



Councilor News and Committee Alerts

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ACS President Judy Giordan and Committee on Committees Chair Diane Krone



As we continue our work to review Society Committees, the Committee on Committees (ConC) would like to thank Councilors for their thoughtful input and ideas during the Spring Meeting discussion, [ACS Society Committees, Looking to the Future](#).

Following the discussion, the transcript was shared with ConC and the McKinley Advisors team who is partnering with us on this important work. We look forward to providing an update on our efforts to Council via oral reports.

Review of Society Committees: Thank you for your input!

ACS Hybrid Council Meeting - Fall 2023

The Council agenda is available online here: www.acs.org/councilors



- The Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, beginning at 8:00 am (PT). For Councilors attending in-person, the Council meeting will be held at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square Hotel, in Grand Ballroom A/B.

- In order to participate and vote (virtually or in-person), your Councilor credentials must be submitted prior to the meeting. Credential information and instructions were included in the email from secretary@acs.org noting the posting of the Council agenda.
- The **online (virtual)** experience for Council will be conducted in the same manner as the 2023 Spring Council meeting. You will need a personal device with a browser other than Safari to participate in voting, to ask questions, and to follow the proceedings.
- The in-person experience for the Council meeting will again require a personal device with an internet connection through a browser such as Apple's Safari or Google Chrome, and the ability to either scan a QR code or enter a web address to access the online voting system.
- Please review the [instructional video](#) to become familiar with the Lumi voting platform and the hybrid Council experience.

ACS Spring 2023 Governance Meetings and Councilor Caucus Schedule

[View the schedule](#) for the ACS Fall Council Meeting, District and Division Caucuses, Board Open Meeting, Director-at-Large Town Hall, and Council Policy Committee Open Meeting.

Please note: If you are attending a Councilor Caucus meeting online and have not received the online meeting information, please contact the Office of the Secretary at secretary@acs.org.

Council Special Discussion on Equitable Governance for the Future

There will be a Council Special Discussion focusing on ACS Council: Equitable Governance for the Future. The goal of the Special Discussion Topic is simple: Hear the views of members of Council on what equitable representation on Council means. Please come prepared with ideas to share with your fellow Councilors, virtually or in person, on how the composition of Council can continue to evolve to be truly equitable, inclusive and representative of all members of the Society.

Petition to Add International Representation to the Board of Directors – A Vote and a Voice for International Members ACS Board Working Group on Structure and Representation

ACS is global

- Our mission is: “Advancing the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and all its people.”
- The ACS Constitution directs that ACS "shall be concerned with the worldwide application of chemistry to the needs of humanity."
- Over 50% of revenues for ACS come from international sources, and approximately 18% of paid ACS members reside beyond the US.



The Board of Directors requires diverse perspectives in order to serve ACS

- “The Board of Directors shall be the legal representative of the SOCIETY and as such shall have, hold, and administer all the property, funds, and affairs of the SOCIETY.”
- In other words, the Board has oversight responsibility of the Society’s affairs, develops the Society’s strategic plan, approves the operating budget, sets (or delegates responsibility for setting) prices of key ACS services, and elects the Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Board is the only body with the authority to express an official position on behalf of the entire Society.

At ACS Fall 2023, Council will vote on the Petition to Add International Representation to the Board of Directors

- The proposal is to create an International District and the role of International District Director. All paid members residing outside of the US or Canada, who are not members of a Local Section, would be eligible to vote.
- One of the 6 Director at Large positions would be converted to International District Director. The BOD would comprise 15 voting members: 5 Directors at Large, 1 International District Director, 6 District Directors, and 3 members of the presidential succession.

For more information

- Read the petition in the [March Council Agenda](#), and the action in the [August Council Agenda](#).
- See Katherine Lee’s [C&EN Comment](#) .
- [Read the slides](#) that were presented in March at Councilor caucuses and committees upon request.
- Share your thoughts and feedback, or request a short presentation to a Committee or Caucus: secretary@acs.org

Director-at-Large Town Hall Meeting



Wayne E. Jones Jr.



Daniel Rabinovich



Carolyn Ribes



Joseph P. Stoner

Don't miss the Director-at-Large Town Hall on Sunday, August 13, from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm (PT) at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square, Continental Ballroom 4! Questions for the candidates may be submitted in advance via [Slido](#). Please note that this is an in-person event. [View the flyer](#) for more information.

