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ACS 150th Anniversary Resolution for Council Approval

To honor the 150th Anniversary of the American Chemical Society, the ACS Council is asked to approve the following resolution to mark this momentous milestone.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, in 1876, while the 33 states of the United States of America were celebrating the nation's first 100 years, a group of individuals engaged in the profession of chemistry, who just two years earlier had celebrated the centennial of Joseph Priestley's discovery of oxygen, assembled in the City of New York;

WHEREAS, united by their common profession and dedicated to its effective practice, the group recognized that achieving their goals necessitated having a society that would encourage collaboration, promote original research, enhance chemistry education, and increase awareness and appreciation of science by the general public;

WHEREAS, to implement this vision, they founded the American Chemical Society and endowed it with objects sufficient to achieve its mission; and, in so doing, improved the health and welfare of their fellow citizens;

WHEREAS, a half-century later, the 75th Congress of the United States in granting a charter to the American Chemical Society echoed and elaborated on that same original vision;

WHEREAS, 150 years after its founding, the American Chemical Society, having grown to an inclusive global community of more than 230,000 individuals dedicated to the attainment of its enduring purposes, empowers scientists, engineers and educators through its broad networks, leads the world in authoritative dissemination of scientific information, fosters public welfare, and inspires future practitioners of chemistry;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council and Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society, in celebration of the Society's 150th anniversary, do hereby renew our mutual commitment to advancing chemistry and its related professions, to supporting the practitioners of those professions, and to promoting the Society itself; and do hereby reaffirm the vision of the Society's founders and commit the resources and knowledge of its global community to improve all lives through the transforming power of chemistry.

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AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

March 25, 2026

Grand Ballroom, Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park, Atlanta, Georgia

The Council of the American Chemical Society met in a hybrid session on March 25, 2026, beginning at 8:00 a.m. ET. Rigoberto Hernandez, President of the Society and Council Chair, presided.

Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and accredited representatives totaling 429 were present (credentialed list attached): **Ex-Officio**: 31; **Bylaw**: 1; **Divisions**: 74, (5 were Alternate Councilors); **Local Sections**: 312, (31 were Alternate Councilors, and 1 Temporary Substitute Councilors); **Zones**: 11; and 34 Nonvoting Councilors. Approximately 52 observers were in attendance.

Resolutions

The Council ADOPTED the following resolution as presented by ACS Past President Bruce Bursten:

1. WHEREAS, the Council and Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society learned with profound sorrow of the passing of their esteemed colleague and friend, Dr. Charles P. Casey; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Casey served the American Chemical Society as President in 2004, as a member of the Board of Directors from 2003 to 2005, and as an active participant on numerous ACS bodies striving to turn challenges into opportunities for new successes for the Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Casey was an ACS Fellow and a devoted member of the Society for 63 years, receiving many awards and honors including the Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award, ACS Award in Organometallic Chemistry and the ACS Award for Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Inorganic Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Casey dedicated his time and resources to communicating the value of basic and applied chemistry, and advocating for increased support for scientific research, education, and academic career development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Casey was widely recognized for his research advancing the understanding of catalysis, olefin metathesis, and hydrogenation and for his generous contributions to the support and recognition of undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral associates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors and Council of the American Chemical Society honor the memory of Dr. Charles P. Casey, express their deep appreciation for his pioneering spirit and enduring contributions to the Society and to chemistry, and extend their sincere condolences to his wife, Martha, his daughter, Jennifer, and his family, colleagues, and friends throughout the world.

The Council ADOPTED the following resolution as presented by Council Policy Committee Vice-Chair Matthew Grandbois:

1. 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 sincerest condolences to their families in their bereavement:

Benjie T. Outlaw, Retired, organic synthesis chemist at Baker Petrolite, and Councilor for the Greater Houston Section from 2004 to 2008.

Peter Gund, Retired, Accelrys, Inc., and Councilor for the Division of Computers in Chemistry from 1996 to 2002.

Linneaus C. Dorman, the first African-American chemist hired to work at Dow Chemical Company headquarters, and Councilor for the Midland Section from 1984 to 1992.

David A. Dixon, Professor, University of Alabama Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, and Councilor for the Division of Fluorine Chemistry from 2016 to 2025.

Kathryn Kitzmiller, Assistant Professor, Grand Canyon University, and Councilor for the Central Arizona Section from 2020 to 2025.

Susan Hershberger, Retired, research associate at Miami University, and Councilor for the Cincinnati Section from 2017 to 2026.

Margaret A. Matthews, senior chemical information specialist at Thomson Scientific, and Councilor for the Philadelphia Section from 2011 to 2013, and 2017 to 2025.

Simon Bott, Professor of Chemistry, most recently at Swansea University; University of Houston; and Councilor for the Greater Houston Section from 2005 to 2016.

John Long, founder of JM Rubber Consultants, LLC, and Councilor for the Rubber Division from 1998 to 2024.

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

Approval of Minutes

2. The Council ADOPTED, without objection and as distributed, the minutes of the meeting on August 20, 2025.

Committee on Nominations and Elections

Kevin J. Edgar, committee Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Rule IV, Sec. 5, b and c, introduced the following nominees for President-Elect, 2027: John Adams, Lisa McElwee-White, Mary Virginia Orna, and Laura Sremaniak. Each nominee presented remarks to the Council.

3. The Council SELECTED, by electronic ballot, Laura Sremaniak and Lisa McElwee-White as candidates for President-Elect, 2027.

Edgar announced the results of the election held prior to the Council meeting to select candidates for Districts III and VI, 2027 – 2029. The candidates for District III are Bonnie Lawlor and Stephanie Watson and the candidates for District VI are Anna Cavinato and Jeanette Van Emon. He also shared the candidates for Director-at-Large (DAL), 2027-2029: Michael (Mick) Hurrey, Beth Lorsbach, William Provine, and Carolyn Ribes. In accordance with Standing Rule IV, Sec. 4, c, N&E will use preferential voting for the DAL election in the fall.

Reports of Society Officers

President Rigoberto Hernandez acknowledged the meeting as the first for ACS Zone Councilors and heartily welcomed them. He reported on the progress of his ongoing efforts to ensure that the global chemistry community are empowered to engage, advise, and advocate for science. He shared his continued support for financially sustainable, giftable, and awardable life memberships accessible to people of all ages. He informed Councilors about his recent visits to Local Sections, Regional Meetings, and the ACS Leadership Institute. He highlighted Pacifichem 2025 where ACS kicked off the 150th anniversary celebration and he reported on the success of the Presidential symposia with one focusing on the importance of undergraduate researchers, and the other on artificial intelligence as another tool to drive innovation in chemistry and science.

President-Elect Christina Bodurow reported on elevating visibility of three strategic priorities for her presidency: Interdisciplinary, Industry Engagement, and Chemistry and the Arts. She informed Councilors about efforts to accelerate interdisciplinary collaborations in medicine development, sustainability, energy, and space and chemistry. Bodurow emphasized the importance of building meaningful pathways to deepen industry involvement in ACS by collaborating with the Board of Directors, Corporation Associates, Divisions, Local Sections, International Chapters, and the Office of Industry Relations. She noted that aside from chemistry, ACS members also bring artistic talent through teaching, painting, woodworking, music, or performance, and invites them to share their passions at 2027 meetings to celebrate the many ways creativity and science enrich one another, as well as serving as a bridge to the public.

Immediate Past President Dorothy J. Phillips reported on her ongoing efforts to champion her presidential initiative: Building Chemistry Careers Inclusively. She began the year by attending the ACS Leadership Institute to encourage emerging leaders, serving as a panelist on the Committee on International Activities contributing to a vibrant global dialogue, and continuing engagement with partner organizations, ACS governance, and Local Section leaders. Phillips spoke highly of the dedicated chemistry faculty and exceptionally talented students she met during a visit to Wellesley College where she listened to impressive research presentations and delivered a keynote lecture. She noted a special highlight was her visit to the Hillary Rodham Clinton Center where she interacted and answered complex questions from a group of curious and insightful sophomore students about ACS's work in science and human rights. This experience reminded her of ACS' responsibility to ensure that chemistry continues to serve humanity with integrity and passion and reinforces how vital representation and mentorship are in this field.

Board Chair Wayne E. Jones, Jr. reported on the various actions that the Board of Directors has taken in support of the ACS strategic plan. The Board and the broader organization continue to take a deliberate non-partisan approach to Congress and federal agencies to advance the ACS strategic goal to "Elevate the Reputation of Science." He encouraged others to get involved by joining Act4Chemistry to communicate directly with legislators for sustained support for science and the chemistry enterprise. Those ongoing efforts and outcomes are available at acs.org/policy. As part of the Board's recent efforts to support the strategic goal to empower scientists, a one-time Graduate Student Success Grant was put in place last year in response to the federal funding cuts. The Catalyst scholarship is a new scholarship designed to support

undergraduates pursuing chemistry and chemistry-related degrees by reducing the financial and educational barriers that too often limit their persistence in these fields. In support of the core value of sustainability, ACS invested millions of dollars through the ACS Campaign for a Sustainable Future designed to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by driving lasting impact across research, chemistry education, and global collaboration.

Chief Executive Officer Albert G. Horvath highlighted the continuous strong performance of the ACS in 2025, including some 18% increase in journal submissions, and published output increasing by 10%. ACS acquired, at no cost, the *Environmental Health Perspectives* journal, from the National Institutes of Health. CAS introduced its Intelligence Hub, a secure AI-ready platform that integrates customer data along with the rich, well-organized CAS Content Collection and workflow capabilities to gain deeper, more robust insights, and accelerate scientific innovation. In 2025, a Board-led action provided a one-time emergency grant program to support master's and Ph.D. students impacted by the unexpected termination of grant funding where 74 graduate students from 56 institutions across the United States were selected to receive grants that totaled \$1.4 million. The Catalyst Scholarship was launched to support undergraduates pursuing chemistry and chemistry-related degrees with \$10,000 annually beginning in the 26-27 academic year. The first-year application window was complete with more than 900 applications. Horvath also noted ACS met with the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Department of Energy's Office of Science and other leaders at key federal agencies to advocate research and development funding and information on priority areas including artificial intelligence, technology transfer, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) reauthorization, federal science agency funding, and the STEM workforce pipeline.

Reports of Elected Society Committees of the Council

Council Policy Committee (CPC)

Matthew Grandbois, committee Vice-Chair, reported on the strategic plan developed by CPC from its strategic planning retreat held in November 2025. The three overarching goals focus on Councilor Engagement, Council Structure, and Leadership Development. CPC has restructured its subcommittees to implement this plan. CPC voted to concur with the continuation of the Committees on Analytical Reagents, Constitution and Bylaws, Divisional Activities, Local Section Activities and, subject to the concurrence by the ACS Board of Directors, the Committees on Chemists with Disabilities, and Environment and Sustainability. CPC voted to concur with the *Petition to Change the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance*. Grandbois informed Council of the onboarding of 12 new Zone Councilors with superb attendance and engagement at events. He encouraged Councilors to attend open meetings and welcomed committees to report orally at Council even if they do not bring anything forward for action.

Committee on Committees (ConC)

Brian M. Mathes, committee Chair, reported that 19 committees participated in Committee Row during Sci-Mix, its largest participation since the event began in 2024. Mathes added that the Committee Preference Form will be open through July 6 for individuals interested in ACS committee service (CMTE.acs.org). ConC recommended that Council continue the Committees on Analytical Reagents, Constitution and Bylaws, Divisional Activities, and Local Section Activities, and, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors, the Committees on Chemists with Disabilities, and Environment and Sustainability.

4. The Council VOTED to continue the Committees on Analytical Reagents, Constitution and Bylaws, Divisional Activities, and Local Section Activities, and, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors, the Committees on Chemists with Disabilities, and Environment and Sustainability.

Mathes also reported that the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) requested to amend their name and duties to the Committee on Fiscal Affairs and for the committee to concentrate on governance engagement and support. This structure positions ACS to meet future challenges with clarity, accountability, and strategic oversight in response to the significant growth the Society has experienced over the past 24 years—revenues have more than doubled and net operations increased eightfold with an international presence in 56 jurisdictions and 65% of its revenue generated outside of North America. A Board Finance Committee will be established to assume fiduciary responsibility with an enterprise-level focus. ConC recommended, with the concurrence of CPC, the *Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance*.

5. The Council VOTED to approve the *Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance* and change its name to the Committee on Fiscal Affairs.

Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E)

Kevin J. Edgar, committee Chair, announced the results of the morning's vote to select candidates for President-Elect, 2027. He announced that the selected candidates, Laura Sremaniak and Lisa McElwee-White, will appear on the 2027 President-Elect ballot along with any petition candidate(s) certified by the July 15 deadline. Edgar stated that the committee completed its annual review of the distribution of ACS member population within the six electoral districts to ensure equitable representation and the December 31, 2025, year-end report indicated no changes to districts were required. He also shared that the committee held a strategic planning retreat where they focused on four key areas: Board composition, election processes, candidate pipeline, and communications. N&E met to develop slates of potential candidates for the Council Policy Committee and the Committee on Committees for the 2027-2029 terms, and the names of the candidates will appear in the fall Council agenda.

Reports of Society Committees

Committee on International Activities (IAC)

Michael B. McGinnis, committee Chair, recognized the International Chemical Sciences Chapters (ICSCs) of Jingjinji, South Western China and Iraq for their ten-year anniversaries and welcomed the four newly chartered ICSCs: Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, and Northeast China. McGinnis reported on working with the Office of Government Affairs to revise two position statements on global scientific collaboration and exchange. He also looks forward to continuing to support the onboarding, nomination, and election of Zone Councilors in 2026. IAC recommended a *Petition to Charter an International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Sri Lanka*.

6. The Council VOTED to approve the *Petition to Charter an International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Sri Lanka*.

Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC)

Jennifer McCulley, committee Chair, reported that ACS membership is holding steady at around 102,000. Community Associates have continued to contribute to the growth of the global community (Members,

Society Affiliates, and Community Associates) which increased 12% to 262,000 in 2025. She added that MAC will explore piloting a lifetime membership option for release in 2026. MAC presented the 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits, with no proposed changes from the current schedule. MAC recommended adoption of the 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits.

7. The Council VOTED to adopt the 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B)

John E. Adams, committee Chair, reported on the certification of 15 unit bylaws following the 2025 fall meeting, including four in 2026. He reminded Councilors that the most recent version of the ACS Governing Documents and access to certified bylaws can be found online at www.acs.org/govdocs. Adams thanked Councilors for their thoughtful consideration of the petition to amend the name and duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance. He also noted that the deadline for petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws is May 6 for consideration at the fall meeting.

Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F)

Paul Jagodzinski, committee Chair, reported that in 2025, ACS had a net revenue of \$50.7 million from operations and met all five of its financial guidelines. Over the past 25 years, revenue has more than doubled, with a fourfold increase in unrestricted net assets. ACS receives 58% of revenue from outside of North America and is active in 56 different jurisdictions.

Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC)

Jarrold Cohen, committee Chair, reported on their new strategic plan, focusing on promoting Division impact, connecting Divisions to the greater ACS community, and supporting and recognizing Divisions. Collaborative programming at the spring 2026 meeting included 160 joint half-day sessions out of the 800 total sessions scheduled. More than 300 sessions were in the four community programming tracks of Pharma, Data Science/AI, Sustainability, and Startup.

Committee on Ethics (ETHX)

Glenn Larkin, committee Chair, was recognized from the floor to inform Council that while ACS celebrates its 150th anniversary, the Committee on Ethics (ETHX) is also celebrating its 20th anniversary. He invited Councilors and the constituents they represent to share thoughts on “the responsibilities of chemists” via email at ethx@acs.org. The responses will be used as part of the committee’s anniversary celebration at the ACS Fall 2026 meeting.

New Business

Resolution

The Council ADOPTED the following resolution as presented by Stephen Clarke, Councilor from Zone 6:

8. BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the American Chemical Society express to the officers and members of the Georgia Section, host Section for the spring 2026 ACS meeting, the sincere appreciation of the Council and of the entire Society for the cordial hospitality extended to all registrants participating in 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 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. ET.

