## MINUTES COUNCIL March 29, 2023 Hybrid Council/Indianapolis, Indiana

After affording each member of the Council attending, either in person or virtually, the opportunity to sign onto the Council voting platform, confirming that the Councilors could see and hear the meeting and ask questions at the designated times, the Council of the American Chemical Society met in a hybrid manner on March 29, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m. ET. Judith C. Giordan, President of the Society and of the Council, presided. The following Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and accredited representatives totaling 428 were present (attendance list attached):

*Ex-Officio:* 30; *Bylaw:* 1; *Divisions:* 80, (8 were Alternate Councilors); *Local Sections:* 317, (18 were Alternate Councilors, and 1 Temporary Substitute Councilor); and 16 Nonvoting/Non-Councilors (staff and others). Approximately 72 observers were in attendance.

#### Resolutions

The Council ADOPTED the following resolutions as presented by ACS Past President Ned Heindel:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Council and Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society note with sorrow the passing of Brian M. Rushton, recalling with deep appreciation his service to the Society as its President in 1995, a member of the Board of Directors from 1994 to 1996, and a member of the Society for 47 years.

Brian was instrumental in pioneering the establishment of the Chemical Enterprise Consortium and other forceful initiatives in the industrial sphere, which together have perceptibly strengthened the Society's connections with its industrial constituencies and led to a marked improvement in its influence with the leaders of chemical organizations.

The Society's members and leaders honor his memory and contributions to the chemistry enterprise and to the ACS, and extend sincere condolences to his family, colleagues, and friends.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Council and Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society note with profound sorrow the passing of S. Allen Heininger, a longtime dedicated and active member of the Society, remembering with admiration and deep appreciation his service to the Society as its President in 1991, a member of the Board of Directors from 1990 to 1993, a member of numerous ACS bodies (including 15 years of service on the Committee on Pensions and Investments and nine years of service on the Committee on Budget and Finance), and a member of the Society for 72 years.

Dr. Heininger was instrumental in the creation of the ACS Scholars Program, and the matching gift program. Among his many honors and recognitions, he was awarded the Charles Lathrop Parsons Award for Public Service in 2007. During his time as President, he served as an exemplary ambassador and spokesperson for the Society and applied his considerable skills and energies to the larger problems of the chemical sciences.

The Society's members and leaders honor the memory of his life, dedication, and many contributions to the American Chemical Society and extend sincere condolences to his family, colleagues, and friends.

The Council ADOPTED the following resolution as presented by ACS Council Policy Committee

(CPC) Vice-Chair Donna Friedman:

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the American Chemical Society commemorates the passing of the following Councilors, remembering them with respect and affection, and extending sincere condolences to their families in their bereavement:

- Yorke E. Rhodes, Retired, Chemistry Department, Hunter College, and Councilor for the New York Section from 1998 to 2012.
- Maurice M. Bursey, Retired, Professor Emeritus University of North Carolina, and Councilor for the North Carolina Section from 1976 to 1992, and Ex-Officio Councilor, Director for District IV, from 1993 to 2001.

Councilors observed a moment of silence following the presentation of the preceding resolution.

#### Approval of Minutes

4. The Council ADOPTED, without objection, the minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2022.

#### Nominations and Elections

**Julianne Smist,** committee Chair, Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E), in accordance with the provisions of Standing Rule IV, Sec. 5, b. and c, presented the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect 2024: Mary Engelman, Dorothy Phillips, and Florian Schattenmann. A fourth nominee had been identified but had to withdraw from the race for personal reasons. Each of the nominees provided remarks to Council. Smist announced the results of the District III and VI elections to select candidates for District Directors for the term 2024-2026. The candidates for District III are Diane Krone and Helen (Bonnie) A. Lawlor, and the candidates for District VI are Janet L. Bryant and Jeanette M. Van Emon. Finally, the candidates for Directors-at-Large, 2024-2026 were announced: Wayne E. Jones, Jr., Daniel Rabinovich, Carolyn Ribes, and Joseph P. Stoner.

