn A. Brooks
  - Wayne E. Jones, Jr. (up for re-election)
  - Kristin M. Omberg
  - Carolyn Ribes
- A second item up for action by the Council will be the vote on the continuation of two ACS Committees and the elimination of one. Each Committee is required to go through a 5-year review, and then the Council votes on the continuation of that Committee based on the review. The two Committees up for continuation are:
    - The Committee on Patents and Related Matters, and
    - Committee on Technician Affairs
- The Committee up for dissolution is:
- The Committee on Chemical Abstract Service
- In 2019, ACS membership approved the major overhaul of the ACS Bylaws, moving most “specifics” out of the governing documents that can then take over a year to change, over to the “Standing Rules” where changes can be made much quicker. Organizationally, the three ACS governing documents should work as a hierarchy. The Constitution should “define”; the Bylaws should “authorize” and the Standing Rules should “operationalize”.

In Philadelphia, the Council will be asked to handle some “urgent action” around this decision by addressing a petition to “clarify” amendments to the new “Standing Rules”.

- A fourth item up for action by the Council will be the recommended dues level for 2021. The proposal would keep the 2021 full dues rate at the 2020 rate of \$180.00.
- The next item up for action by the Council will be the 2021 “Schedule of Membership”, which like the Bylaw changes made in 2019, will allow the Membership Affairs Committee (MAC) agility in marketing membership benefits and programs to better align those benefits and programs to ever changing member needs.
- The final item up for action by the Council (as per the Council agenda at this time) will be the 2021 “Schedule of Membership”, which better describes membership levels, discounts and accompanying benefits,

There are no proposals up “for consideration” before Council in Philadelphia (proposals must be up for consideration one meeting before they can be up for action).

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

We both believe it is important for you to know what your Councilors are doing and for us to pass interesting and vital information you on to our fellow Members. We are always reminded that it is an honor that we serve in the position of Councilor for our Local Section.

Our positions within ACS Governance:

- Steve – Serves on the Committee on Meetings & Expositions (M&E)
- Richard – Serves on the ACS Elected Committee on Committee (ConC), and thus serves as a ConC Liaison to both the International Activities Committee (IAC) and Membership Affairs Committee (MAC).

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