Council Policy Committee Open Forum

The Council Policy Committee will open the floor during its meeting at 10:00 am (PT) on Monday, August 14, to Councilors who would like to raise issues of concern that affect them and/or their local sections or divisions. For further information, contact Donna Friedman, Vice Chair of CPC, at cpc@acs.org.

Hybrid Board Regular Meeting (open to all registered attendees)



Join the ACS Board in San Francisco as they hold a conversation with Nobel Laureate Carolyn Bertozzi. The event will include a report from the Board and boxed lunches for the first 200 attendees.

Sunday, August 13

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (PT)

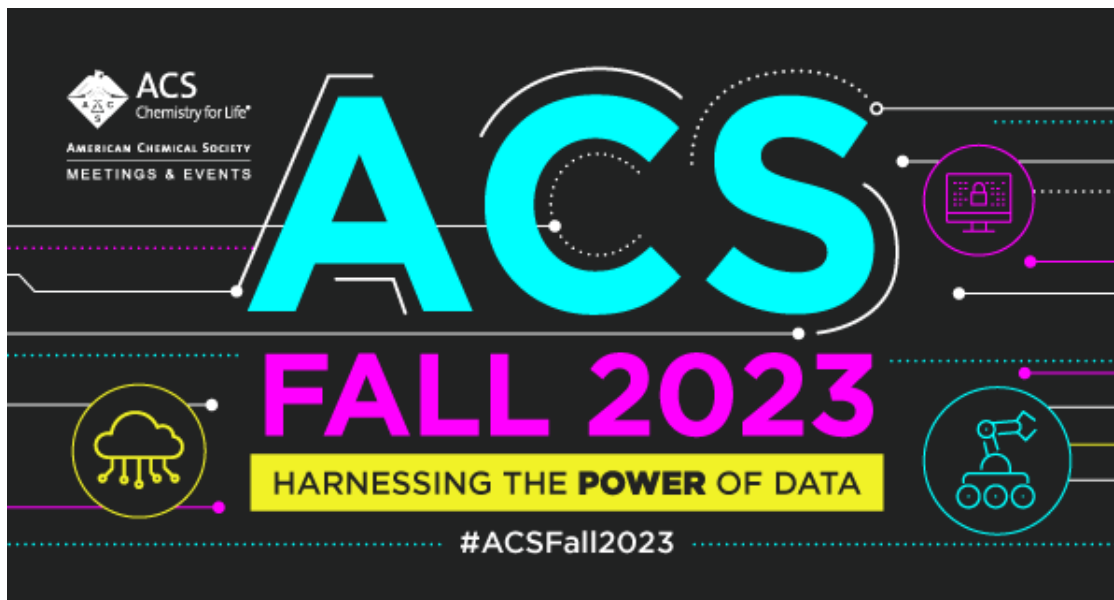
Location: Room 24/25, South Bldg. (Moscone Center)

Virtual attendance is accessible through the [Meeting Platform](#).

Registrants can log in and add the event to your itinerary.

Questions? secretary@acs.org

ACS Fall 2023 Presidential Events & Symposia



The ACS President, Judith C. Giordan, along with the San Francisco Presidential organizing team, have identified more than 30 events they believe would be of particular interest for ACS Fall 2023 in San Francisco. Visit www.acs.org/PRESevents to learn more!

You're Invited: ACS Councilor Reception in San Francisco on August 13



Connection and Reception for ACS Councilors and Committee Chairs

Sunday, August 13
San Francisco, California

ACS Councilors and Committee Chairs, please join us at the “Connection and Reception” on Sunday, August 13, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (PT) at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square Hotel, Continental Ballroom 4. Stop by and network with your fellow Councilors and Committee Chairs and learn about becoming more involved in ACS governance.

RSVP by Monday, August 7 to attend this event. For questions, contact cpc@acs.org.

This event is hosted by the Council Policy Committee, in partnership with the Committee on Committees, and the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

Updates from the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B)

The May 1, 2023, edition of the ACS Governing Documents is available at <http://www.acs.org/govdocs>.

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Chief Executive Officer (bylaws@acs.org) by November 29 to be included in the Council agenda for the spring 2024 meeting in New Orleans.

ACS members are invited to attend C&B's open meeting on Sunday, August 13, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm (PT) in San Francisco. The committee will be happy to respond to any questions you may have on petitions and other committee-related matters.

Questions or comments may be sent to C&B at bylaws@acs.org.