Kimberly A. Knight
Secretary

Certified Councilors for the March 25, 2026, Council Meeting

Kimberly Agnew-Heard	Ex Officio Councilor
Christina Bodurow	Ex Officio Councilor
Bruce Bursten	Ex Officio Councilor
Mary Carroll	Ex Officio Councilor
William Carroll	Ex Officio Councilor
Bonnie Charpentier	Ex Officio Councilor
H.N. Cheng	Ex Officio Councilor
Peter Dorhout	Ex Officio Councilor
Rigoberto Hernandez	Ex Officio Councilor
Albert Horvath	Ex Officio Councilor
Lisa Houston	Ex Officio Councilor
Malika Jeffries-El	Ex Officio Councilor
Wayne Jones	Ex Officio Councilor
Silvia Jurisson	Ex Officio Councilor
Kimberly Knight	Ex Officio Councilor
Natalie LaFranzo	Ex Officio Councilor
Thomas Lane	Ex Officio Councilor
Bonnie Lawlor	Ex Officio Councilor
Katherine Lee	Ex Officio Councilor
Will Lynch	Ex Officio Councilor
E Ann Nalley	Ex Officio Councilor
Donna Nelson	Ex Officio Councilor
Dorothy Phillips	Ex Officio Councilor
Elsa Reichmanis	Ex Officio Councilor
Carolyn Ribes	Ex Officio Councilor
Diane Grob Schmidt	Ex Officio Councilor
Jeanette Van Emon	Ex Officio Councilor
Edel Wasserman	Ex Officio Councilor
David Wu	Ex Officio Councilor
Marinda Wu	Ex Officio Councilor
Angela Wilson	Ex Officio Councilor

Andrea Twiss-Brooks	Bylaw Councilor
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Divisions

Alyson Mitchell	Councilor	Agricultural and Food Chemistry (AGFD)
Michael Tunick	Councilor	Agricultural and Food Chemistry (AGFD)
Lauren Jackson	Councilor	Agricultural and Food Chemistry (AGFD)
Kevin Armbrust	Councilor	Agrochemicals (AGRO)
Rodney Bennett	Councilor	Agrochemicals (AGRO)
Anna Cavinato	Councilor	Analytical Chemistry (ANYL)
Jonathan Shackman	Councilor	Analytical Chemistry (ANYL)
Jacquelyn Jhingree	Councilor	Analytical Chemistry (ANYL)
William Kelly	Councilor	Biochemical Technology (BIOT)
David Roush	Councilor	Biochemical Technology (BIOT)
Varnika Roy	Councilor	Biochemical Technology (BIOT)
Mary Jo Ondrechen	Councilor	Biochemistry and Chemical Biology (BIOL)
Tyler Weaver	Councilor	Biochemistry and Chemical Biology (BIOL)

Catherine Eichhorn	Alternate Councilor	Biochemistry and Chemical Biology (BIOL)
Janet Bryant	Councilor	Business Development and Management (BMGT)
Cristina De Meo	Councilor	Carbohydrate Chemistry & Chemical Glycobiology (CARB)
James Harris	Alternate Councilor	Catalysis Science and Technology (CATL)
Kevin Edgar	Councilor	Cellulose and Renewable Materials (CELL)
Sheila Murphy	Councilor	Cellulose and Renewable Materials (CELL)
M. Soledad Peresin	Councilor	Cellulose and Renewable Materials (CELL)
Roxie Allen	Councilor	Chemical Education (CHED), Inc.
Suazette Mooring	Councilor	Chemical Education (CHED), Inc.
Clarissa Sorensen-Unruh	Councilor	Chemical Education (CHED), Inc.
Ryan Stowe	Councilor	Chemical Education (CHED), Inc.
Debbie Decker	Councilor	Chemical Health and Safety (CHAS), Inc.
Frankie Wood-Black	Councilor	Chemical Health and Safety (CHAS), Inc.
Susan Cardinal	Councilor	Chemical Information (CINF)
Jeremy Garritano	Councilor	Chemical Information (CINF)
Connor Coley	Councilor	Chemical Information (CINF)
Penny Beuning	Councilor	Chemical Toxicology (TOXI)
James Carver	Councilor	Chemistry and The Law (CHAL)
Jennifer Hollingsworth	Councilor	Colloid and Surface Chemistry (COLL)
Deborah Leckband	Councilor	Colloid and Surface Chemistry (COLL)
Seonah Kim	Councilor	Computers in Chemistry (COMP)
Heidi Klem	Councilor	Computers in Chemistry (COMP)
Dady Dadyburjor	Councilor	Energy and Fuels (ENFL)
Jingbo Louise Liu	Councilor	Energy and Fuels (ENFL)
Randall Winans	Councilor	Energy and Fuels (ENFL)
V Dean Adams	Councilor	Environmental Chemistry (ENVR)
George Cobb	Councilor	Environmental Chemistry (ENVR)
Jillian Goldfarb	Councilor	Environmental Chemistry (ENVR)
Sherine Obare	Councilor	Environmental Chemistry (ENVR)
Joseph Thrasher	Alternate Councilor	Fluorine Chemistry (FLUO)
Nadine Kabengi	Councilor	Geochemistry (GEOC)
Roger Egolf	Councilor	History of Chemistry (HIST)
Pete Smith	Councilor	Industrial & Engineering Chemistry (I&EC)
Mary Engelman	Councilor	Industrial & Engineering Chemistry (I&EC)
Leigh Martin	Councilor	Industrial & Engineering Chemistry (I&EC)
Debbie Crans	Councilor	Inorganic Chemistry (INOR)
Nora Radu	Councilor	Inorganic Chemistry (INOR)
Suzanne Bart	Councilor	Inorganic Chemistry (INOR)
Lori Ferrins	Councilor	Medicinal Chemistry (MEDI)
William Greenlee	Councilor	Medicinal Chemistry (MEDI)
Nicholas Meanwell	Councilor	Medicinal Chemistry (MEDI)
Terry Moore	Councilor	Medicinal Chemistry (MEDI)
Nathalie Wall	Councilor	Nuclear Chemistry and Technology (NUCL)
Huw Davies	Councilor	Organic Chemistry (ORGN)
Lisa McElwee-White	Councilor	Organic Chemistry (ORGN)
Vanessa Marx	Councilor	Organic Chemistry (ORGN)
Daniel Weix	Alternate Councilor	Organic Chemistry (ORGN)
Lauren Webb	Councilor	Physical Chemistry (PHYS)
Adam Willard	Councilor	Physical Chemistry (PHYS)
Jessica Anna	Councilor	Physical Chemistry (PHYS)
Gregory Tew	Councilor	Polymer Chemistry (POLY)

Kathryn Uhrich	Councilor	Polymer Chemistry (POLY)
Mary Ann Meador	Councilor	Polymer Chemistry (POLY)
Julie Jessop	Councilor	Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering (PMSE)
Christopher Soles	Councilor	Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering (PMSE)
Dean Webster	Councilor	Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering (PMSE)
Michael Jaffe	Alternate Councilor	Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering (PMSE)
Matthew Grandbois	Councilor	Professional Relations (PROF)
Katherine Johnson	Councilor	Professional Relations (PROF)
Anthony Mariniello	Councilor	Rubber (RUBB) Division, ACS, Inc.
Arlene Garrison	Councilor	Small Chemical Businesses (SCHB)

Local Sections

Michael Fricke	Councilor	Akron
Daryl Stein	Councilor	Akron
Elizabeth Papish	Councilor	Alabama
Lisa Hoferkamp	Councilor	Alaska
Levi Stanley	Councilor	Ames
Bryan Franklin	Councilor	Baton Rouge
Julien Panetier	Councilor	Binghamton
Kevin Blann	Alternate Councilor	Brazosport
Mariana Alves	Councilor	California
Bryan Balazs	Councilor	California
Lee Latimer	Councilor	California
Alex Madonik	Councilor	California
Fanny Frausto	Councilor	California
Sushila Kanodia	Councilor	California
Sagar Bhattacharya	Alternate Councilor	California
Ahmed Awad	Councilor	California Los Padres
Matthew Chan	Councilor	Carolina-Piedmont
Daniel Rabinovich	Councilor	Carolina-Piedmont
Richard Bauer	Councilor	Central Arizona
John Gohndrone	Councilor	Central Arizona
Martin Perry	Councilor	Central Arkansas
Meledath Govindan	Councilor	Central Massachusetts
Dominic Peterson	Councilor	Central New Mexico
Donivan Porterfield	Councilor	Central New Mexico
Alyssa Thomas	Councilor	Central New York
Robert Yokley	Alternate Councilor	Central North Carolina
Rosalynn Quinones	Councilor	Central Ohio Valley
Lori Stepan	Councilor	Central Pennsylvania
Debra Feakes	Councilor	Central Texas
Kami Hull	Councilor	Central Texas
Jennifer Nielson	Councilor	Central Utah
Robin Tanke	Councilor	Central Wisconsin
Robert Coots	Councilor	Chattanooga
Allison Aldridge	Councilor	Chemical Society of Washington
Raychelle Burks	Councilor	Chemical Society of Washington
Monica Konaklieva	Councilor	Chemical Society of Washington
Stephanie Moffitt	Councilor	Chemical Society of Washington
Novella Bridges	Alternate Councilor	Chemical Society of Washington
Lauren Ragle	Alternate Councilor	Chemical Society of Washington
Amy Balija	Councilor	Chicago

Mark Cesa	Councilor	Chicago
Russell Johnson	Councilor	Chicago
Josh Kurutz	Councilor	Chicago
Milt Levenberg	Councilor	Chicago
Timothy Marin	Councilor	Chicago
Anita Mehta	Councilor	Chicago
Margaret Schott	Councilor	Chicago
Fran Kravitz	Councilor	Chicago
Ana Clara Leal	Alternate Councilor	Chicago
Richard Mullins	Councilor	Cincinnati
Michael Kenney	Councilor	Cleveland
Michael Levy	Councilor	Cleveland
Catherine MacGowan	Councilor	Coastal Georgia
Lawrence Berliner	Councilor	Colorado
Pamela Nagafuji	Councilor	Colorado
Kristina Proctor	Councilor	Colorado
Susan Schelble	Councilor	Colorado
Shubham Vyas	Councilor	Colorado
Jerman Lopez	Alternate Councilor	Colorado
Joan Esson	Councilor	Columbus
J. Clay Harris	Councilor	Columbus
Kayla Kasper	Councilor	Columbus
David Myers	Councilor	Connecticut Valley
Julianne Smist	Councilor	Connecticut Valley
Frank Torre	Councilor	Connecticut Valley
James Walsh	Councilor	Connecticut Valley
Anna Svetlanova-Larsen	Councilor	Cornell
Pushkar Tandon	Councilor	Corning
Kirby Drake	Councilor	Dallas-Fort Worth
Mary Anderson	Councilor	Dallas-Fort Worth
Linda Schultz	Councilor	Dallas-Fort Worth
Rebecca Weber	Councilor	Dallas-Fort Worth
Amanda Barry Schroeder	Alternate Councilor	Dayton
Harry Elston	Alternate Councilor	Decatur-Springfield
Martha Hollomon	Councilor	Delaware
Sergio Nanita	Councilor	Delaware
John Gavenonis	Councilor	Delaware
Amy Hamlin	Councilor	Detroit
James Landis	Councilor	Detroit
Shannon Timmons	Alternate Councilor	Detroit
Christian Goldsmith	Councilor	East Alabama/West Georgia
Amy Nicely	Councilor	East Central Illinois
Alan Hazari	Councilor	East Tennessee
Michelle Kidder	Councilor	East Tennessee
Mike Sheets	Councilor	East Texas
Joanne Kehlbeck	Councilor	Eastern New York
Tina Ovitt	Councilor	Eastern New York
Elizabeth Walters	Councilor	Eastern North Carolina
Keith Krise	Alternate Councilor	Erie
Carmen Gauthier	Councilor	Florida
Melanie Veige	Councilor	Florida

Heather Abbott	Councilor	Georgia
Holly Davis	Councilor	Georgia
Pamela Leggett Robinson	Councilor	Georgia
Jason Lye	Councilor	Georgia
David Germack	Councilor	Greater Houston
Caol Huff	Councilor	Greater Houston
Carolyn Burnley	Councilor	Greater Houston
Reginald Dias	Councilor	Greater Houston
Amber Hinkle	Councilor	Greater Houston
Rory Waterman	Councilor	Green Mountain
Dmitry Liskin	Councilor	Hampton Roads
David Cunningham	Councilor	Hawaii
Timothy Brewer	Councilor	Huron Valley
Ellene Tratras Contis	Councilor	Huron Valley
Joshua Pak	Councilor	Idaho
Gregory Ferrence	Councilor	Illinois Heartland
Richard Rogers	Councilor	Illinois-Iowa
Brian Mathes	Councilor	Indiana
Tom Xiao	Councilor	Indiana
Partha Basu	Alternate Councilor	Indiana
William Lynch	TEMPORARY	Indiana-Kentucky Border
Jeffrey Rahn	Councilor	Inland Northwest
Michae Lufaso	Councilor	Jacksonville
William Peacy	Councilor	Joliet
Lydia Hines	Councilor	Kalamazoo
Micheal Fultz	Councilor	Kanawha Valley
Michele Sanders	Alternate Councilor	Kansas City
Tendai Gadzikwa	Councilor	Kansas State University
Kevin Miller	Councilor	Kentucky Lake
Jonathon Mauser	Councilor	LaCrosse-Winona
Krysta Riel Maas	Councilor	Lake Superior
Jeanne Berk	Councilor	Lehigh Valley
Matthew Sonntag	Councilor	Lehigh Valley
Brent Eldridge	Councilor	Lexington
Alvin Bopp	Councilor	Louisiana
Dawood Afzal	Councilor	Mark Twain
Stephanie Watson	Councilor	Maryland
Kelly Elkins	Councilor	Maryland
Jan Kolakowski	Councilor	Maryland
Jillian Malbrough	Councilor	Maryland
Nathan Deyonker	Councilor	Memphis
Susanne Lewis	Councilor	Michigan State University
Peter Rosado	Alternate Councilor	Middle Georgia
Dawn Riegner	Alternate Councilor	Mid-Hudson
Dale LeCaptain	Councilor	Midland
Kevin Glaeske	Councilor	Milwaukee
Joseph Piatt	Councilor	Milwaukee
Ramesh Kumar	Councilor	Minnesota
Sarah Mullins	Councilor	Minnesota
Nicholas Schlotter	Councilor	Minnesota
James Wollack	Councilor	Minnesota

Ekaterina Kadnikova	Councilor	Minnesota
Matthew Reichert	Councilor	Mobile
Peter Zarras	Councilor	Mojave Desert
Khamis Siam	Councilor	MO-KAN-OK, The Tri-State
Kara KasaKaitas	Councilor	Nashville
Amanda Carroll	Councilor	Nashville
Martha Morton	Councilor	Nebraska
Olivier Nicaise	Councilor	New Haven
Maria Contel	Councilor	New York
Ping Furlan	Councilor	New York
Brian Gibney	Councilor	New York
Alison Hyslop	Councilor	New York
Rita Upmacis	Councilor	New York
Barbara Hillery	Councilor	New York
Neil Jespersen	Councilor	New York
Frank Romano	Councilor	New York
Anusree Mukherjee	Councilor	North Alabama
Dorian Canelas	Councilor	North Carolina
James Chao	Councilor	North Carolina
Caroline Christian	Councilor	North Carolina
James Harrington	Councilor	North Carolina
Laura Sremaniak	Councilor	North Carolina
Elizabeth Howson	Councilor	North Jersey
Michael Peddicord	Councilor	North Jersey
Justyna Sikorska	Councilor	North Jersey
Sandra Keyser	Councilor	North Jersey
Diane Krone	Councilor	North Jersey
Amanda Peterson Mann	Councilor	North Jersey
Mohammed Elshaer	Alternate Councilor	North Jersey
Lynda Box	Alternate Councilor	North Jersey
Maurice Snook	Councilor	Northeast Georgia
Dan Druffel	Councilor	Northeast Wisconsin
Magda Barecka	Councilor	Northeastern
Christine Caputo	Councilor	Northeastern
Brian D'Amico	Councilor	Northeastern
Melissa Davies	Councilor	Northeastern
Thomas Gilbert	Councilor	Northeastern
Leticia Gomes	Councilor	Northeastern
Patrick Gordon	Councilor	Northeastern
Anna Sromek	Councilor	Northeastern
Jennifer Maclachlan	Councilor	Northeastern
Mary Shultz	Councilor	Northeastern
Michael Singer	Councilor	Northeastern
Aya Kelly	Alternate Councilor	Northeastern
Ashis Saha	Alternate Councilor	Northeastern
Katelyn Billings	Alternate Councilor	Northeastern
Patricia Mabrouk	Alternate Councilor	Northeastern
Kenneth Mattes	Alternate Councilor	Northeastern
Aaron Baker	Councilor	Northeastern Indiana
Sarah Preston	Councilor	Northeastern Ohio
Rajesh Sunasee	Councilor	Northern New York

Masud Monwar	Councilor	Northern Oklahoma
Brian Popp	Councilor	Northern West Virginia
Amelia Anderson-Wile	Councilor	Northwest Central Ohio
Frank Blum	Councilor	Oklahoma
Jason Ritchie	Councilor	Ole Miss
Erin Gross	Councilor	Omaha
Rabin Lai	Councilor	Orange County
Sanda Sun	Councilor	Orange County
Robert Cohen	Councilor	Orange County
Richard Nafshun	Councilor	Oregon
Nicole Lapeyrouse	Councilor	Orlando
Laura Sessions	Councilor	Orlando
Danny Hubbardd	Councilor	Ouachita Valley
Eric Bosch	Councilor	Ozark
Donna Brestensky	Councilor	Penn-York
Karen Barnes	Councilor	Pensacola
Kathryn Louie	Councilor	Permian Basin
Georgia Arbuckle-Keil	Councilor	Philadelphia
Judith Currano	Councilor	Philadelphia
Amy Brown	Councilor	Philadelphia
David Cichowicz	Councilor	Philadelphia
Deborah Cook	Councilor	Philadelphia
Ella Davis	Councilor	Philadelphia
Anne DeMasi	Councilor	Philadelphia
Christine McInnis	Councilor	Philadelphia
Victor Tortorelli	Councilor	Philadelphia
Anthony Addison	Alternate Councilor	Philadelphia
Haitao Liu	Councilor	Pittsburgh
Kimberly Woznack	Councilor	Pittsburgh
Richard Danchik	Councilor	Pittsburgh
Edward Zovinka	Councilor	Pittsburgh
Andrew Baggett	Councilor	Portland
Hannah Boxberger	Alternate Councilor	Portland
Louise Lawter	Councilor	Princeton
Ingrid Montes	Councilor	Puerto Rico
A.M. RanjikaBopegedera	Councilor	Puget Sound
Craig Fryhle	Councilor	Puget Sound
John Macklin	Councilor	Puget Sound
Despina Strong	Councilor	Puget Sound
David Patrick	Councilor	Puget Sound
Andrew Mitchell	Councilor	Purdue
Graeme Wyllie	Councilor	Red River Valley
Peter Bonk	Councilor	Rhode Island
David Heldebrant	Councilor	Richland
Xiujun Li	Councilor	Rio Grande Valley
Amber Charlebois	Councilor	Rochester
John Pochan	Councilor	Rochester
Brendan Dutmer	Alternate Councilor	Rock River
Paul Pigg	Councilor	Sabine-Neches
Maria de la Paz Carpio-Obeso	Councilor	Sacramento
Rosemary Effiong	Alternate Councilor	Sacramento