#### Reports of Society Officers

**President Judith C. Giordan** reported the following: Giordan gave an update on the three presidential themes that guided her term, which include trust in science and scientists, building and strengthening the neXus of science, career development and societal and market needs for all members, and furthering diversity, equity, inclusion and respect (DEIR). Giordan announced the launch of the new ACS Speaker Directory, which connects members with diverse themes and topics to all Local Sections and International Chapters. Giordan also discussed the neXus program for regional meetings and thanked Divisions for their contributions to the Chemistry Virtual Value Chains program.

**President-Elect Mary K. Carroll** reported the following: A focus on amplifying ACS initiatives and providing opportunities for members to contribute to high-impact activities is her goal. Carroll participated in various meetings and events in Indianapolis, including the Board of Directors meeting, the Council Policy Committee meeting, and the Committee on Committees meeting. She also spoke at the Committee on International Activities' luncheon and the Student Chapter Awards event, attended the dedication of a National Historic Chemical Landmark event, and supported the networking event at the Indiana Section's Front Porch. Additionally, Carroll participated in the ACS National Awards Ceremony.

**Immediate Past President Angela Wilson** reported the following: Wilson highlighted activities of interest to ACS members like the Lunch-and-Learn sessions, which were launched a year ago and will continue in fall 2023. Wilson also highlighted the standing-room-only session with 2022 Nobel Laureate Carolyn Bertozzi, which targeted students and teachers. She reported that she visited with members

worldwide and engaged in discussions with leaders of other chemical societies on topics such as sustainability and policies. Wilson also highlighted the Atlantic Basin Chemistry (ABC) Chem meeting, which she encouraged members to engage in the future. She encouraged divisions, sections, and committees to consider routes to engage internationally located members. Finally, she acknowledged the Southeast Regional Meeting of ACS (SERMACS) for their excellent organization and encouraged all regional meeting organizers to engage the Board of Directors when they visit.

**Board Chair Paul W. Jagodzinski** reported the following: The Board conducted an orientation in Atlanta and a meeting in Indianapolis to discuss updates on strategic initiatives, organizational changes, and actions on appointments and recommendations. The Board also shared efforts to inform members and collect feedback about the *Petition to Add International Representation on the Board of Directors*. Two discussions were held to raise items of strategic concern and to share feedback from ACS members. The ACS remains dedicated to meeting the needs of its members while remaining true to its core values of passion for chemistry and the global chemistry enterprise, focus on members, professionalism, safety and ethics, and diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect.

**Chief Executive Officer Albert G. Horvath** reported the following: The Society is in a strong position with CAS continuing to provide chemistry-related information products, ACS Publications adapting to the changing landscape of scientific publishing, and educational programs supporting chemists throughout their educational and professional travels. Horvath also mentioned the Board of Directors' approval of a significant investment in building the skilled technical workforce that chemistry-based companies require to keep their operations running. Furthermore, he stated his personal commitment to ensure that all chemists can find a supportive and welcoming professional home at ACS. He also addressed the issue of *Chemical and Engineering News* (C&EN) and stated that it is a top priority to ensure that C&EN moves forward toward its second hundred-year mark stronger and more successful than ever.

## Reports of Elected Society Committees of the Council

## Council Policy Committee (CPC)

**Donna Friedman**, committee Vice-Chair, reported the following: The committee voted to concur with the *Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Environmental Improvement*, and to concur with the *Petition to Add Plan B to Council Meetings*. The committee hosted a webinar to prepare new Councilors and Alternate Councilors for the hybrid Council meeting. The New Councilor Orientation Program and Committee Networking Reception was held in-person in Indianapolis and provided an excellent opportunity for new Councilors to meet ACS Officers and leaders. CPC is examining the structure and operations of Council and welcomes oral reports from Society Committees. CPC is presenting a petition for Council action to amend the duties of the Council Policy Committee to include serving as the conduct committee for the Council to investigate allegations of misconduct. The petition ensures that anyone accused of misconduct would have an opportunity to be heard.