International Activities Committee (IAC) petitions, and a new international chapter

International Activities Committee has submitted a petition for Council and Board consideration to amend the duties of the IAC committee in two ways. The first, to change the annual reporting date for International Chemical Sciences Chapters (ICSC) to February 15 of each year, in line with Local Sections and Divisions. The second amendment allows the committee to intervene in instances of defunct Chapters such as to appoint an interim Executive Committee or facilitate the International Chapter's elections. The committee also approved an application from a new ICSC in Singapore, which will be seeking full approval by Council at the Fall Meeting.

WCC Fall 2023 Awards and Events



Atefeh Taheri
Reliability and Maintenance
Team Lead, Chevron



Ingrid Montes
Professor of Organic Chemistry,
University of Puerto Rico
Río Piedras Campus

The ACS Women Chemists Committee (WCC) continues its new vision of equal representation and influence in the chemistry enterprise through its mission of engagement, advancement, and advocacy for women. At the ACS Fall 2023 meeting, WCC will recognize the winners of the Overcoming Challenges Award, the Priscilla Carney Jones Scholarship, the WCC Merck Research Award, and the Eli Lilly Travel Award. On August 14, WCC will host its Women in the Chemistry Enterprise Breakfast with keynote speaker Atefeh Taheri, and an "Advancing Gender Equity in Science" symposium. The WCC Luncheon will feature keynote speaker, Ingrid Montes, on August 15. Later that day, WCC will host its 'Just Cocktails' open meeting. All events will be held at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square Hotel. The WCC breakfast and luncheon tickets are available via ACS registration. For more information, send email to WCC@acs.org. See you in San Francisco!

The Expo Reimagined!

When was the last time you visited the Exposition Hall at a Spring or [Fall ACS meeting](#)? I hope you'll say March 2023. However, if you're like many of us, it's been quite a transition to return in person to the meetings and you may not have gotten around to the Expo recently. Either way, you should plan to attend the Expo in San Francisco! [Learn more](#).

National Chemical Technician Award Nominations are Now Open!



ACS Committee
Technician Affairs

The ACS Committee on Technician Affairs is accepting nominations for the 2024 National Chemical Technician Award.

This award honors excellence and professionalism among technicians, operators, analysts and other applied chemical technology professionals. [Please see the website for complete details](#). The submission deadline is September 30, 2023.

Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA) Invites You

Join us at the ACS Fall 2023 CMA Luncheon, featuring Dr. Benjamin Garcia, on August 14 from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm (PT) at San Francisco Hilton Union Square. Attend the co-sponsored symposia this Fall: "Chemical Impacts of Latine Cottrell Scholars" showcasing innovative science in materials, energy, and biomolecular sciences by Latine Cottrell Scholars, and the Division of Biological Chemistry's "Diversity in Biological Chemistry: Rising Stars" symposium. These events demonstrate the power of diversity and inclusion in achieving educational and research excellence.

[Read More](#)

Quick Guide: Creating Relationships with Underrepresented Communities

Are you interested in expanding your audience or collaborators to include historically underrepresented groups? The ACS Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect has published a new quick guide to help! [Read the Quick Guide to Creating Relationships with Underrepresented Communities in STEM](#) for tips and guidance.

DEIR Training Options at ACS Fall 2023!

Are you looking for diversity, equity, and inclusion-related training opportunities while in San Francisco for ACS Fall 2023? The course Transforming Microaggressions into Microinclusions, facilitated by La'Wana Harris, Certified Diversity Executive, will be offered in-person on Monday, August 14 at 2:30 pm (PT) and Tuesday, August 15 at 9:30 am (PT). Each session is two hours.

Learn how to identify and define microaggressions, and how to respond as a bystander. Your response as a leader sets an example for others; gain the skills to do so with confidence.

[Register Now](#)

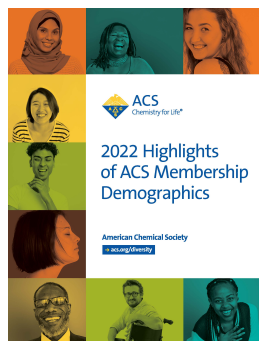
ACS Leadership Courses in San Francisco

Attend a course at the Fall 2023 Meeting. [Visit the ACS Institute's Center for Leadership Development to register.](#)

[Register Now](#)

Membership Demographics Report

As part of its commitment to embracing and advancing inclusion in chemistry, ACS has published the 2022 Membership Demographics Report. [This first membership diversity data report](#) describes who makes up the ACS community.



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