Surya De	Councilor	San Diego
David Wallace	Councilor	San Diego
Desiree Grubisha	Councilor	San Diego
Jacqueline Trischman	Councilor	San Diego
Emily Viggers	Councilor	San Gorgonio
Eileen DiMauro	Councilor	San Gorgonio
Morgan Hawker	Councilor	San Joaquin Valley
Thanh-Tam Truong	Alternate Councilor	Savannah River
Grace Baysinger	Councilor	Silicon Valley
Ihab Darwish	Councilor	Silicon Valley
Jane Frommer	Councilor	Silicon Valley
Natalie McClure	Councilor	Silicon Valley
Madalyn Radlauer	Councilor	Silicon Valley
Maureen Scharberg	Alternate Councilor	Silicon Valley
Jetty Duffy-Matzner	Councilor	Sioux Valley
Don Warner	Councilor	Snake River
Linda Shimizu	Councilor	South Carolina
Scott Goode	Councilor	South Carolina
Nathan Leigh	Councilor	South Central Missouri
Milagros Delgado	Councilor	South Florida
Zaida Morales-Martinez	Councilor	South Florida
Lorilee Valientes	Councilor	South Florida
Jennifer McCulley	Councilor	South Jersey
Annie Gorden	Councilor	South Plains
Ludivina Avila	Councilor	South Texas
Gregory Foy	Councilor	Southeastern Pennsylvania
Roseann K. Sachs	Councilor	Southeastern Pennsylvania
Charles Weidner	Councilor	Southern Arizona
Veronica Jaramillo	Councilor	Southern California
Eleanor Siebert	Councilor	Southern California
Robert De Groot	Councilor	Southern California
Alexandros Oxyzolou	Alternate Councilor	Southern California
Lichang Wang	Councilor	Southern Illinois
Meghan Porter	Councilor	Southern Indiana
Roger Rennels	Councilor	Southern Nevada
Linda de la Garza	Councilor	Southwest Georgia
Thomas Junk	Councilor	Southwest Louisiana
Susan Del Valle	Councilor	St. Joseph Valley
Eric Bruton	Councilor	St. Louis
Donna Friedman	Councilor	St. Louis
Brent Znosko	Alternate Councilor	St. Louis
Donald Mencer	Councilor	Susquehanna Valley
Kimberly Bliss-Roche	Councilor	Tampa Bay
Christian Tang	Councilor	Tampa Bay
Steven Perri	Councilor	Tennessee-Virginia Highlands
Joanna Beres	Councilor	Toledo
Abby O'Connor	Councilor	Trenton
Bin Dong	Councilor	University of Arkansas
Glenn Larkin	Councilor	Upper Peninsula
Janet Asper	Councilor	Virginia
Linette Watkins	Councilor	Virginia

Kristine Smetana	Councilor	Virginia
Gary Hollis	Councilor	Virginia Blue Ridge
Richard Fitch	Councilor	Wabash Valley
Gail Blaustein	Councilor	Wakarusa Valley
Kristopher Waynant	Councilor	Washington-Idaho Border
Timothy Hanks	Councilor	Western Carolinas
Oksana Love	Councilor	Western Carolinas
Linda Farber	Councilor	Western Connecticut
James Stickler	Councilor	Western Maryland
Mark Thomson	Councilor	Western Michigan
Peter Schaber	Councilor	Western New York
David Nalewajek	Councilor	Western New York
D. Paul Rillema	Councilor	Wichita
Keith Vitense	Councilor	Wichita Falls-Duncan
Michelle Rogers	Councilor	Wisconsin
Perry Corbin	Councilor	Wooster
Robin Rogers	Alternate Councilor	Wyoming

Zones

Maria Ferreira de Oliveira	Councilor	ACS International Zone 1
Stefan Laufer	Councilor	ACS International Zone 2
Stephen Eichhorn	Councilor	ACS International Zone 2
Christoph Weder	Councilor	ACS International Zone 3
Raluca Stefan	Councilor	ACS International Zone 3
Joshua Obaleye	Councilor	ACS International Zone 4
Yanli Feng	Councilor	ACS International Zone 5
Soumyajit Roy	Councilor	ACS International Zone 5
Satomi Niwayama	Councilor	ACS International Zone 6
Stephen Clarke	Councilor	ACS International Zone 6
Hooi-Ling Lee	Councilor	ACS International Zone 6

ELECTION TO
COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Action Requested: The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) has selected the following slate of candidates for election to the Council Policy Committee:

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| 1. Rodney Bennett | 5. Veronica Jaramillo |
| 2. Mark Cesa | 6. Michael Kenney |
| 3. Barbara Hillery | 7. Sheila Murphy |
| 4. Martha Hollomon | 8. Despina Strong |

The Council must elect four individuals. The four candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes will be declared elected for the 2027-2029 term. All of the candidates have indicated their willingness to serve if elected. Biographies of the candidates are presented in summary form at the end of this item.

Supplementary Information:

**Description of Duties and Desired Characteristics for Members of the
Council Policy Committee (CPC)**

The Council Policy Committee (CPC) serves as the Executive Committee of the Council. The committee and its subcommittees are responsible for several specific items including:

- creating the slate of candidates for N&E;
- ensuring activities at Council, including items for action, are conducted in line with our governing documents, and preparing the Council President for potential challenges;
- conducting long-range planning for Council, aligned with the ACS strategic plan and its implementation;
- recommending to Council positions on amendments to the ACS Governing Documents; and
- determining the divisor used to allocate Councilors to Local Sections, Divisions, and Zones.

To succeed in these activities, members are expected to understand the role of the Council in serving ACS, the responsibilities of a Councilor and the governance structure. They should also have a broad network across ACS. Members of CPC must be Councilors.

CPC members should be available for the following activities at the spring and fall meetings:

- Subcommittee meetings (Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
- Committee meeting (Monday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- Council meeting set-up verification and testing (Tuesday, early afternoon)
- Review of Council oral reports from committee chairs and officers (Friday – Sunday, via e-mail)
- Additional subcommittee activities may include:
 - New Councilor Orientation (Saturday afternoon at the spring meeting)
 - Councilor networking reception (Monday evening at the fall meeting)

Subcommittees and Task Forces may meet online (3 – 5 times per year) outside of the spring and fall meetings.

Those members of the Council Policy Committee whose terms end on December 31, 2026, are as follows:

Lydia E.M. Hines, Kalamazoo Section
Martha G. Hollomon, Delaware Section
Elizabeth M. Howson, North Jersey Section
Sheila M. Murphy, Division of Cellulose and Renewable Materials (Jacksonville Section)

Lydia E.M. Hines and Elizabeth M. Howson are ineligible for re-election.

The current members of the Council Policy Committee who will continue on that body are:

2025-2027

Donna G. Friedman, St. Louis Section
Matthew Grandbois, Division of Professional Relations (Central Massachusetts Section)
Diane Grob Schmidt, Ex Officio (Cincinnati Section)
Kimberly A. Woznack, Pittsburgh Section

2026-2028

Penny Beuning, Division of Chemical Toxicology (Northeastern Section)
Raychelle M. Burks, Chemical Society of Washington Section
Jason E. Ritchie, Ole Miss Section
Frankie K. Wood-Black, Division of Chemical Health and Safety (Northern Oklahoma Section)

BENNETT, RODNEY MORRIS. Division of Agrochemicals. (Central North Carolina Section). Winding Trails LLC, Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Academic Record: Wake Forest University, B.S., 1979.

Professional Positions: Winding Trails LLC (Analytical Chemist - Owner), 2016-present; CPS Business Development 2014-2016.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Central North Carolina Section: Immediate Past Chair, 2023, 2021; Chair, 2020, 1999; Chair-Elect, 2019, 1998; Editor, 1997-2000; Secretary, 1997; Treasurer, 1996; Washington Section: Secretary, 1994. Division of Agrochemicals: Councilor, 2012-present; Alternate Councilor, 2009-2011, 1997-2001; Chair, 2011-2012, 2004, 1998-2001; Chair Elect, 2003; Vice-Chair, 2002.

ACS National Service: Committee on Local Section Activities, Member, 2023-present; Committee on Committees, Member, 2019-2022; Council Policy Committee, Member Ex Officio (Nonvoting), 2016-2018; Committee on Divisional Activities, Chair, 2016-2018, Member, 2013-2018; Committee on Strategic Alignment, Member, 2018, 2016.

Member: Member of ACS since 1979. American Association for the Advancement of Science; Association of Official Analytical Chemists; American Institute of Chemists; National Association of Independent Crop Consultants; American Society for Testing and Materials; Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry; Weed Science Society of America; North American Chemical Residue Workshop Group. ACS Divisions: Agricultural and Food Chemistry; Agrochemicals; Analytical Chemistry; Business Development and Management; Environmental Chemistry; Professional Relations; Small Chemical Businesses.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2015; Royal Australian Institute of Chemists, Fellow, 2006; Agrochemical Division, ACS, Fellow, 2005; American Institute of Chemists, Fellow, 1989; National Certification Commission in Chemistry, Certified Professional Chemist, 1985.

CESA, MARK C. Chicago Section. INEOS Nitriles, Retired. Naperville, Illinois.

Academic Record: Princeton University, A.B., 1974; University of Wisconsin-Madison, M.S. 1977, Ph.D., 1979.

Professional Positions: Retired; INEOS Nitriles USA LLC, Process Chemistry Consultant, 2007-2015.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Chicago Section: Councilor, 2022-present, 2006-2011; Assistant Comptroller, 2023-present; Vice-Chair, 2025, 2015, 2009, 2007; Director of Budgets, 2023-2024; Immediate Past Chair, 2023; Chair, 2022, 2011-2012, 2006; Chair-Elect, 2021; Alternate Councilor, 2021, 2004-2005; Awards Committee, Chair, 2020; Bylaws Revision Committee, 2011; New Technologies Committee, 2010-2011; Director, 2020-2021, 2010-2011, 2005-2006; Professional Relations Committee, Chair, 2004-2011; Long-range Planning Committee, 2002-2011; Topical Group Committee, Chair, 2002-2003; Treasurer, 2002-2003. Cleveland Section: Chair, 1995; Awards Committee, Chair, 1998; Sohio Acrylonitrile Process National Historic Chemical Landmark Committee, Chair, 1995-1996; National Chemistry Week Committee, 1994-1998; Chair-Elect and Program Chair, 1994; Secretary, 1993; Meeting-in-Miniature, Program Chair, 1991-1993; Organic Topical Group, Chair, 1989-1993. Great Lakes Regional Meeting, Program Co-Chair, 2006-2009; Central Regional Meeting, Program Co-Chair, 1996-1998.

ACS National Service: Committee on Ethics, Member, 2024-present; Committee on International Activities, Member, 2021-2023; Committee Associate, 2019-2020; Committee on Science, Chair, 2016-2018; Member, 2009-2018; Committee Associate, 2008; Committee on Chemical Safety, Member, 2008; Committee Associate, 2007.

Member: Member of ACS since 1976. ACS Divisions: Professional Relations, Chemical Health and Safety.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2012; International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, President, 2014-2015; International Science Council, Committee on Finance, Compliance and Risk, Member 2025-present; U. S. National Academies, Board on International Scientific Organizations, Chair, 2022-2023; Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science, Treasurer, 2022-2024.

HILLERY, BARBARA R. New York Section. State University of New York, Old Westbury, New York.

Academic Record: University of Virginia, B.S., 1984; American University, Ph.D., 1995.

Professional Positions: SUNY Old Westbury, Professor, 2010-present; Department Chair, 2025-present; Interim Assistant Dean School of Business, 2024-2025; Associate Provost, 2020-2024; Dean of Arts and Sciences, 2010-2020.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: New York Section: Councilor, 2022-present, 2012-2020; Chair, 2008-2009, 2003-2006, Chair-Elect, 2008; Alternate Councilor, 2006-2008.

ACS National Service: Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Member, 2025-present; Committee Associate, 2023, 2020; Council Policy Committee, Member, 2024; Committee on Local Section Activities, Member, 2014-2019; Committee Associate, 2013.

Member: Member of ACS since 1989. American Association for the Advancement of Science; New York Academy of Sciences; Council on Undergraduate Research.

Related Activities and Honors: E. Ann Nalley Award for Volunteer Service, Mid-Atlantic Region, 2023; ACS Fellow, 2018; Eastern Analytical Symposium: President, 2022, Executive Committee, 2019-2023, Governing Board, 2003-present.

HOLLOMON, MARTHA G. Delaware Section. Delaware Technical Community College, Newark, Delaware.

Academic Record: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, B.S., 1983; North Carolina State University, M.S., 1993, Ph.D., 1998.

Professional Positions: Delaware Technical Community College, Adjunct Instructor, 2012-present; Widener University, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2009-2024; University of Delaware, Adjunct Instructor, 2019; Rowan University, Adjunct Instructor, 2016-2018.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Delaware Section: Councilor, 2004–present; Acting Immediate Past Chair, 2019; Chair, 2009-2011, 2002; Co-Chair, 2011; Chair-Elect, 2001; Middle Atlantic Region, Board Secretary, 2018-present, 2004-2012; MARM Board Chair 2012-2017; Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting: MARM 2010, General Chair.

ACS National Service: Council Policy Committee, Member, 2024–present; Committee on Committees, Member, 2018–2023; Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Member, 2013–2017; Committee Associate, 2011–2012; Sustainability Engagement Event (SEE) Task Force Participant, 2010; ACS Board Presidential Task Force – Society Services & Associated Dues Pricing Models, 2010; Committee on Local Section Activities, Member, 2005–2010; Committee Associate, 2004.

Member: Member of ACS since 1984. Delaware Academy of Chemical Sciences; Alpha Chi Sigma; Gamma Omicron. ACS Division(s): Organic Chemistry; Polymer Chemistry.

Related Activities and Honors: E. Ann Nalley Middle Atlantic Region Volunteer Service Award, 2019; Phi Lambda Upsilon.

JARAMILLO, VERONICA I. Southern California Section. Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California.

Academic Record: Moravian College, B.S., 1994; University of Arizona, Ph.D., 2001.

Professional Positions: Pasadena City College, Dean of Natural Sciences, 2022-present; Pasadena City College, Chemistry Professor, 2012-2022; East Los Angeles College, Chemistry Professor, 2005-2012; Calhoun Vision, Research Scientist, 2001-2005.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Southern California Section: Councilor, 2020-present; Immediate Past Chair, 2026, 2016; Chair, 2025; Chair-Elect, 2024, 2014; Alternate Councilor, 2016-2019; Co-Subcommittee Chair, 2018; Subcommittee Chair, 2014-2017; Chair & Program Chair, 2015.

ACS National Service: Committee on Minority Affairs: Member, 2026-present, Committee Associate, 2025; Committee on Community Activities: Consultant, 2025, Member, 2019-2024, Committee Associate, 2017-2018; Volunteer Engagement Recognition Subcommittee, Co-Chair, 2019-2024.

Member: Member of ACS since 1996. ACS Division: Chemical Education.

Related Activities and Honors: E. Ann Nalley Western Region Award for Volunteer Service, 2025; ACS Fellow, 2021; one chapter in ACS Symposium Series, 2020; Agnes Ann Green Award for Distinguished Service, 2019; ACS Salutes to Excellence Award, 2012.

KENNEY, MICHAEL J. Cleveland Section. Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio.

Academic Record: St. John's University, B.A., 1982; Iowa State University, Ph.D., 1990; The George Washington University, M.S., 1999.

Professional Positions: Cuyahoga Community College, Dean, Health Professions, School of Nursing & Health Professions, 2024-present; Health Careers & Sciences, Associate Dean, 2020-2024, Associate Professor of Chemistry, 2016-2024; Case Western Reserve University, Adjunct Associate Professor, 2016-present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Cleveland Section: Councilor, 2017-present; Chair, 2026-present, 2014; Chair-Elect, 2025, 2013; Alternate Councilor, 2016; Immediate Past Chair, 2015; Milwaukee Section, Secretary, 1990.

ACS National Service: Committee on Constitution and Bylaws: Member, 2025-present; Committee on Local Section Activities, Consultant, 2026; Member, 2020-2024; Committee Associate, 2018-2019; Committee on Chemists with Disabilities, Member, 2013-2014; Committee Associate, 2011-2012.

Member: Member of ACS since 1983.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Career Consultant, 2019-present; League for Innovation in the Community College Innovation of the Year Award, 2022-2023; John Fallon Early Teaching Award Nominee, Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges, 2019.

MURPHY, SHEILA M. Division of Cellulose and Renewable Materials (Jacksonville Section). Retired, Ashland Specialty Ingredients, Wilmington, Delaware.

Academic Record: University of Sheffield, B.S., 1979; University of Birmingham, Ph.D., 1982.

Professional Positions: Retired. Ashland Specialty Ingredients, Emerging Technologies and Innovation Leader, 2012-2014.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Division of Cellulose and Renewable Materials: Councilor, 2018-present; Chair, 2015-2016; Alternate Councilor, 2008-2014; Awards Co-Chair, 2013-2014; Program Chair, 2011-2012; Industrial Liaison Officer, 2004-2006; Member-at-Large, 2002-2004.

ACS National Service: Council Policy Committee, Member (Voting), 2025-present; Member Ex Officio (Nonvoting), 2022-2023; Working Group on Councilor Conduct, Chair, 2023; Task Force on Future Council Representation, Member, 2024; Committee on Divisional Activities, Chair, 2022-2024; Member, 2019-2024; Working Group on Future of Meetings, Co-Chair, 2023-2024.

Member: Member of ACS since 2000. Royal Society of Chemistry. ACS Divisions: Cellulose and Renewable Materials; Carbohydrate Chemistry & Chemical Glycobiology; Agricultural and Food Chemistry.

Related Activities and Honors: External Advisory Committee Member GlycoMIP, an NSF Materials Innovation Platform, 2024-2026; ACS Fellow, 2019; Division of Cellulose and Renewable Materials: Division Fellow Award, 2017; Scientific Committee Chair & Technical Program Chair, 28th International Carbohydrate Symposium, New Orleans, LA, July 17-21, 2016; European Polysaccharide Network of Excellence International Scientific Committee Member, 2012-2014.

STRONG, DESPINA. Puget Sound Section. King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Retired. Seattle, Washington.

Academic Record: University of Wales, B.S., 1981; Washington State University, M.S., 1984, Ph.D., 1986.

Professional Positions: Environmental Laboratory Supervisor, Environmental Programs Manager, Pretreatment Program, King County Wastewater Treatment Division, 2007-2017. Retired.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Puget Sound Section: Councilor, 2016-present; Subcommittee Chair, 2021, 2015-2019; Immediate Past Chair, 2015; Chair, 2014, 1992; Chair-Elect, 2013; Chair-Elect and Program Chair, 1991; Immediate Past Chair, 1993, District VI Chair, 2021, 2018, District VI Caucus Secretary, 2020, 2018.

ACS National Service: Committee on Local Section Activities, Member, 2026, Committee Associate, 2025; Committee on Women Chemists, Member, 2019-2024, Committee Associate, 2017-2018.

Member: Member of ACS since 1982. Association for Women in Science (AWIS).

Related Activities and Honors: Outreach Volunteer of the Year, 2024, E. Ann Nalley Regional Award for Volunteer Service to ACS, Northwest Region, 2024.