5. The Council VOTED to approve the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Council Policy Committee.

## Committee on Committees (ConC)

**Diane Krone**, committee Chair, reported the following: The committee hired McKinley Advisors to conduct an external review of ACS Council-related committees and provide recommendations. McKinley and a Steering Committee meet regularly to discuss updates and research questions. McKinley conducted benchmarking interviews with similar organizations and will provide actionable recommendations in June 2023. ConC also reviewed and discussed the current duties of the Committee on Environmental Improvement (CEI) and voted to recommend that CEI change the wording in their duties from

*improvement* to *sustainability* to ensure that the duties matched the needs of the committee, SOCIETY, and its members. CEI approved the proposed change to their duties.

6. The Council VOTED to approve the Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Environmental Improvement.

## Nominations and Elections (N&E)

**Julianne Smist**, committee Chair, announced the results of the morning's test preferential vote and the vote to select the candidates for President-Elect. She announced the candidates who will appear on the ballot for the national election for President: Dorothy Phillips and Florian Schattenmann. She also reported that N&E introduced a pilot slate development application that is now being used by all subcommittees to develop ballots. The committee reviewed the distribution of ACS member population within the six electoral districts to ensure equitable representation and the December 31, 2022, year-end report was in compliance per the Standing Rules. N&E created a new subcommittee on diversifying slates to continue building diverse and inclusive slates. The committee met to develop slates of potential candidates for the Council Policy Committee and the Committee on Committees for the 2024-2026 term, and the names of the candidates will appear in the fall Council agenda.

7. The Council VOTED to approve the Petition to Add Plan B to Council Meetings.

## Council Special Discussion

Judith C. Giordan, President, introduced and led a special discussion on the ongoing review of Society Committees. She sought Councilor input of positive ideas, key issues, and opportunities to improve the structure of committees. Four specific prompts were posed to Councilors for their input and suggestions: (1) Ideally, for ACS to have a committee structure that is forward-thinking and able to address opportunities for members, ACS, and the chemistry enterprise, we would...[Councilors to add suggestions]; (2) current and future key issues impacting ACS, the chemistry enterprise and our committees include...[Councilors to add suggestions]; (3) I wonder what the positive impact on committees, member involvement, and ACS would be if we were to...[Councilors to add suggestions], and, (4) I wish that committees at ACS could.... [Councilors to add suggestions]. Councilors provided their ideas and thoughts, and relevant Society units will receive this input within the next several weeks.

## Reports of Society Committees

# Membership Affairs (MAC)

Laura Sremaniak, committee Chair, reported the following: Overall membership has grown to 173,000, and changes to the treatment of lapsed membership have resulted in a substantial growth of Community Associates. However, economic and post-pandemic headwinds have presented membership challenges, particularly among student members. MAC proposed three changes to the Schedule of Membership to improve access, inclusivity, and loyalty recognition, which the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) has supported with a financial impact statement. The proposed changes include updating the disability waiver language, allowing Society Affiliates access to the standard package, and dropping the age requirement for emeritus members.

8. The Council VOTED to approve the 2024 Schedule of Membership.

# Constitutions and Bylaws (C&B)

Keith Vitense, committee Chair, reported the following: Three unit bylaws have been certified in 2023 and a total of 11 bylaws were certified in 2022. The latest version of the ACS Governing Documents is

available online, including certified bylaws and options for updating bylaws. Three petitions to amend the Standing Rules are up for Council action, but there are no petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws. However, the Petition to Add International Representation on the Board of Directors is up for consideration, and written arguments in support or opposition of the petition can be submitted until April 28. All Society Committees are requested to consider discussing and voting on this petition. New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Chief Executive Officer no later than April 26, to be considered by Council during the fall 2023 Council meeting in San Francisco.