ELECTION TO
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Action Requested. The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) has selected the following slate of candidates for election to the Committee on Committees:

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| 1. Janet Asper | 9. Dale LeCaptain |
| 2. Jeanne Berk | 10. Mary Ann Meador |
| 3. Eric Bosch | 11. John Pochan |
| 4. Anna Cavinato | 12. W. Matthew Reichert |
| 5. Gregory Ferrence | 13. Michelle Rogers |
| 6. David Germack | 14. Laura Sessions |
| 7. Thomas Gilbert | 15. Pete Smith |
| 8. Timothy Hanks | 16. Mark Thomson |

The Council must elect eight individuals. The five candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes will be declared elected for a three-year term (2027-2029). The one candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will be declared elected for a two-year (2026-2027) term and will begin their term immediately to fill a vacancy. The two candidates receiving the next highest numbers of votes will be declared elected for a one-year term (2027) to fill vacancies. All of the candidates have indicated their willingness to serve if elected. Biographies of the candidates are summarized at the end of this item.

Supplementary Information:

**Description of Duties and Desired Characteristics for Members of the
Committee on Committees (ConC)**

The Committee on Committees (ConC) has key responsibilities to assist and advise on appointments of chairs and members of Council-related bodies, along with evaluating and making recommendations concerning responsibilities and size of committees.

To succeed in these activities, ConC elected members should have a combination of qualities, including extensive familiarity with ACS committees and a broad network within the Society and chemical profession. The candidate's personal qualities should include strong written and oral communication skills, respect for confidentiality, and diplomacy. Members of ConC must be Councilors.

Candidates are expected to have available time and energy during and between the spring and fall meetings to serve as ConC liaison to two committees (for observation, talent recruitment, succession planning, leadership development, and coaching) along with ConC closed executive meetings.

ConC members should be available for the following activities at the spring and fall meetings:

- Spring:
 - Committee meeting (Monday, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
 - Committee meeting (Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- Fall:
 - Committee meeting (Monday, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
 - Committee meeting (Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
 - Committee dinner (Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.)

Those members of the Committee of Committees whose terms end on December 31, 2026, are:

Jeanne R. Berk, Lehigh Valley Section
Anna G. Cavinato, Division of Analytical Chemistry (Richland Section)
Thomas R. Gilbert, Northeastern Section
W. Matthew Reichert, Mobile Section
Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks, Division of Chemical Information (Chicago Section)

Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks is ineligible for re-election.

The current members of the Committee on Committees who will continue on that body are:

2025-2027

Allison Aldridge, Chemical Society of Washington Section
Katherine Johnson, Division of Professional Relations (East Tennessee Section)
Daniel Rabinovich, Carolina-Piedmont Section
Vacancy
Vacancy

2026-2028

William F. Carroll, Ex Officio (Dallas-Fort Worth Section)
Carmen V. Gauthier, Florida Section
Thomas H. Lane, Ex Officio (Midland Section)
Lori Stepan, Central Pennsylvania Section
Vacancy

ASPER, JANET A. Virginia Section. University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Academic Record: Ohio University, B.S., 1994; University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D., 2001.

Professional Positions: University of Mary Washington, Professor of Chemistry, 2018-present; Chair, Department of Chemistry and Physics, 2020-2024; Associate Professor of Chemistry, 2011-2018; Assistant Professor of Chemistry, 2005-2011.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Virginia Section: Councilor, 2020–present; Alternate Councilor, 2011–2019; Chair, 2008–2009; Colorado Section: Chair, 2005; Chair-Elect, 2004.

ACS National Service: Committee on Chemists with Disabilities, Member, 2025–present; Committee Associate, 2024; Committee on Community Activities, Member, 2015–2023; Committee Associate, 2012–2014.

Member: Member of ACS since 1995. ACS Divisions: Organic Chemistry; Professional Relations.

Related Activities and Honors: Office of Naval Research Sabbatical Fellow, 2016–2017; Office of Naval Research Summer Faculty Research Program, Summer Fellow, 2013–2015; Petroleum Research Fund Grant, American Chemical Society, 2006.

BERK, JEANNE R. Lehigh Valley Section. Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Academic Record: Miami University, B.S., 1992; Seton Hall University, M.S., 1994, Ph.D., 1998.

Professional Positions: Cedar Crest College, Associate Professor, 2009-present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Lehigh Valley Section: Councilor, 2015-present; Alternate Councilor, 2015; Immediate Past Chair, 2015; Chair, 2014; Subcommittee Chair, 2013-2014, Chair-Elect, 2013.

ACS National Service: Committee on Committees: Member, 2024-present; Secretary, 2025; Committee on Local Section Activities, Member, 2018-2023; Committee Associate, 2016-2017.

Member: Member of ACS since 1993. Women in Science and Engineering (WISE); Pennsylvania Academy of Science (PAS); Alpha Chi Sigma, Kiwanis International. ACS Division: Organic Chemistry.

Related Activities and Honors: Sigma Xi.

BOSCH, ERIC. Ozark Section. Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.

Academic Record: University of Natal, B.S., 1980; Weizmann Institute of Science, M.S., 1986; Ph.D., 1990.

Professional Positions: Missouri State University, Emeritus, 2023–present; Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, 2014–2023.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Ozark Section: Councilor, 2012–present; Immediate Past Chair, 2024; Chair, 2023, 2018, 2006; Chair and Chair-Elect, 2022; Chair-Elect, 2017, 2005; Alternate Councilor, 2009–2011; Secretary, 1998–1999; Program Chair Midwest Regional Meeting, 2020, 2013.

ACS National Service: Committee on Analytical Reagents, Member, 2018-present; Committee Associate, 2013–2017; Committee on Education, Committee Associate, 2015; Committee on Communicating Chemistry, Committee Associate, 2012.

Member: Member of ACS since 1996. ACS Speaker Directory. ACS Division: History of Chemistry.

Related Activities and Honors: Missouri State University Awards for Excellence in Research, 2018, 2005, 2001-2002; Student Award for Faculty Excellence, 2017; Missouri State University Fellow in Research, 2005–2008; Excellence in Teaching, 2004, 2000; 140 journal articles.

CAVINATO, ANNA G. Division of Analytical Chemistry (Richland Section). Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, Oregon.

Academic Record: Università degli Studi di Bari, Ph.D., 1981.

Professional Positions: Eastern Oregon University, Professor Emeritus, 2024-present; Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, 2004-2024; Eastern Oregon University, Board of Trustees, 2022-2024.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Richland Section: Councilor, 2017-2025; Alternate Councilor, 2007-2016; Inclusion and Belonging Committee Chair, 2000-present; National Chemistry Week and Chemists Celebrate Earth Day, Coordinator, 2015-present; Subcommittee Chair, 2014-2018; Northwest Regional Meeting, General Co-Chair, 2018; Chair, 2002-2010, 1999-2000; Co-Chair, 2000; Chair-Elect, 1998. Division of Analytical Chemistry: Councilor, 2026-present; Immediate Past Chair, 2023-2024; Chair, 2022-2023; Program Chair, 2021-2022, Chair-Elect, 2021; Secretary, 2007-2020.

ACS National Service: Committee on Committees, Leadership Development Subcommittee Chair, 2026, Member, 2024-present; Future of Meetings Working Group, Member, 2023-2025; Pacifichem 2025 Planning Committee, Member, 2023-present; Committee on Local Section Activities, Member, 2019-2023; Committee Associate, 2018; Committee on Project SEED, Chair, 2015-2017; Member, 2010-2017; Committee Associate, 2009-2010.

Member: Member of ACS since 1986. ACS Divisions: Analytical Chemistry; Chemical Education.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry Roland F. Hirsch Award for Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Analytical Chemistry, 2025; ACS E. Ann Nalley Award for Volunteer Service, 2018; ACS Fellow, 2013; Salute to Excellence Award, ACS Richland Section, 2006; ACS Student Chapter Faculty Advisor, 2001-2024.

FERRENCE, GREGORY M. Illinois Heartland Section. Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois.

Academic Record: Indiana University of Pennsylvania, B.S., 1991; Purdue University, Ph.D., 1996.

Professional Positions: Illinois State University, Professor of Chemistry, 2008–present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Illinois Heartland Section: Councilor, 2012–present; Treasurer, 2024–2025; Chair, 2023, 2011; Chair-Elect, 2022, 2010; Subcommittee Chair, 2016. Division of Professional Relations: Subdivision Chair, 2019, 2015.

ACS National Service: Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Member, 2024–present; Committee Associate, 2023; Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, Member, 2017–2022; Committee Associate, 2016; Committee on Ethics, Member, 2011–2014; Chair, 2012–2014; Committee Associate, 2006–2010.

Member: Member of ACS since 1992. American Association of Chemistry Teachers; American Crystallographic Association; Council on Undergraduate Research; International Union of Crystallography (Associate); National Science Teaching Association; Royal Society of Chemistry; Society for College Science Teachers; Sigma Xi.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2016; Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, 2014; Illinois Heartland Local Section Outstanding Service Award, 2017; Outstanding College Service Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Illinois State University, 2014; John A. Dossey Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Tenured Faculty Member, 2010.

GERMACK, DAVID S. Greater Houston Section. Verdant Specialty Solutions, Houston, Texas.

Academic Record: Western Washington University, B.S., 1997; Washington University in St. Louis, M.A.; Ph.D., 2007.

Professional Positions: Verdant Specialty Solutions, Technical Director, 2024-present; Kraton Polymers, Analytical Services Team Lead, 2017-2024; Flotek Industries, Synthetic Polymer Formulations Lead and IOR Team Lead, 2013–2017.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Greater Houston Section: Councilor, 2021–present; Membership Chair, 2026.

ACS National Service: Committee on Chemists with Disabilities, Member, 2024–present; Committee Associate, 2023.

Member: Member of ACS since 1998. ACS Divisions: Polymer Chemistry; Colloid and Surface Chemistry; Professional Relations.

Related Activities and Honors: National Research Council Research Associateship, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 2007–2010; Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory Work-Life Diversity Award, 2009.

GILBERT, THOMAS R. Northeastern Section. Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Academic Record: Clarkson College of Technology, B.S., 1968; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D., 1971.

Professional Positions: Northeastern University, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Associate Professor Emeritus, 2021–present; Acting Chair, 2016–2017.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Northeastern Section: Councilor, 2017-present, 1990–2012; Immediate Past Chair, 2026; Chair, 2025, 1988; Chair-Elect and Program Chair, 2024; Alternate Councilor, 1987–1989; Chair-Elect, 1987.

ACS National Service: Committee on Committees, Member, 2024–present; Committee on Membership Affairs, Member, 2017–2022; Board of Directors, Director, District I, 2013–2015; Ex Officio Councilor, 2013–2015; Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations, Member, 2014–2015; Committee on Professional and Member Relations, Member, 2013–2015; Committee on Strategic Alignment, Member, 2008-2010; Council Policy Committee, Member, 2007–2012; Vice Chair, 2008–2010; Member Ex Officio (Nonvoting), 2000; Committee on Nominations and Elections, Member, 2001–2006; Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Chair, 2000; Member, 1995–2000; Committee Associate, 1994.

Member: Member of ACS since 1968. ACS Divisions: Analytical Chemistry, Chemical Education.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2011; Henry A. Hill Memorial Award, 2010; Outstanding Teacher of First Year Students Award, College of Engineering, Northeastern University, 2010, 2013, 2015; Excellence in Teaching Award, Northeastern University, 1999.

HANKS, TIMOTHY W. Western Carolinas Section. Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Academic Record: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, B.S., 1982; Montana State University, Ph.D., 1986.

Professional Positions: Furman University, Professor, Department of Chemistry, 2017–present, Chair, Department of Chemistry, 2017-2024.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Western Carolinas Section: Councilor, 2018-present; Alternate Councilor, 2012-2017; Awards Committee Chair, 2002-2012; Communications Committee Chair, 1997-2012; Southeastern Regional Meeting: Program Chair, 1996; General Chair, 2007; Southeast Region Board, Chair, 2015, 1999.

ACS National Service: Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Member, 2026–present; Committee Associate, 2024–2025; Committee on International Activities, Member, 2015–2023; Committee Associate, 2014. Regional Activities Coordination Team, Member, 2005.

Member: Member of ACS since 1984. ACS Divisions: Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering; Colloid and Surface Chemistry. Materials Research Society; American Association for the Advancement of Science; Fulbright Australia.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2021; Charles Ezra Daniels Chair of Chemistry, 2021; South Carolina Governor’s Award for Excellence in Science at a Predominantly Undergraduate Institution, 2017; The Furman Standard Awardee, 2013–2016; Fulbright Scholar (Australia), 2010–2011.

LECAPTAIN, DALE J. Midland Section. Central Michigan University. Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Academic Record: University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, B.S., 1994; Michigan State University, Ph.D., 1999.

Professional Positions: Central Michigan University, Professor, 2014–present; Associate Professor 2008-2014; Assistant Professor 2001-2008.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Midland Section: Councilor, 2015–present; Alternate Councilor, 2006–2011.

ACS National Service: Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals, Member, 2025-present; Committee Associate, 2024; Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Member, 2017–2023; Committee Associate, 2016; Regional Subcommittee Chair, 2021-2023.

Member: Member of ACS since 1995. Agricultural Chemistry Society for Applied Spectroscopy. ACS Divisions: Analytical Chemistry, Agricultural and Food Chemistry.

Related Activities and Honors: Central Regional Meeting General Co-Chair, 2025; Central Region Board Chair, 2025–present; Founder and Director, H2O Q Citizen Science Outreach, 2018-present.

MEADOR, MARY ANN. Division of Polymer Chemistry (South Carolina Section). University of Akron, Johns Island, South Carolina.

Academic Record: Duquesne University, B.S., 1979; Michigan State University, Ph.D., 1983.

Professional Positions: University of Akron, Adjunct Professor, Polymer Science and Engineering, 2010-present; NASA Glenn Research Center, Senior Scientist. 1983-2019; NASA Inventions and Contributions Board, 2007-2018.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Division of Polymer Chemistry: Councilor, 2013–present; Alternate Councilor, 2009–2012; Membership Chair, 2010-2012.

ACS National Service: Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Member, 2021–present; Committee Associate, 2020; Committee on Divisional Activities, Member, 2014-2019; Committee Associate, 2013. ACS National Awards Committee, Member, 2025-present, 2015-2017; ACS Materials AU, Associate Editor, 2021-present; ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces, Associate Editor, 2019-2023; Executive Editor, 2014-2018; ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces Young Investigator Award Selection Committee, Member, 2015; Outstanding Graduate Research in Polymer Chemistry Selection Committee, Chair, 2014-2018.

Member: Member of ACS since 1979. ACS Divisions: Polymer Chemistry; Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2013; Three R&D 100 Awards, 2005, 2012, 2015; Three NASA Exceptional Service and Achievement Awards, 1997, 2005, 2012; NASA Exceptional Space Act Awards, 2007, 2012; NASA Glenn Distinguished Paper of the Year, 2003.

POCHAN, JOHN. Rochester Section. The Avout Group LLC, Retired. Rochester, New York.

Academic Record: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, BSChE, 1964; University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, M.S., 1967; Ph.D., 1969.

Professional Positions: Retired, Graphene Devices Limited, 2011–present; The Avout Group LLC., Co-founder & CFO.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Rochester Section: Councilor, 2023–present. Division of Polymer Chemistry: Councilor, 2005–2016; Alternate Councilor, 2000–2004; Chair, 1995–1996; Program Chair, 1992–1995.

ACS National Service: Committee on Local Section Activities, Committee Associate, 2025–present; Council Policy Committee, Member Ex Officio (Nonvoting), 2016, 2011–2012; Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Chair, 2016; Member, 2014–2016; Committee Associate, 2013; Committee on Strategic Alignment, Member, 2011–2012; Committee on Divisional Activities, Chair, 2011–2012; Member, 2007–2012; Chair-Designate, 2010; Committee Associate, 2006.

Member: Member of ACS since 1967. ACS Divisions: Polymer Chemistry; Small Chemical Businesses.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2012; Cornell Materials Science and Engineering Advisory Board, Member, 2002–2008; University of Southern Mississippi Polymer Science and Engineering Advisory Board, Member, 2003–2009; Maurice Huggins Memorial Award in Polymers, Gordon Research Conferences, 1999; SPE Fellow, 1994.

REICHERT, W. MATTHEW. Mobile Section. University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas.

Academic Record: Berry College, B.S., 1998; The University of Alabama, Ph.D., 2005.

Professional Positions: University of Houston-Clear Lake, Associate Provost, 2025-present, Professor of Chemistry, 2025-present; University of South Alabama, Professor of Chemistry, 2020-2025, Assistant Vice President for Research, 2019-2025, Associate Professor, 2016-2020.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Mobile Section: Councilor, 2015-present; Alternate Councilor, 2014; Chair, 2012-2013; Chair-Elect, 2011.

ACS National Service: Committee on Committees, Member, 2024-present; Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs, Committee Associate, 2023; Committee on Local Section Activities, Consultant, 2023; Chair, 2016-2022; Member, 2016-2022; Council Policy Committee, Member Ex Officio (Nonvoting), 2020-2022.

Member: Member of ACS since 2000. National Organization of Research Development Professionals, Electrochemical Society, Society of Research Administrators International. ACS Division: Industrial and Engineering Chemistry.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2022; Society of Research Administrators International: Future of the Field 2022; APLU Council on Research: Research Leader Fellowship, 2021; ACS Leadership Institute, Local Section Leaders Track, Lead Facilitator, 2021-2023; The Electrochemical Society, Lead Symposium Organizer, Molten Salts and Ionic Liquids International Symposium, 2012, 2014, 2018.

ROGERS, MICHELLE M. Wisconsin Section. Cargill Incorporated, Fitchburg, Wisconsin.

Academic Record: Washington University in St. Louis, B.A., 2002; University of Wisconsin–Madison, Ph.D., 2007.

Professional Positions: Cargill Inc., Regulatory Affairs Director – Americas, 2025–present, Industrial Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Manager – North America, 2020–2025; Chemtool (a subsidiary of The Lubrizol Corporation), Regulatory Affairs Manager, 2018–2020; The Lubrizol Corporation, Manager of Regulatory Systems and Services, 2014-2018.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Wisconsin Section: Councilor, 2026–present. Division of Business Development and Management: Chair-Elect, 2026–present; Northeastern Ohio Section: Alternate Councilor, 2015–2018; Chair, 2011–2012; Chair-Elect, 2010; Secretary, 2009.

ACS National Service: Committee on Corporation Associates, Member, 2023–present; Committee on Environment and Sustainability, Member, 2023–present; Committee Associate, 2022; Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols, Chair, 2019–2021; Member, 2014–2021; Committee on Women Chemists, Member, 2016–2018; Committee Associate, 2011–2015.

Member: Member of ACS since 2004. United States National Committee for IUPAC, Member, 2012–2017; Associate Member, IUPAC Division VIII – Chemical Nomenclature and Structure Representation, 2014–2015; Titular Member, 2016–2019; Vice President, 2020–2021; President, 2022–2025; Past President 2026-2027. IUPAC Science Board, Member, 2024–2025. ACS Divisions: Business Development and Management; Professional Relations.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2021; Summa Cum Laude; Sigma Xi; 5 patents.

SESSIONS, LAURA B. Orlando Section. Valencia College, Orlando, Florida.

Academic Record: University of Florida, B.S., 2001; Dartmouth College, Ph.D., 2006.

Professional Positions: Valencia College, Professor of Chemistry, 2010–present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Orlando Section: Councilor, 2024–present; Alternate Councilor, 2020–2023, 2016–2018; Immediate Past Chair, 2019; Chair, 2018.

ACS National Service: Committee on Fiscal Affairs, Member, 2023–present.

Member: Member of ACS since 2002.

Related Activities and Honors: Orlando Section ACS Outstanding Teacher at a Two-Year College, 2018; Valencia College Raymer F. Maguire Jr. Teaching Chair, 2017–2018; Valencia College Faculty Association Awards for Excellence in Counseling, Teaching and Librarianship, 2016; Valencia College Lockheed Martin Chair in Science, 2015–2016; Suncoast Chapter of The National Academy of Arts and Sciences Emmy Award for Informational/Instructional Program, 2009.

SMITH, PETE M. Division of Industrial & Engineering Chemistry (Pittsburgh Section). Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

Academic Record: University of Tennessee, Knoxville, B.S., 1997; University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Ph.D., 2000.

Professional Positions: Westminster College, Professor and Chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Chemistry, 2013–2022, 2025–present. Critical Minerals Recovery Solutions LLC, Owner and Principal Consultant, 2024–present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Division of Industrial & Engineering Chemistry: Councilor, 2025–present, 2018–2020; Program Chair, 2014–2016; Assistant Program Chair, 2013; Green Chemistry & Engineering Subdivision, Chair, 2009. Division of Professional Relations: Executive Committee Member-at-Large, 2024 – present; Immediate Past Chair, 2018; Chair, 2017; Chair-Elect, 2016; Treasurer, 2009–2014. Penn-Ohio Border Section: Chair, 2025, 2021, 2009, 2006; Webmaster, 2019–2020; Chair-Elect, 2020, 2005; Alternate Councilor, 2005–2016; Secretary, 2008; Secretary and Newsletter Editor, 2007.

ACS National Service: Committee on Environment and Sustainability, Member, 2021–present; Committee Associate, 2018–2020; Committee on Chemical Abstracts Service, Member, 2012–2017; Committee on Younger Chemists, Committee Associate, 2007–2009.

Member: Member of ACS since 1995. Council on Undergraduate Research; Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh; Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh; The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society. ACS Divisions: Industrial & Engineering Chemistry, Professional Relations, Inorganic Chemistry, Nuclear Chemistry and Technology, Chemical Education.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2025; Louis J. Sacco Award for Distinguished Service to the ACS Division of Professional Relations, 2019; CASE United States Professors of the Year Nominee, Westminster College, 2008; Franklin Fellow, University of Georgia, 2000; Gleb Mamantov Graduate Chemistry Scholar, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2000.

THOMSON, MARK A. Western Michigan Section. Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Academic Record: University of Utah, B.S., 1987; Colorado State University, Ph.D., 1995.

Professional Positions: Ferris State University, Professor, 2016-present; Associate Professor, 2011-2016; Assistant Professor, 2007-2011. Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, Ponce, Adjunct Professor, 2022-present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Western Michigan Section: Councilor, 2007–present; Louisiana Section: Chair, 2000; Chair-Elect, 1999.

ACS National Service: Committee on Membership Affairs, Member, 2024–present; Committee Associate, 2023; Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals, Member, 2013–2022; Committee on Project SEED, Member, 2009–2012; Committee Associate, 2008.

Member: Member of ACS since 1990. ACS Divisions: Chemical Health and Safety; Agricultural and Food Chemistry; Industrial & Engineering Chemistry.

ELECTION TO
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Action Requested: The Council Policy Committee (CPC) has selected the following slate of candidates for election to the Committee on Nominations and Elections:

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| 1. Mary Anderson | 8. Patrick Gordon |
| 2. Brian Brady | 9. Rabin Lai |
| 3. Amber Charlebois | 10. Jingbo Louise Liu |
| 4. Milagros Delgado | 11. Jennifer Maclachlan |
| 5. Erin Dotlich | 12. Martha Morton |
| 6. Lori Ferrins | 13. Stephanie Watson |
| 7. Arlene Garrison | 14. Edward Zovinka |

The Council must elect seven individuals. The five candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes will be declared elected for a three-year (2027-2029) term. The candidate receiving the sixth highest number of votes will be elected to serve a two-year (2027-2028) term. The candidate receiving the seventh highest number of votes will be elected to serve a one-year term (2027). All of the candidates have indicated their willingness to serve if elected. Biographies of the candidates are presented in summary form at the end of this item.

Supplementary Information:

**Description of Duties and Desired Characteristics for Members of the
Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E)**

The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) is responsible for the Elections Function as described in the ACS Governing Documents (Standing Rule IV). The committee and its subcommittees are responsible for several specific items including:

- Receiving proposals and petitions for nominees/candidates for the offices of President-Elect, District Director, International District Director, Director-at-Large, Council Policy Committee members, Committee on Committees members, and Councilors from Zones;
- Preparing slates of nominees/candidates for these offices;
- Supervising Society elections;
- Conducting elections during Council;
- Reviewing/testing/supporting Council voting technology;
- Determining eligibility and reviewing credentials for admittance to Council meetings;
- Organizing/facilitating ACS Town Hall meetings for President-Elect nominees, Director-at-Large, and International District Director candidates;
- Representing N&E at Councilor/District Caucuses; and
- Serving as an election appeals board for Local Section and Division elections.

To succeed in these activities, N&E members should have extensive ACS governance experience, possess a strong and diverse network, and work well in teams. The candidate's personal qualities should include integrity, ethics, respect for confidentiality, and a firm commitment to the [ACS core values](#). Members of N&E must be voting Councilors.

N&E members should be available for the following activities at the spring and fall meetings:

- Committee meeting (Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
- Town Hall meeting (Sunday, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
- Council election testing (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
- Pre-Council activities (Wednesday, 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.)
- ACS Council meeting (Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- [Councilor and Division Caucuses](#) (dates/times vary)

Those members of the Committee on Nominations and Elections whose terms end on December 31, 2026, are as follows:

Amber F. Charlebois, Rochester Section
Jetty L. Duffy-Matzner, Sioux Valley Section
Arlene A. Garrison, Division of Small Chemical Businesses (East Tennessee Section)
Jingbo Louise Liu, Division of Energy and Fuels (South Texas Section)
Zaida C. Morales-Martinez, South Florida Section
Linette M. Watkins, Virginia Section

Jetty L. Duffy-Matzner and Linette M. Watkins are ineligible for re-election. Zaida C. Morales-Martinez has declined to seek re-election.

The current members of the Committee on Nominations and Elections who will continue on that body are:

2025-2027

Debbie C. Crans, Division of Inorganic Chemistry (Colorado Section)
Holly L. Davis, Georgia Section
Peter K. Dorhout, Ex Officio (Ames Section)
Donivan R. Porterfield, Central New Mexico Section
Vacancy

2026-2027

Ellene Tratras Contis, Huron Valley Section

2026-2028

Jennifer Hollingsworth, Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry (Central New Mexico Section)
Alison Hyslop, New York Section
Gregory Tew, Division of Polymer Chemistry (Connecticut Valley Section)
Don Warner, Snake River Section
Peter Zarras, Mojave Desert Section

ANDERSON, MARY E. Dallas-Fort Worth Section. Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas.

Academic Record: Hollins College, B.A., Cornell University Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Ph.D.

Professional Positions: Texas Woman's University, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, School of the Sciences, 2003-present.

ACS National Service: Committee on Local Section Activities, Member, 2022-present; Committee on Membership Affairs, Member, 2016-2021; Committee Associate, 2015.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Dallas-Fort Worth Section: Councilor, 2014-present; Alternate Councilor, 2011-2014; Chair, 2008; Chair-Elect, 2007.

Member: Member of ACS since 1977.

Related Activities and Honors: Executive Editor, Analytical Biochemistry, 2017-present, Analytical Biochemistry Editorial Board, 2011-2017; Texas Woman's University: Faculty Distinction in Research, 2024; Dallas-Fort Worth ACS Section Doherty Award for Research, 2023.

BRADY, BRIAN B. Southern California Section. The Aerospace Corporation, Retired, Seal Beach, California.

Academic Record: University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1981; 1986, M. Phil, 1985, M.A., 1982; Columbia University, Ph.D.

Professional Positions: The Aerospace Corporation, Space Materials Laboratory, Propulsion Sciences Department, Principal Scientist, 1989-2022.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Southern California Section: Councilor, 2015-present; Nominations and Awards Chair, 2021-present; Immediate Past Chair, 2021; Chair, 2013, 2020; Chair-Elect, 2012, 2019.

ACS National Service: Committee on Membership Affairs, Member, 2023-present; Committee Associate, 2022; Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Member, 2016-2022.

Member: Member of ACS since 1986. ACS Division: Physical Chemistry.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2019; Agnes Ann Green Award for Distinguished Service, Southern CA Section, ACS, 2017; Certificate of Appreciation, “Advanced Component Technologies and the NASA Earth Science Technology Office,” Oct 2011; Certificate of Appreciation, AEHF Anomaly Investigation Board, Oct. 8, 2010; Inventor’s Award, “Hypergolic Ignition of a Paraffin Based Fuel Formulation for a Hybrid Rocket Motor,” 2008.

CHARLEBOIS, AMBER F. Rochester Section. Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York.

Academic Record: Syracuse University, B.S., 1988; University at Buffalo, Ph.D., 2001.

Professional Positions: Rochester Institute of Technology, Pre-Professional Health Director, University Studies, Academic Affairs, August 2023-present; Fairleigh Dickinson University, Associate Professor of Chemistry, 2018-2023.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Rochester Section: Councilor, 2021-present; Vice Chair, 2019-2020; Chair, 2017-2018; Councilor (Nonvoting), 2019-2020, 2016. North Jersey Section: Councilor, 2013-2015; Alternate Councilor, 2007-2012; Chair, 2012; Chair-Elect, 2011; Co-Chair, 2008.

ACS National Service: Committee on Nominations and Elections: Member, 2024-present; Committee on Communicating Chemistry, Chair, 2019-2021; Member, 2017-2021; Committee on Women Chemists, Chair, 2014-2016; Committee Associate, 2006-2007; Member, 2008-2016.

Member: Member of ACS since 1998. ACS Division: Professional Relations.

Related Activities and Honors: E. Ann Nalley Regional Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society, NERD Fall 2025, American Chemical Society’s Rochester Section’s Volunteer of the Year Award, 2020; ACS Fellow, 2015; American Association of University Women’s Community Action Grant Award, 2021; E. Emmet Reid Award for Outstanding Teaching of Chemistry at Small Colleges MARM, 2010.

DELGADO, MILAGROS (Milly). South Florida Section. Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus, North Miami, Florida.

Academic Record: University of Puerto Rico, B.S., 1980; University of Miami, Ph.D., 1987.

Professional Positions: Florida International University, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Chemistry Department, Teaching Professor, 2018-present; Senior Lecturer, 2012-2018.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: South Florida Section: Councilor, 1996-present; Secretary, 1995-present; Chemistry Olympiad Chair, 2024-present; Illustrated Poem Contests Chair, 2013-present; ACS Scholars Selection Committee, 2001-present; Subcommittee Chair, 2008-2020; Chair, 2007, 1998.

ACS National Service: Committee on Membership Affairs, Member, 2024-present; Committee on Education, Member, 2017-2023; Committee Associate, 2016, 1998-1999; ACS Catalyst Scholarship Selection, 2026; Round Table on Inclusion, Member, 2021-present; Task Force on National Committee Restructuring, 2008; Committee on Nominations and Elections, Member, 2010-2015; Vice-Chair, 2015; Secretary, 2013-2014; New Faculty Workshop, Vice-Chair, 2020-2022; Member, 2016-present; Committee on Committees, Member, 2004-2009; Committee on Minority Affairs, Member, 1998-2004; Committee Associate, 1997; Committee on Project SEED, Chair, 2001-2003; Member, 1995-2003; Committee Associate, 1994.

Member: Member of ACS since 1984. Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans; Association of Women in Science; American Association of Chemistry Teachers. ACS Divisions: Chemical Education; Professional Relations.

Related Activities and Honors: Florida International University: STEM Transformation Institute Faculty Champion, 2025, Faculty Mentoring Award, 2022; College of Arts, Science, and Education, Award for Service, 2025, Community Engagement, 2023; ACS Fellow, 2018.

DOTLICH, ERIN M. Indiana Section. Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Academic Record: Purdue University, B.S., 2003; Miami University, M.S., 2008.

Professional Positions: Eli Lilly and Company, Operational Excellence and Continuous Improvement Director, 2024-present; Sr. Principal Chemist Bioproduct Research and Development, 2022-2024; Consultant and GMP Lead, 2021-2022; Sr. Manager, Microbiology laboratories, 2018-2021; Sr. Manager, Dry Product laboratories, 2016-2018; Eli Lilly and Company Animal Health Division (Elanco), Sr. Chemist, 2012-2016.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Indiana Section: Councilor, 2022-present; Alternate Councilor, 2017-2021; Chair, 2014; Subcommittee Chair, 2014; Chair-Elect, 2013; YCC Chair, 2010-2013; Secretary, 2011-2012, NCW Co-Chair, 2008-2011.

ACS National Service: Committee on Membership Affairs, Member, 2026-present; Committee Associate, 2025; Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals, Chair, 2022-2024; Member, 2019-2024; Committee Associate, 2018.

Member: Member of ACS since 2001. ACS Division: Professional Relations.

Related Activities and Honors: Lean Six Sigma, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Eagles Aerie, Indiana University Indianapolis Alumni Board, Eli Lilly PRIDE Chair 2017/Executive Committee 2016-2022.

FERRINS, LORI. Northeastern Section and Division of Medicinal Chemistry. Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Academic Record: La Trobe University, B. S., 2009; Monash University, Ph.D., 2015.

Professional Positions: Northeastern University, Associate Professor, 2024-present; Research Associate Professor, 2021-2024; Research Assistant Professor, 2017-2021, Associate Research Scientist, 2016-2017.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Northeastern Section: Councilor, 2024-present, Chair-Elect & Program Chair, 2026; Director-at-Large, 2024-present, Norris Award Committee Member, 2023-present; Norris Award Committee Chair, 2025; Alternate Councilor, 2020-2023. Division of Medicinal Chemistry: Councilor, 2024-present, Young Medicinal Chemistry Committee Past Chair, 2022-2023; Chair, 2020-2022. Northeastern Regional Meetings: Regional Board Chair, 2026; Program Co-Chair, 2024-2025; General Co-Chair, 2022-2023.

ACS National Service: Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, Associate Editor, 2025-present; Topic Editor, 2022-2024.

Member: Member of ACS since 2012. NIH Panel on Infectious Disease Drug Development and Molecular Pharmacology. ACS Divisions: Medicinal Chemistry; Organic Chemistry.

Related Activities and Honors: Australian National Committee for Chemistry, *ex officio*, 2021-2023; Henry A. Hill Award for Outstanding Service to the Northeastern Section, 2023; WCC-Merck Research Award Selection Committee, 2022; International Younger Chemists Network, Chair, 2019-2021.

GARRISON, ARLENE A. Division of Small Chemical Businesses (East Tennessee Section). Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Retired, Huntsville, Alabama.

Academic Record: University of Tennessee, B.A., 1975; Ph.D., 1981; B.S. (E.E.), 1988.

Professional Positions: Retired, 2020-present; Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Vice President, 2010-2020.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: East Tennessee Section: Councilor, 2022-2024, 1996-2004; Alternate Councilor, 2006-2021; Chair, 1992; Chair-Elect, 1991; Secretary, 1989-1990. Division of Small Chemical Businesses: Councilor, 2025-present; Secretary, 2022-2023; Division of Business Development and Management, Immediate Past Chair, 2019; Chair, 2018; Chair-Elect, 2017, 2015.

ACS National Service: Committee on Nominations and Elections, Member, 2024-present; Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Committee Associate, 2023; Committee on Senior Chemists, Consultant, 2022, Chair, 2019-2021, Member, 2019-2021, Committee Associate, 2018; Board of Trustees for the Group Insurance Plans, Member, 2009-2017, Vice Chair, 2012; Committee on Fiscal Affairs, Member, 2009-2017, Committee Associate, 2008; Committee on Women Chemists, Member, 1998-2007, Committee Associate, 1997.

Member: Member of ACS since 1979. AAAS; Coblenz Society, Science Education Research Foundation (SEeR) Emeritus Board, Magnolia Trace Chair Birthday Dinners and co-Chair Marketing Committee, Aldersgate United Methodist Church Finance Committee. ACS Divisions: Analytical Chemistry; Business Development and Management; Chemical Education; Small Chemical Businesses.

Related Activities and Honors: ACS Fellow, 2014; AAAS Fellow, 2019; Megger's Award; UTK Professional Development Award; Chancellors Citation; Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Alpha Lambda Delta, Tau Beta Pi.

GORDON, PATRICK M. Northeastern Section. Oregon State University, Woburn, Massachusetts.

Academic Record: University of Guyana, B.S., 1977; University of New South Wales, M.S., 1982; University of Manitoba, Ph.D., 1987.

Professional Positions: Oregon State University, Instructor, Chemistry, 2025-present; Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Adjunct Professor, Chemistry, 2010-2025; Assistant Professor, Chemistry, 2022-2025.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Northeastern Section: Councilor, 2025-present, 2020, 2012-2014; Chair, 2024, 2011; Chair-Elect & Program Chair, 2023; Alternate Councilor, 2021-2023, 2015-2019, 1997-2011; Chair-Elect, 2010.