# Local Section Activities (LSAC)

**Beth Lorsbach**, committee Chair, reported the following: LSAC is reviewing the 2022 Local Section Annual Report. LSAC will follow up with Local Sections that have not submitted their reports to expedite submission, with completion of the review expected by June 1, 2023. LSAC has launched the Local Section Member Engagement and Enhancement Grant for local section programs to build community and recruit new members. LSAC also hosted the ACS Local Section Showcase at Sci-Mix. The ACS Speaker Directory has been launched with more than 500 speakers available for in-person, hybrid, and asynchronous events. Interested speakers can join the directory to share their passion for chemistry, gain visibility, and grow their networks.

## Meetings and Expositions (M&E)

**Amber Hinkle**, committee Chair, reported the following: M&E is currently collaborating to reimagine ACS meetings and enhance the attendee experience. Current registration numbers show high numbers of first-time meeting attendees and purchased memberships. International attendance continues to grow, with China having strong representation. Virtual participation has trended downwards; however, it is still at 14%, and the exposition hall continues to be a focus, with exclusive hours to increase traffic and engaging sessions.

## New Business

# Resolution

The Council ADOPTED the following resolution:

9. BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the American Chemical Society express to the officers and members of the Indiana Section, host Section for the spring 2023 ACS meeting, the sincere appreciation of the Council and of the entire Society for the cordial hospitality extended to all registrants at this meeting, and that the Council convey special thanks to the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers responsible for the outstanding technical sessions, as well as headquarters staff, for the planning and execution that have assured the success of this hybrid meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m. ET.

Flint H. Lewis Secretary

#### Certified Councilors for the March 29, 2023, Hybrid Council Meeting

Albert Horvath	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Angela K. Wilson	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Attila E. Pavlath	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Bonnie A. Charpentier	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Bruce E. Bursten	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Carolyn Ribes	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Catherine T. Hunt	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Diane Grob Schmidt	Ex-Officio Councilor	
E. Ann Nalley	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Elsa Reichmanis	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Flint H. Lewis	Ex-Officio Councilor	
H. N. Cheng	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Judith C. Giordan	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Lisa Houston	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Katherine L. Lee	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Kimberly Agnew-Heard	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Lee H. Latimer	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Lisa M. Balbes	Ex-Officio Councilor	
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Marinda Li Wu	Ex-Officio Councilor	
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Natalie A. LaFranzo	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Ned D. Heindel	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Paul W. Jagodzinski	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Peter K. Dorhout	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Teri Quinn Gray	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Thomas H. Lane	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Wayne E. Jones Jr	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Will E. Lynch	Ex-Officio Councilor	
William F. Carroll Jr	Ex-Officio Councilor	
Silvia Ronco	Bylaw Councilor	
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Lauren Jackson	Councilor	Agricultural & Food Chemistry (AGFD)
Michael Tunick	Councilor	Agricultural & Food Chemistry (AGFD)
Jeanette M. Van Emon	Councilor	Agrochemicals (AGRO)
Rodney M. Bennett	Councilor	Agrochemicals (AGRO)
Michelle V. Buchanan	Councilor	Analytical Chemistry (ANYL)
Rebecca A Hunter	Alternate Councilor	Analytical Chemistry (ANYL)
Susan V. Olesik	Councilor	Analytical Chemistry (ANYL)
David J. Roush	Councilor	Biochemical Technology (BIOT)
Varnika Roy	Councilor	Biochemical Technology (BIOT)
William J. Kelly	Councilor	Biochemical Technology (BIOT)
Catherine Eichhorn	Alternate Councilor	Biological Chemistry (BIOL)
Anne-Frances Miller	Alternate Councilor	Biological Chemistry (BIOL)
Janet L. Bryant	Councilor	Business Development & Management (BMGT)
Hien M. Nguyen	Councilor	Carbohydrate Chemistry & Chemical Glycobiology (CARB)
Aditya (Ashi) Savara	Councilor	Catalysis Science & Technology (CATL)
Liney Arnadottir	Councilor	Catalysis Science & Technology (CATL)
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