ACS National Service: Committee on Minority Affairs, Member, 2014-2022; Committee Associate, 2010-2013.

Member: Member of ACS since 1981. NOBCChE. ACS Divisions: Chemical Education; Organic Chemistry.

Related Activities and Honors: Henry Hill Award, 2023; Fulbright Scholar, 2022; NOBCChE, Northeast Regional Chair, 2005-2008.

LAI, RABIN D. Orange County Section. Academy Savant Inc., Fullerton, California.

Academic Record: University of Bristol, B.S., 1976; McGill University, Ph.D., 1981; Bradley University, MBA, 1999.

Professional Positions: Academy Savant Inc., President, 2001-present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Orange County Section: Councilor, 2005-present; Immediate Past Chair, 2026-present, Chair, 2022-2025, 2004-2006; Chair-Elect, 2019-2021, 2003; Web Administrator, 2008-2020; Alternate Councilor, 2003-2004.

ACS National Service: Committee on Fiscal Affairs, Member, 2022-present; PEVOP Subcommittee Chair, 2025-present; Communications Subcommittee Chair, 2024; Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, Member, 2018-2021; Committee Associate, 2017; Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals, Member, 2011-2016; Committee Associate, 2008-2010; Committee on Publications, Committee Associate, 2006-2007.

Member: Member of ACS since 1992.

Related Activities and Honors: Orange County Section Volunteer of the Year, 2022, Tata Energy & Resources Institute, Advisory Board, 1994-1996; Tea Association of the USA, Technical Committee, 1992-1995; Tea Research Association of India, Management Council, 1989-1991; United Planters Association of South India, Technical Committee, 1986-1987.

LIU, JINGBO LOUISE. Division of Energy and Fuels (South Texas Section). Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Texas.

Academic Record: Heilongjiang University, M.S., 1995; University of Science and Technology Beijing, Ph.D., 2001.

Professional Positions: Texas A&M University-Kingsville, 2016-present; Professor, 2021-2023; Center of Teaching Effectiveness, Director, 2022; Office of Naval Research, NSWC, Carderock Division, Distinguished Scientist; Adjunct Full Professor, 2019-present; Louise NanoInnovation-North America, LLC, Co-Founder, 2018-present; The Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, Advanced Light Sources, User Affiliate, 2012-2017; Associate Professor, 2011-2016.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Division of Energy and Fuels: Councilor, 2022-present; Immediate Past Chair, 2021; Chair, 2020; Chair-Elect, 2019; Program Chair, 2018; Division of Small Chemical Businesses, Treasurer, 2024-2025. South Texas Section: Chair, 2023; Chair-Elect, 2021-2022; Alternate Councilor, 2016-2021; Secretary-Treasurer, 2011.

ACS National Service: Committee on Nominations and Elections, Member, 2026-present; Committee on Fiscal Affairs, Member, 2024-2025; Committee Associate, 2023.

Member: Member of ACS since 2009. International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry; Japan Society for the Promotion of Sciences; Royal Society of Chemistry; Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society. ACS Divisions: Colloid and Surface Chemistry; Energy and Fuels; Professional Relations; Small Chemical Businesses.

Related Activities and Honors: Women of the Year (Central Texas), Texas Diversity Council, 2023; ACS Fellow, 2022; ACS Career Consultant, 2022; Distinguished Level Fellow at NSWC Carderock, The Office of Naval Research, Summer Faculty Research Program, 2022; Linnean Society of London, Fellow, 2022.

MACLACHLAN, JENNIFER L. Northeastern Section. PID Analyzers, LLC, Sandwich, Massachusetts.

Academic Record: Boston College, B.S., 1998.

Professional Positions: PID Analyzers, LLC, Managing Director, 1994-present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Northeastern Section: Councilor, 2024-present; Awards Committee Chair, 2026-present; Board of Publications Committee Member, 2022-present; Science in Your Swimsuit® organizer, 2017-present; STEM Journey organizer, 2014-present; Public Relations Committee Member, Cape Cod Celebrates National Chemistry Week organizer 2011-present. Division of Chemical Health and Safety, Social Committee, 2022-present; Division of Small Chemical Businesses, Public Relations and Communications Chair, 2015-2017; Division of Analytical Chemistry, Long-Range Planning Committee, 2015-2019; Division of Environmental Chemistry, Appropriations Committee Chair, 2014-2018.

ACS National Service: Committee on Community Activities, Committee Associate, 2026; Committee on Chemical Safety, Member, 2021-2025; Committee Associate, 2019-2020; Committee on Communicating Chemistry, Chair, 2016-2018, Member, 2012-2018; Committee Associate, 2011.

Member: Member of ACS since 2010. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA); American Association of Safety Professionals (ASSP); Connecticut Department of Labor Young Worker Health & Safety Team 2017-present; Cape Cod & the Islands Council Scouting America; Cape Cod Technology Council. ACS Divisions: Analytical Chemistry; Chemical Health and Safety; Environmental Chemistry; History of Chemistry; Small Chemical Businesses.

Related Activities and Honors: Henry A. Hill Award, 2024; Northeastern Section ACS, AIHA Teen Workplace Health & Safety Award, 2023; James T. Grady and James H. Stack ACS National Award for Interpreting Chemistry to the Public, 2022; ACS Helen M. Free Award for Public Outreach of Chemistry, 2021; ACS Local Section Outreach Volunteer of the Year Award, 2018.

MORTON, MARTHA D. Nebraska Section. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Academic Record: Rockhurst College, B.S., 1987; University of Kansas, Ph.D., 1993.

Professional Positions: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Director of Research Instrumentation, Research Professor, 2011-present; National Strategic Research Institute Fellow, 2021-present; Chancellor's University Safety Committee, Chair, 2024-present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Nebraska Section: Councilor, 2022-present, Immediate Past Chair, 2021; Chair, 2021, 2019, 2017; Chair-Elect, 2020, 2018, 2016; Chair/Chair-Elect, 2016; Connecticut Valley Section: Alternate Councilor, 2001-2006; Wakarusa Valley Section: Treasurer, 1994-1996; ACS National Chemistry Week Coordinator, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2011-present; Chemist Celebrate Earth Week Coordinator, 2014-present; ChemOlympiad Coordinator, 2018-present. Midwest Regional Meeting Board: Chair, 2025, 2022; Chair-Elect, 2024, 2020-2021, Secretary, 2023, 2019.

ACS National Service: Committee on Chemical Safety, Committee Associate, 2025-present.

Member: Member of ACS since 1989. ACS Divisions: Inorganic Chemistry, Chemical Health and Safety.

Related Activities and Honors: Nebraska Chemical Assembly NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program Principal Investigator, 2025-present; Association of Managers of Magnetic Resonance Labs, Membership and Steering Committees, 2014-present; Midwest Region E. Ann Nalley Award, 2024; Outreach demonstrations in coordination with University of Nebraska, Lincoln Sci-Pop, 2014-2019; National Chemistry Week Phoenix Award for "Best Open House" at University of Kansas, 1994, 1996.

WATSON, STEPHANIE S. Maryland Section. National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Academic Record: College of Wooster, B.A., 1989; University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D., 1997.

Professional Positions: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Research Chemist, 2002-present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Maryland Section: Councilor, 2007-present; Immediate Past Chair, 2018; Chair, 2017, 2007; Vice-Chair, 2015-2016, 2006; Chair-Elect, 2015, 2005; Secretary, 2002-2004.

ACS National Service: Committee on Divisional Activities, Member, 2024-present, Committee Associate, 2023; Committee on Committees, Member, 2017-2022, Secretary, 2019-2021; Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Committee Associate, 2016; Committee on Local Section Activities, Member, 2010-2015, Committee Associate, 2009.

Member: Member of ACS since 1989. Sigma Xi. ACS Divisions: Analytical Chemistry; Colloid and Surface Chemistry; Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering.

Related Activities and Honors: NIST Measurement Services Award, 2025; NIST Safety Award, 2011.

ZOVINKA, EDWARD P. Pittsburgh Section. Saint Francis University, Loretto, Pennsylvania.

Academic Record: Roanoke College, B.S., 1987; University of California, Davis, Ph.D., 1992.

Professional Positions: Saint Francis University, Professor, 1994-present.

ACS Local Section and Division Offices: Pittsburgh Section: Councilor, 2025-present, 2019–2021; Immediate Past Chair, 2024; Chair, 2023; Chair-Elect, 2022; Alternate Councilor, 2018; 2028 Central Regional Meeting General Co-Chair; 2024 Central Regional Meeting Organizing Committee Member and Awards Chair.

ACS National Service: Committee on Publications, Committee Associate, 2023; Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Committee Associate, 2020–2021.

Member: Member of ACS since 1987. Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh; Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh.

Related Activities and Honors: Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh J. Kevin Scanlon Award, 2015; Saint Francis University Outstanding Educator Award, 2010; Carnegie Science Center Award for Excellence in Postsecondary Education, 2007; Saint Francis University Swatsworth Award, 1997; CASE Pennsylvania Professor of the Year, 1997.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2028 ELECTED COMMITTEES AND ZONE COUNCILORS

A Reminder

During the hybrid Council meeting on August 26, Councilors will elect members to the Council Policy Committee, Committee on Committees, and Committee on Nominations and Elections to fill 2027-2029 terms. The process to select candidates for 2028-2030 terms will begin almost immediately. The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) therefore asks each Councilor to nominate potential candidates for the elected committees as well as Zone Councilor candidates for 2028-2030 terms. Nominations should be submitted to the [nomination portal \(https://nominations.acs.org/\)](https://nominations.acs.org/).



BALLOT COUNTS, PREVIOUS ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) presented to Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2027: John Adams, Lisa McElwee-White, Mary Virginia Orna, and Laura Sremaniak. By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Lisa McElwee-White and Laura Sremaniak as candidates for 2027 President-Elect**. These two candidates will join any additional candidates selected via petitions to stand for election in the fall 2026 national election.

President-Elect 2027^a

Nominee	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
John Adams	59	-	-
Lisa McElwee-White*	114	132	155
Mary Virginia Orna	84	105	-
Laura Sremaniak*	159	177	218

- a. 416 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 209 being the majority. The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the lowest vote-getter, John Adams, was dropped and his second-preference votes were distributed in the subsequent round. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were declared as candidates.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election held prior to the Council meeting to select candidates from the list of nominees for Directors from District III, and District VI to serve on the Board of Directors for the term 2027-2029. By electronic ballot, the Councilors from these Districts selected **Bonnie Lawlor and Stephanie Watson** as **District III** candidates and **Anna Cavinato and Jeanette Van Emon** as **District VI** candidates. Ballots will be distributed to members residing in District III and District VI in the fall for election of a Director from each District.

DISTRICT III^a

Nominee:	1st Round	2nd Round
Mukund Chorghade	1	7
Bonnie Lawlor*	26	-
Carl Picconatto	4	13
Stephanie Watson*	20	30
Total Ballots Cast:	51	50

DISTRICT VI^b

Nominee:	1st Round	2nd round
Anna Cavinato*	17	18
Orlando Rojas	3	-
Timothy Long	6	6
Jeanette Van Emon*	12	14
Total Ballots Cast:	38	-

- a. The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. 51 valid ballots were cast, with 26 being the majority. Bonnie Lawlor attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the ballot winner, Bonnie Lawlor, was excluded and her second-preference votes were distributed in one subsequent round. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were declared as candidates. In the second round, 1 ballot was unexercised.
- b. The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. 38 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 17 being the majority. Anna Cavinato attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the ballot winner, Anna Cavinato, was excluded and her second preference votes were distributed in one subsequent round. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were declared as candidates.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Since our last Council meeting in Atlanta, I have engaged broadly with ACS members, leaders, and external partners to advance my platform priorities, our sesquicentennial activities, and ACS's Mission and Vision. My priorities are organized under three clear themes: (1) Advisory and Advocacy, (2) Life Membership, and (3) ACS for All.

Platform Priorities

Life Membership

Working with the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC), we are progressing toward establishing a formal life membership category. But there is already a sense in which we can consider ourselves as lifetime members. Namely, even if life membership is not an official designation, it can be reflected in one's mindset through a commitment to always renew. That commitment is expressed through my catchphrases, "*once a chemist, always a chemist,*" and "*once a member, always a member.*" Linking your identities of chemistry and membership together as irrevocable has resonated with members across all constituencies.

ACS for All

ACS for All reflects our core value of inclusion and belonging and underscores that this responsibility is shared by all of us. My effort around this platform is not confined to a single initiative; rather, it is embedded across all my activities and engagements. In every interaction, I continue to emphasize the importance of ensuring that ACS remains accessible, welcoming, and relevant to all chemists globally.

Advisory and Advocacy

A major highlight this quarter was the Engagement, Advisory and Advocacy (EAA) Summit, held May 4–6, 2026, at ACS headquarters in Washington, DC. The summit brought together subject matter experts, including several members of ACS staff leadership, to develop a cohesive strategy for strengthening how we engage the public and advocate for science.

Our long-term vision is ambitious: to help society more effectively capture the hearts and minds of the public in support of the partnership between government and scientific advancement for the common good. Achieving this will require empowering our members to communicate the value of chemistry in ways that resonate emotionally as well as intellectually.

To achieve this goal, summit participants were organized into working groups tasked with:

1. Developing practical guidelines ("how-to" frameworks) for effective engagement and advocacy.
2. Identifying strategies to scale successful practices across the more than 260,000 people in our global ACS community.
3. Producing **actionable recommendations** for ACS to facilitate impact at all levels of engagement.

The summit is expected to generate a wide range of tools and resources to support our members, along with recommendations to strengthen ACS's role in advising and advocating for science. The first of these products was the C&EN Comment I authored and published online on June 15: "[Reimagining a Scientific Choir for Advisory and Advocacy.](#)"

As a next step, we will integrate the Summit outcomes across ACS units. Doing so will begin with a symposium at the ACS fall meeting in Chicago titled **“Reimagining Engagement, Advisory and Advocacy,”** featuring summit participants and chairs of relevant ACS committees.

In June, I formed a Presidential Task Force on Engagement, Advisory, and Advocacy. Its remit is to further strengthen our collective approaches to engagement and inclusion by ensuring that the voices of our Councilors and members are elevated, heard, and effectively translated into actionable strategies.

The task force is planning a virtual town hall in September or October to engage you in meaningful dialogue, gather input to inform advisory and advocacy strategies, and collect member perspectives to guide future efforts. I will share details about how you can participate in the town hall during my August Council oral report.

Sesquicentennial Activities

As part of the ACS sesquicentennial, I have engaged members and units worldwide, emphasizing not only reflection on the past 150 years but also thoughtful consideration of the next 150 years.

At the upcoming ACS national meeting in Chicago, we will host several Presidential events:

- **“ACS’s Next 150 Years: Consequential or Irrelevant,”** chaired by Madeleine Jacobs
- **“Celebration of 150 Years: Brief Histories of ACS Divisions,”** organized in collaboration with the Division of the History of Chemistry (HIST) and chaired by Joe Jeffers
- The **Tuesday JACS Symposium**, designated as a Presidential event

I look forward to celebrating the upcoming designation of Ira Remsen’s founding of the first graduate program in the United States at Johns Hopkins University as a National Historic Chemical Landmark (NHCL) on October 20—an occasion that not only honors a defining moment in our history, but also reminds us, as reflected in my on-line July C&EN Comment, [“From Looking Back at the Last 150 Years to Looking Forward,”](#) that the vision and leadership of the past continue to inspire the discoveries and possibilities of the future.

Embracing what lies ahead, I am working closely with the sesquicentennial team and the presidential succession to advance these initiatives, and I look forward to sharing additional progress at the August Council meeting in Chicago.

Representation and External Engagements

This quarter included several opportunities to represent ACS and the Board:

- **April 6:** Celebrated our Founding Day at the ACS headquarters. Thereafter, I partnered with the Office of Legislative Affairs to deliver member postcards at several congressional offices: Senator Angela Alsobrooks (Maryland), Senator Chris Van Hollen (Maryland), Senator Jonathan Ossoff (Georgia), Congressman and Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives Hakeem Jeffries (New York), and Representative Kweisi Mfume (Maryland).

- **April 8–18 (China and Korea):**
 - **Beijing:** Met with leadership of the Chinese Academy of Science and Technology, including Executive Secretary Hui Luo; engaged with ACS, CAS, and Publications staff at their office.
 - **Chongqing:** Met with the Chinese Chemical Society leadership; celebrated the 3rd JACS Symposium; participated in an international roundtable of chemical society leaders.
 - **Jeju:** Met with the Korean Chemical Society leadership; and celebrated the 4th JACS Symposium where I delivered a keynote on “*Reimagining Proteins and Materials through Computer and Artificial Intelligence.*”
 - **Seoul:** Met with leadership of the Korean Society of Polymers, COSMAX executives, and the Electrochemical Society of Korea, in a series of meetings.
- **April 28 (Cleveland Clinic):** Attended the National Historic Chemical Landmark (NHCL) dedication honoring Irving Page and the discovery of serotonin in Cleveland, OH, and provided remarks of introduction and the award.
- **May 1:** Attended the Barry University Chemistry & Physics End-of-the-Semester Party, met with faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Chemistry & Physics, and provided keynote remarks.
- **May 2:** Attended the South Florida Local Section Student Awards Ceremony where I gave the keynote address on “*Shoot for the Stars, Settle for the Moon*”.
- **May 7–8:** Participated in various events and gave remarks during the International Historic Chemical Landmark (INHCL) designation honoring Alfred Bader and the founding of Sigma-Aldrich at Queen’s University (Kingston, Ontario). I also delivered two technical talks, engaged with students, and presented awards.
- **May 14:** Presented a public lecture at The Women’s Club in Roland Park (TWCRP) in Baltimore on “*Human Intelligence, Computer Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence for Chemistry,*” which included remarks in support of the ACS.
- **May 15:** 115th Willard Gibbs Awards Dinner and Ceremony honoring Stephen L. Buchwald, Camille Dreyfus Professor of Chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (Chicago, IL).
- **May 17–19:** Attended the Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM) in Hershey, PA. Participated in plenary, workshop, and student-focused events, delivered remarks during the ACS 150th Anniversary Reception, and presented the William Suits Award for Volunteer Service. Engagements also included panel participation on chemical education, networking with leaders and vendors, and interactions with ACS leadership and undergraduate students through Board and Committee on Younger Chemists events.

- **May 22:** Presented remarks during a webinar marking the one-year anniversary of the Stockholm Declaration on Green and Sustainable Chemistry, a global call to action advancing urgent, collaborative efforts in sustainable chemistry. The webinar highlighted ACS's leadership and aimed to unite the global chemistry community around a shared vision for innovation that improves lives and protects our future.
- **May 24–28:** Attended the 2026 Canadian Society for Chemistry and Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering Conferences and Exhibition in Toronto, Ontario, I attended a range of lectures and events, met with CIC leadership and contributed as a panelist at their Presidential Symposium "Global Synergy for Breakthroughs."
- **June 3:** Participated in Board Hill Visits, along with my fellow Board members and staff on Capitol Hill to advocate for scientific research funding.
- **June 8: U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) Study Camp:** Had the pleasure of visiting the USNCO Study Camp at the University of Maryland, College Park, where I shared a lecture on "Shoot for the stars, settle for the moon," answered their questions, and engaged with students about their experiences and hopes for the future.
- **June 10 and 16: Asia-Pacific & Oceania, LATAM & Europe, and the Middle East IAC Regional Calls:** During my travels, I participated in the virtual IAC Regional Calls hosted by the Committee on International Activities, highlighting the growth of our international community and the importance of engagement and global connection, which set an energizing tone for the discussions.
- **June 15-18: Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference:** Attended the 30th Annual Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference in San Antonio, Texas, where I delivered remarks at the Open Awards Ceremony and Dinner and had the opportunity to engage with keynote speakers, students, and attendees. It was especially rewarding to connect with students, who valued the opportunity to ask questions and gain insights as they begin shaping their careers.
- **July 12-16:** 10th EuChemS Chemistry Congress in Antwerp, Belgium. I presented an invited lecture on "Hierarchical Integration of Data Science in Materials Research," served on a panel on "Responsible Chemistry Needs a Global Inclusive Approach," chaired a session on chemical dynamics, and joined our reception celebrating ACS members.

I have also continued my international engagements, including a presentation on my transition state theory research in Madrid, and a seven-week sabbatical in Germany supported by my Humboldt Research Prize.

I remain energized by the opportunities ahead, particularly as we are celebrating our sesquicentennial milestone. I also look forward to continuing our partnership as we advance ACS together, and to sharing further progress when we next meet in Washington, DC.

Rigoberto Hernandez

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Progress Toward the 2027 Agenda

During Q1 and Q2 of my 2026–2028 Presidential Succession term, substantial progress has been achieved in advancing the development of my 2027 presidential agenda. Concurrently, I have supported key events and engagements commemorating the ACS 150th Anniversary, contributing to the success and visibility of this milestone celebration.

The context for 2027 meeting programming is grounded in the ACS Strategic Plan and Goals. All strategies and objectives are designed to maximize opportunities for ACS members to contribute to those goals. As previously detailed, the program is organized around three overarching pillars:

- Interdisciplinary
- Industry
- Chemistry and the Arts

Together, these pillars aim to address critical global challenges, strengthen industry engagement, and expand inclusion and belonging through innovative programming. A summary of progress to date follows.

Interdisciplinary Programming

1. Medicine Development

Committee volunteers from the Committees on Divisional Activities (DAC) and Science (COMSCI) are leading a multi-divisional team that will bring cutting-edge medicine development chemistry to ACS programming.

2. Sustainability

Jitesh Soares (VP, Science and Research) and his team are working closely with the ACS Green Chemistry Institute® to identify the most relevant and pressing chemistry topics for future symposia.

3. Chemistry and Space

George Rodriguez (President & CEO, CME), Luke Roberson (Chair, Committee on Local Section Activities & Senior Research Scientist, NASA) and Ken Savin (CSO BioOrbit) are leading efforts to deliver comprehensive programming at both the spring and fall meetings.

- The spring meeting will emphasize chemistry in Low-Earth Orbit (LEO).
- The fall meeting will focus on far-space chemistry, including missions to the moon, Mars, and beyond, with particular attention to the Artemis program.

4. Energy

Two members of COMSCI, Yuanzhi Tang and Katherine Leftheris (Co-Program Chair) convened a multi-divisional team and developed forward-looking, high-impact programming in the energy space.

- The spring meeting will focus on **Vision Setting**, establishing a high-level understanding of the global energy landscape and clarifying where chemistry can have the greatest impact over the coming decades.

- The fall meeting will build on the foundation established in the spring, translating identified priorities into concrete interdisciplinary research and innovation pathways.

Industry Engagement

Industry Roundtable

Sergio Nanita, who leads the Industry Roundtable, is actively working to expand Roundtable membership while also strengthening its influence and impact through strategic partnerships across the ACS, and his efforts will be fully supported through my Presidential year.

Chemistry and the Arts

1. **Visual Art** Greg Smith (Director, Indianapolis Museum of Art), working with Pamela Clevenger (Division of Chemical Education (CHED) Program Chair), is leading a broad team in developing numerous symposia and event ideas during the 2027 spring and fall meetings.
2. **Music**
Julia Chan (Professor, Baylor University), together with Ryan Sweeder (CHED Program Chair) and a team of chemist-musicians, is developing diverse opportunities to bring music created by ACS members to ACS audiences during the 2027 meetings.
3. In alignment with the Chemistry and the Arts strategy, the National Chemistry Week Theme Team has selected “**Molecular Melodies**” as the theme for 2027 National Chemistry Week.

ACS Engagements and Milestones

In addition to the progress being made on 2027 meeting programming, I have greatly enjoyed participating in several ACS events, including:

- 27th Annual National Student Chapter Research Conference (NSCRC) on April 18 in Boston. I was honored to serve as the keynote speaker and to engage directly with students on career development, while also sharing insights into the strategies taking shape for the 2027 ACS meetings.
- One particularly meaningful event was the ACS Cleveland Local Section’s National Historic Chemical Landmark celebration recognizing the discovery of serotonin as the endogenous chemical that helped give rise to modern neuroscience. This designation marked the Cleveland Section’s eighth National Historic Chemical Landmark, and it was evident throughout the ceremony that an extraordinary amount of care and effort had gone into the nomination and celebration.

As the program unfolded, many remarkable connections emerged. Dr. Irvine Page, who was born in Indianapolis and grew up as a neighbor of the Lilly family, went on to attend medical school at Cornell University and build a distinguished career in medical research at the Cleveland Clinic. His professional journey also included an eight-year tenure as Director of the Lilly Laboratory for Clinical Research at the Indianapolis City Hospital.

Driven by curiosity and perseverance, Dr. Page led a highly accomplished team of scientists that successfully isolated and characterized serotonin in 1948. His collaborators included several outstanding scientists, among them Arda Green—who earned an A.B. in Chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and an M.D. from Johns Hopkins University, later serving as an

Assistant Professor at Washington University and the Cleveland Clinic and receiving the ACS Garvan Medal—and Maurice Rapport, who completed his B.S. in Chemistry at the City College of New York and his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at Caltech.

For me, this scientific milestone came full circle through my own experience as a member of Eli Lilly and Company's Prozac Product Team from 1996 to 2001. Building on Dr. Page's foundational work, continued investigations into serotonin physiology by Lilly researchers David Wong, Ray Fuller, and Bryan Molloy in the late 1960s and early 1970s ultimately led to the development of a transformative class of medicines. These therapies have since benefited millions of people worldwide suffering from disorders associated with serotonin imbalance.

It was a deeply proud moment, both as an ACS leader and an Eli Lilly and Company alum, to meet members of the Dr. Irvine Page family and to honor his seminal achievement in isolating and characterizing serotonin.

- **May 15, 2026** – *115th Willard Gibbs Award Ceremony*, Chicago, IL. Honoring Prof. Steven Buchwald (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) followed a decades-long tradition, including a wonderfully organized dinner and after-dinner presentation by Prof. Buchwald.
- **June 15–19, 2026** – *Green Chemistry & Engineering (GC&E) Conference*, San Antonio, TX. It was a great honor to participate in the 30th anniversary of the GC&E Conference, where multiple awards were presented, excellent technical talks were delivered, and outstanding student posters were showcased. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of this milestone event!

Upcoming Events

- **July 26–30, 2026** – *Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE)*, University of Wisconsin–Madison. Participation in a symposium honoring former ACS President Bassam Shakhshiri.
- **August 27–28, 2026** – *ACS–Eli Lilly 150th Joint Celebration*. Building on the many thoughtful discussions held during 2024–2025, ACS and Eli Lilly and Company will come together to host a very special ACS–Lilly 150th Joint Celebration on August 27–28, 2026, immediately following the fall meeting. This milestone event will celebrate the enduring and highly meaningful partnership between ACS and Lilly—one that spans more than a century and traces its roots back to the 1910s, when the founder's son, Eli Lilly, served as Vice President of the company and was an engaged member of the ACS Indiana Local Section.

Thank you to everyone for your insights, collaboration, and continued goodwill in support of these efforts. Your engagement is critical to shaping and delivering a meaningful and forward-looking 2027 agenda for ACS.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please contact me at chris.bodurow@gmail.com.

Christina Bodurow

REPORT OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

I continue to find my service in the presidential succession, as ACS Immediate Past President, both meaningful and fulfilling. While this year is less intensive than my presidential term, it remains important for sustaining my initiatives and representing ACS within our community and across partner organizations. This report highlights my activities and plans from April through August 2026.

Presidential Initiative

My presidential initiative, “Building Chemistry Careers Inclusively,” is designed to nurture the careers of all chemists. Its goal is to champion programs and investments that support and advance early-career chemists and those currently underrepresented in STEM.

In advancing this initiative, I am focusing on key ACS priorities, including **Fostering a Skilled Technical Workforce** and supporting the **Campaign for a Sustainable Future**. This work also aligns with the ACS Strategic Plan, particularly its core values of **Lifelong Learning** and **Inclusion and Belonging**.

Events and Engagements

I have participated in several events, both in person and virtually:

Nichols Medal Symposium (April 10 - ACS New York Section, St. John’s University)

The ACS New York Section hosted the Nichols Medal event and symposium. We congratulate Mercouri Kanatzidis (Northwestern University) on receiving the 2026 Nichols Medal. The symposium featured outstanding and engaging presentations. Remarks were provided by Rigoberto Hernandez (virtually), Al Horvath, and me.

Together, we emphasized the importance of ACS and the value of recognizing excellence through awards such as this. The event was further enriched by strong student participation from area colleges. Kathy Lee, Director, District I, was also in attendance.

Science Club for Girls Gala (May 8 - Boston, MA)

The Science Club for Girls (SCFG) held its annual fundraising gala and Catalyst Award event, featuring keynote speaker Sunita “Sun” Williams, NASA Astronaut (Ret.).

Having been honored as a Catalyst Awardee in 2025, I was especially pleased to support this event again. Organizations like SCFG, which serve girls underrepresented in science, are currently facing financial pressures and need continued community support.

Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM) (May 17–21 - Hershey, PA)

At MARM, I had the honor of presenting the Stanley C. Israel Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences to Dr. Brian Gibney (Brooklyn College) during the awards banquet.

The meeting also recognized the ACS 150th Anniversary, with remarks from ACS officers. I participated in other key events, including:

- Senior Chemists Breakfast
- Women Chemists Luncheon
- ACS Board of Directors Meet and Greet

49th Brazilian Chemical Society (SBQ) Annual Meeting (RASBQ 2026, June 14-18 - Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil)

ACS staff from Latin America, including CAS and Publications, hosted the booth with giveaways and discussions on CAS Newton. The ACS 150th Anniversary was highlighted through booth design, special giveaways, and ACS-sponsored events. I participated in several events including delivering remarks or presentations:

- ACS Staff Welcome Dinner, joined by Tarnbir Kaur (VP, Membership and Strategic Engagement) and Regiane Bracchi (Latin America Manager, Publications)
- Lunch with RASBQ 2026 international speakers
- ACS Session: *Tools & Strategies to Level Up Your Career & Research* (15-minute talk)
- ACS and Friends Reception with International ACS Chapters, Student Chapter leaders, and Zone Councilors (remarks)
- ACS Lunch Session: *Navigating Scientific Publishing: Ask Anything to ACS Editors* (remarks)
- Brazilian Women in Chemistry Awards 2026 Ceremony and celebratory dinner (remarks)
- ACS 2026 Immediate Past President Q&A with students at the ACS booth

The Posse Foundation (May 21-Virtual)

I participated in a virtual “armchair interview” with the PosseNext Fellows program, supporting early-career professionals preparing for leadership roles.

Future

- ACS on Campus, North Carolina A&T, September 17, 2026
- National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemist and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH, September 20-24, 2026
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), Long Beach, CA, October 29-31, 2026
- Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS), Memphis, TN, November 4-7, 2026
- University visits with lectures: University of Massachusetts-Amherst, October 1, 2026, and Valdosta State University, October 8, 2026

Special Issue: Global Challenges and Advances in Energy, Food, and Water Sustainability to Strengthen Climate Resilience

This joint Special Issue builds on the ACS Presidential and Committee on Science Symposium held at ACS Spring 2025 and focuses on sustainability in the context of climate change.

The issue highlights cutting-edge research and promotes scientific exchange to advance innovations in:

- Energy
- Food
- Water systems

I am serving as a guest editor alongside fellow symposium organizer. To date, we have accepted just over 40 articles across several ACS journals.

- [*Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*](#)
- [*ACS Agricultural Science & Technology*](#)
- [*ACS Food Science & Technology*](#)
- [*ACS ES&T Water*](#)
- [*ACS ES&T Engineering*](#)
- [*ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering*](#)
- [*ACS Sustainable Resource Management*](#)

Governance and Committees

I also continue to remain actively engaged in ACS governance through the following roles:

- Committee on Executive Compensation
- Council Policy Committee (CPC)
 - CPC Council Size and Composition Task Force
- Committee on Fiscal Affairs

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to our continued collaboration. Feel free to contact me at dwphillips@comcast.net.

Dorothy J. Phillips

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fellow Councilors:

Following this report are the major actions taken by the ACS Board of Directors since the last Council meeting, and highlights of our discussions.

ACS coordinated Society-wide efforts to develop and [submit formal comments to the US Office of Management and Budget](#) (OMB) on July 9, 2026, drawing on input and expertise from across ACS and its membership. The comments highlighted concerns that several provisions of the proposed rule could adversely affect scientific research, innovation, and U.S. competitiveness. ACS also conducted [member and stakeholder outreach](#) through its advocacy and communications channels to encourage engagement in the rulemaking process.

As we near the final months of celebrating the 150th anniversary of ACS in 2026, one thing is clear, we have a fantastic community of members and volunteers who are dedicated to advancing the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and all its people. The Board is committed to ensuring that our members have representation, that ACS as an organization is mindfully approaching the social challenges that impact the chemistry enterprise, and that all people's lives are improved through the transforming power of chemistry by bringing the multitude of diverse voices to our ACS table. Thank you for your ongoing and committed service and impassioned leadership. My Board colleagues and I are deeply grateful.

Looking ahead, I am encouraged by the strength and dedication of our ACS community. Thank you for everything you do in advocacy, education, research, and innovation. Each of us plays a role in shaping a more informed, inclusive, and resilient future for our global ACS community and the world we live in.

Wayne E. Jones Jr.

**CHAIR'S REPORT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
March 20-21, 2026**

Actions of the Board of Directors Meeting

The ACS Board of Directors met on March 20-21, 2026, at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park in Atlanta, GA. The Board considered several key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions.

Board Actions

- The Board approved a resolution in honor of deceased past president Charles P. Casey.
- The Board approved the ACS Advocacy Strategy, which includes the development of a robust annual position agenda supporting long-term ACS priorities that maintain strong non-partisan relationships with legislators and support science and scientists. Key areas of focus for 2026 are available at <https://www.acs.org/policy/memberadvocacy/issues.html>.
- The Board voted to increase the size of the Committee on Pensions and Investments from 7 to 8 members to accommodate the broader expertise required for the increased complexity and expansion of ACS' investment portfolio.
- The Board approved proposed amendments to the Board Regulations intended to correct inconsistencies found following the implementation of the new Journals Advisory Board reporting to the Governing Board for Publishing.
- Contingent upon the ACS Council approving the Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board approved establishing a Board Standing Committee on Finance and authorized conforming amendments to the Board Regulations to implement the Finance Committee and align the respective roles of the Finance Committee and the proposed Society Committee on Fiscal Affairs consistent with the Council-approved petition.
- The Board approved the establishment of a Board Task Force on Board Composition in order to review and vet potential new streams of Board candidates.
- Upon recommendation of the Editor Search Committee, the Board approved the appointment of an Editor-in-Chief of the journal *ACS Nano Medicine*.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Science, the Board approved a nominee for the 2027 Grand Prix de la Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie.
- Upon recommendation of the National Awards Advisory Board, the Board approved a nominee for the 2027 Othmer Gold Medal.
- Upon recommendation of the Subcommittee on the Priestley Medal Slate, the Board approved a screened list of nominees for the 2027 Priestley Medal.
- Upon recommendation of the Subcommittee on the Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS Selection, the Board approved a screened list of nominees for the 2027 Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS.
- The Board approved the meeting dates and locations for their 2027 June and December Board meetings. The June 2027 meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2027 Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference in Minneapolis, MN. The December 2027 meeting will be held at ACS headquarters in Washington, D.C.

- The Board approved suspension of the Regulations governing the timing of the 2027 Board Chair election and approved advancing the timing of the Board Chair election to a special Board meeting to be held virtually following the close of the fall elections.
- The Board approved minutes from the Board Executive Session on December 12-13, 2025.
- The Board also acted on recommendations of the Committee on Executive Compensation.

Board Discussions

- Committee on Strategic Alignment Chair Will Lynch facilitated a strategic discussion on advocacy.
- Board Chair Wayne Jones facilitated a discussion about themes emerging from feedback Board members have received from the ACS community.
- ACS President Rigoberto Hernandez brought new business to the Board, requesting a review of the Presidential Succession budget allocation. The Board directed the request to the new Committee on Fiscal Affairs.

Reports

- CEO Albert Horvath and his staff provided organizational updates on current affairs and planning for 2026. He highlighted:
 - ACS pilot corporate membership agreements and organizational partnerships,
 - the global strategy for Society Programs,
 - a proposed ACS advocacy strategy,
 - ACS 150th anniversary activities, and
 - ACS financial performance for year-end 2025.
- General Counsel Tokē Vandervort provided the annual conflict of interest disclosure report and Head of Global Ethics and Compliance Natalie Thingelstad facilitated an educational session on fiduciary duties and conflicts of interest.
- Chair of the Committee on Audits and Risk Management Lisa Houston provided a brief update on the ongoing efforts of the committee, including an update from Chief Information Security Officer Jason Ridgeway on enterprise information security.
- Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Emily Kunchala reported that the external audit of ACS financials for year-end 2025 was successfully completed and accepted by the Committee on Audits and Risk Management.
- Representatives of the Future of Meetings Task Force, Amber Hinkle (Chair), Sheila Murphy, Jarrod Cohen and Young-Shin Jun, provided the final report to the Board. The Task Force was discharged with thanks.
- The Governing Board for Publishing provided updates from interim CAS President Tim Wahlberg and ACS Publications President Jim Milne, including highlights on strategic investments in AI and priorities for 2026.
- Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance Paul Jagodzinski reviewed the Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance.
- Members of the Presidential Succession provided reports on their 2026 initiatives and activities.
- Written reports were reviewed from the 2025 CEO Initiative Fund, Human Resources, Treasurer, Committee on Strategic Alignment, Board of Trustees for the Group Insurance Plans, National Awards Advisory Board, and the Committees on Chemistry and Public Affairs, and Education.

**CHAIR'S REPORT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
June 4-6, 2026**

The ACS Board of Directors met June 4-6, 2026, at ACS headquarters in Washington, DC. On the day prior to the meeting, a group of Board members and staff visited with lawmakers on Capitol Hill to advocate for scientific research funding.

Board Actions

- The Board voted to approve 113 proposals for funding from the Petroleum Research Fund (PRF), totaling \$12,295,000, as recommended by the Board Committee on the Petroleum Research Fund.
- The Board ratified their selection of the recipients of the 2027 Priestley Medal and 2027 Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society.
- The Board approved a resolution celebrating the ACS 150th Anniversary.
- The Board approved a proposal to change the name and duties of its Standing Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations. A new Board Standing Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy and associated charter were approved, effective January 1, 2027.
- Upon a recommendation from the Committee on Fiscal Affairs, the Board increased the budget allocations for members of the Presidential Succession. The allocations were last updated in 2011.

The Board previously approved by interim action the following items approved by Council on March 25, 2026:

- Amendment of the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance
- Chartering an International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Sri Lanka
- Continuance of the Committees on Chemists with Disabilities, and Environment and Sustainability
- Approval of the 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits, with no changes from the 2026 Schedule

Oral Reports

- CEO Albert Horvath and his staff provided organizational updates on current affairs and new initiatives. He highlighted:
 - Progress on the 2026 Organization Objectives
 - Philanthropy Strategy Updates
 - Building a Brand for the Future of ACS
 - CAS and Publications Dashboard
- ACS Treasurer and CFO Emily Kunchala reported on the financial health of the organization. The report highlighted ongoing work in risk assessment, scenario planning, and cost optimization & productivity. For Q1 2026, the ACS financial guidelines have been met.
- Carolyn Ribes, Chair of the Board's Standing Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations, presented highlights of the legislative visits conducted on June 3, 2026.
- Mike Abrams, Chair of the Board's Committee on Corporation Associates (CA), presented highlights, goals, and strategic direction devised from the committee's recent strategic planning retreat.

- Rigoberto Hernandez, ACS President, provided an update on the completion of his Engagement, Advisory, and Advocacy Summit in May 2026. President Hernandez will next assemble a Presidential Task Force to advance initiatives and recommendations arising from the summit.

Board Discussions

The Board participated in several interactive discussions on a number of topics as follows:

- enterprise risk management and the Board's role in oversight of risks
- effectively responding to media and other public inquiries
- proposed expansion and enhancement to the ACS Volunteer and Participant Code of Conduct
- recent feedback and sentiments received from the ACS community

Written Reports

The Board received and reviewed the following written reports:

1. ACS President
2. President-Elect
3. Immediate Past President
4. Committee on Audits and Risk Management
5. Committee on Finance
6. Human Resources Quarterly Update
7. General Counsel
8. Committee on Community Activities
9. Committee on Strategic Alignment
10. Committee on Pensions and Investments
11. Update from the Board of Trustees of the Group Insurance Plans

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Fellow Councilors:

As we reach the midpoint of the year, we continue to advance work that strengthens the value of chemistry and reinforces the reputation of ACS at a time when science is increasingly subject to scrutiny. The activities summarized in this report reflect progress in two strategic areas: elevating the reputation of science through advocacy and public engagement, and delivering innovative solutions through CAS, ACS Publications, and broader member and stakeholder services.

Advocacy and Public Engagement

Since January, ACS has continued to engage U.S. policymakers in Congress and at federal agencies, while also communicating more broadly with the public about the positive impact of chemistry has globally. These activities support the Society's strategic goal of elevating the reputation of science and help position ACS as a credible and constructive voice during a period of heightened politicization of science.

Reports highlighting advocacy activities by our Government Affairs and Communications teams follow. If you have questions about our efforts or would like additional information, I encourage you to reach out to our Government Affairs team at policy@acs.org or our Communications team through Rajendrani Mukhopadhyay, VP of Science Communications, at r_mukhopadhyay@acs.org.

Innovative Solutions

CAS launched CAS Newton in April. CAS Newton is a set of science smart agentic AI capabilities optimized for scientific discovery that is available to users of CAS SciFinder, CAS BioFinder, and CAS IP Finder powered by STN, and is also offered as a standalone solution. CAS also launched CAS Connections, bringing CAS Newton into third-party platforms and extending its reach into external customer workflows. Early adoption is promising and is already generating customer demand.

Additionally, the ACS Publishing Center, a unified manuscript submission platform powered by ChronosHub, is now available across all ACS journals. The platform streamlines the author's experience by consolidating submission workflows into one clear interface, allowing researchers to upload manuscripts, review extracted metadata, and remain engaged throughout the editorial process. More than 85% of authors have rated the submission process as easy or very easy, reflecting strong early acceptance and meaningful progress in improving author service.

This spring also saw the achievement of some key milestones in our innovative solutions. At the start of May, ACS Publications celebrated the inaugural issue of [Environmental Health Perspectives](#). As you'll recall, I shared in March that ACS acquired this journal from the US National Institutes of Science. The inaugural issue featured an introductory editorial by Editor-in-Chief Dr. Joel Kaufman celebrating ACS' relaunch of this highly respected journal and included a mix of article types from a globally diverse set of authors. And, as May ended, the CAS registry® logged its 300th million substance – a potential therapeutic for heart failure by Novartis, assigned CAS Registry Number® 3127848-53-4. Together, these milestones demonstrate continued growth in ACS' scientific content portfolio and data infrastructure.

Sesquicentennial Engagement

ACS continues to use its 150th anniversary as an opportunity to recognize the Society's history, engage members and stakeholders, and connect past accomplishments to present and future scientific priorities.

Anniversary activities include an interactive timeline on the [ACS 150 website](#) and the [ACS150 JACS Symposium Series](#), with events held in multiple locations worldwide. Several events are scheduled for ACS Fall 2026 in Chicago, including an ACS JACS Symposium and other celebrations. Please check the ACS meeting schedule for times and locations.

Conclusion

At midyear, ACS continues to demonstrate meaningful progress against its strategic objectives through advocacy, innovative solutions, and community engagement. We remain in compliance with all five, Board established financial guidelines and our financial position remains strong.

Through the efforts highlighted in this report and all our work on behalf of ACS, we are strengthening the Society's reputation, expanding its scientific impact, and supporting ACS' enduring commitment to improving all lives through the transforming power of chemistry.

Albert G. Horvath

ATTACHED REPORTS

- Government Affairs Activities
- Communications Activities

Government Affairs Activities

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is executing on efforts centered on federal research funding, pro-innovation legislation, regulatory engagement, public policy leadership, coalition partnerships, and reinforcing ACS' role as a leading voice for the chemistry enterprise. Advocacy efforts ensure ACS maintains a visible and credible voice on key science policy issues and strengthens the Society's influence with policymakers and coalition partners.

Additional details about ACS' science advocacy can be found on the [ACS Advocacy website](#) with statements, letters, and federal responses available [here](#).

Key Actions (January – June)

Federal Funding Leadership

- Advocating for robust Fiscal Year 2027 funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF), Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) science programs.
 - An Act4Chemistry campaign in support of Fiscal Year 2027 funding resulted in 681 emails sent to members of Congress.
- Advocating for funding for education research and development (R&D), including the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), the Department of Education's (ED) Education Innovation and Research (EIR) program, data and career-connected learning efforts at the Department of Labor (DOL), and the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Directorates for STEM Education and Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP).
- Supporting investments in EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), as well as science education and workforce research and development.

Policy and Legislative Engagement

- Supporting advance reauthorization of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and modernization of chemicals policy.
- Supported the successful renewal of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.
 - An Act4Chemistry campaign resulted in 465 emails sent to members of Congress urging them to reauthorize these programs.
- Supporting the Safer Choice Program Authorization Act, and federal initiatives in quantum science and emerging technologies.

Regulatory and Agency Influence

- Preparing formal comments on Office of Management and Budget (OMB) proposals affecting federal financial assistance frameworks. Response expected to be submitted by the July 13 deadline.
 - A 45-day extension request sent, both by ACS directly (June 4) and in partnership with other organizations (June 12).

- Act4chemistry campaign sent to ACS Act4Chemistry network and the broader ACS community:
 - Act4Chemistry campaign email open rate: 20.1% (about 1,926 people).
 - ACS community member email open rate: 26.3% (about 35,046 people).
 - More than 300 comments have been submitted through the Act4Chemistry network by the end of June
- ACS is communicating this campaign broadly, including through ACS Matters, other newsletter, social media, and C&EN.
- ACS is working with peer societies on strategic responses and support messaging.
- Responded to federal Requests for Information on artificial intelligence (AI), workforce development, and NSF strategic planning updates.

Public Policy Statements and Institutional Leadership

- Issued statements on major policy and governance matters, including the dismissal of National Science Board members.
- Provided official ACS positions on federal policy proposals, including OMB rulemakings impacting research funding structures.

Communications Activities

Efforts continue to elevate the reputation of science through communications and marketing in line with the American Chemical Society's [2025-2029 Strategic Plan](#). Towards communicating “the positive impact of chemistry on society to strengthen public trust in science,” the ACS Division of Communications and Marketing takes on a multipronged approach to create and share impactful stories about how the work done by scientists influences and shapes the world for better. The stories reach our diverse group of audiences, which include ACS members, journalists covering science at media outlets, and followers of ACS social media accounts, and showcase how ACS is living up to its vision of a world built on science. A few highlights below from the first half of 2026 follow.

- **The ACS 2025 Annual Report now live**
ACS' [2025 Annual Report](#) is now available. The report highlights how ACS builds community, advances science, and delivers impact. It connects our work to the ACS 2025–2029 Strategic Plan, and the momentum built toward ACS' 150th anniversary. The report highlights how ACS supports a global community of more than 260,000 individuals, invests in the next generation of scientists, and advances innovation across ACS Publications, CAS, and our broader scientific enterprise.
- **ACS 150th Anniversary Celebration Impact**
Guided by the theme *Chemistry Is Everything*, ACS is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a year-long program that highlights the essential role of chemistry and the Society's enduring impact on science and society. Key milestones include the ACS150 inaugural keynote address by 2025 Nobel Laureate Dr. Omar Yaghi at ACS Spring 2026 in Atlanta; anniversary celebrations at regional meetings beginning with MARM 2026 in Hershey, PA; the ongoing JACS Symposium Series connecting researchers through eight international events; and the April Founding Day livestream from ACS headquarters, which brought together 701 attendees from 34 countries. Together, these activities are engaging members and the broader global scientific community in celebrating ACS's legacy while looking toward its future. [View the full anniversary content collection here.](#)
- **Support Science Challenge Engages More Than 1,000 Attendees**
At ACS Spring 2026, more than 1,000 attendees participated in the Support Science Challenge at the ACS booth, a multi-part engagement experience designed to encourage advocacy for science and capture perspectives from the chemistry community. Participants completed activities that included sharing messages about the importance of science on the Support Science Wall, recording personal testimonials in a video booth, responding to leadership and science-related prompts at the Support Science kiosk, and writing advocacy letters to policymakers through the Speaking Simply with Congress program. The team also has amplified our advocacy alerts and social media engagements. The initiative generated strong engagement and captured more than 600 attendee stories, providing valuable content and authentic voices that will be incorporated into future ACS marketing and advocacy efforts.
- **ACS Reactions' award-winning streak!**
ACS Reactions, our video series highlighting the chemistry that shapes our world, has won several awards. A video on [how fingers wrinkle in liquids](#) earned the Newsbrief award from the DC Science Writers Association and another video on [what happens if you swallow a watch battery](#) received an honorable mention. A third video, on [new safety precautions for watch batteries](#) was named Best Vertical video by the SCINEMA International Film Festival in Australia. The [series as a whole](#) was awarded a Silver Telly Award in the Creator & Host category, honoring the authenticity of our hosts.

- **Podcast miniseries celebrating ACS' 150 birthday**

This year we introduced a new podcast from ACS called [Chain Reaction](#) that explores how chemistry shapes our world, from the materials we use every day to the environment we depend on. Through conversations with chemists, historians, engineers, and other scientists, each episode of Chain Reaction connects chemistry's history to the discoveries and innovations shaping our future. As part of the ACS' 150th anniversary celebrations, we launched a miniseries called "[Chemistry is Everyone](#)" featuring the 2026 ACS presidential succession with conversations with Dorothy Phillips, Rigoberto Hernandez, and Christina Bodurow. You can find the podcasts on your preferred podcast platform or on [acs.org](#).

- **ACS Spring 2026 Media Attention**

The Science News team issued seven press releases highlighting research presented in Atlanta. Major science, technology, consumer, and international media outlets took notice, with the strongest stories focusing on everyday applications of chemistry and real-world challenges. Research on [touchscreen-compatible nail polish](#), [lead contamination in children's clothing](#), [converting bourbon waste into energy-storage materials](#), and [recycling plastic waste into roads](#) attracted the most attention. Collectively, the releases drew nearly 500 media stories and substantial social media views.

Meeting coverage was further amplified through ACS-produced headline science videos that translated complex research into engaging, shareable content for digital audiences. Social media audiences favored the lead in children's clothing research, while traditional media showed more interest in covering the touchscreen nail polish research. Together, these stories demonstrated chemistry's role in advancing public health, sustainability, and innovation.

- **New ACS Chemical Landmarks**

Two new [landmarks have been added to the collection](#): the [discovery of serotonin](#) (April 28 at the Cleveland Clinic) and [Alfred Bader and Sigma-Aldrich](#) (May 8 at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada). There are two more landmark celebrations scheduled in October: Ira Remsen and the first U.S. chemistry graduate program at Johns Hopkins University, and a secondary ceremony for Alfred Bader and Sigma-Aldrich in Milwaukee.

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COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
Monday, March 23, 2026
Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park, Atlanta, GA

The Council Policy Committee (CPC) of the American Chemical Society met on March 23, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. ET. ACS President Rigoberto Hernandez presided. Other members present for all or part of the meeting were CPC Vice-Chair Matthew Grandbois, Penny Beuning, Christina Bodurow, Raychelle M. Burks, Donna G. Friedman, Lydia E.M. Hines, Martha G. Hollomon, Albert G. Horvath, Elizabeth M. Howson, Kimberly Knight, Sheila M. Murphy, Dorothy J. Phillips, Jason E. Ritchie, Diane Grob Schmidt, Frankie K. Wood-Black, and Kimberly Woznack.

ACS Board Chair, Wayne E. Jones, Jr., and the following Councilors, chairs, or representatives of Society Committees attended the open portion of the meeting: John E. Adams, Jarrod Cohen, Paul Jagodzinski, Ann Kimble-Hill, Brian M. Mathes, Jennifer McCulley, Michael McGinnis, David Myers, and Luke Roberson. Also attending the entire meeting were ACS staff: Tokë Vandervoort, Emily Kunchala, LaTrease E. Garrison, Tiffany Hoerter, Frida King, and Semora Smith. ACS Staff Terri Chambers, Jason Gavenonis, Stephanie Holland, Tarnbir Kaur, Susan Morrissey, Mark O'Brien, Neil Pal, Caroline Trupp Gil, and Amy Yam attended the open meeting.

Subcommittee on Nominations

In closed session, Raychelle Burks, Subcommittee Chair, presented the recommended list of candidates for election to the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E), noting that should CPC approve of the list, each candidate would then be contacted to confirm willingness to run for election by Council and serve on N&E.

1. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to approve the slate of candidates, as presented by the Subcommittee on Nominations, for election to the Committee on Nominations and Elections.
2. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to coordinate with the Committee on Nominations and Elections and the Committee on Committees to avoid duplication with names on the other elected committee slates.

The meeting proceeded in open session with a welcome to the ACS Board Chair, Chairs of Society Committees, Councilors, and staff liaisons.

Inclusion Moment

Penny Beuning reflected on her visit to Atlanta's National Center for Civil and Human Rights, specifically noting that Article 27 of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, "Everyone has the right to participate in and enjoy culture, art and science." She contrasted this with declining enrollments in chemistry, which outpace general undergraduate enrollment sixfold, and shared that the notion of a "real chemist" as an academic researcher in organic or inorganic chemistry creates an in-group/out-group dynamic that is exclusionary and counters the notion of chemistry as the central science.

Consent Agenda

3. Without objection, the Council Policy Committee VOTED to approve the minutes of the CPC meeting held on January 26, 2026.

Subcommittee on Governing Documents

Martha Hollomon, Subcommittee Chair, reported on the Subcommittee on Governing Documents' review and recommendation on actions affecting the ACS Governing Documents that are proposed for the spring 2026 Council meeting. She highlighted the subcommittee's concerns over two aspects of the *Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance*: 1) that there be seamless continuity between the Committee on Budget and Finance and the two committees that would replace it, and 2) that the language amending the Standing Rules describe the role of the succeeding committee with sufficient clarity.

4. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to approve a motion from the floor to concur with the recommendation of the Committee on Committees to amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Martha Hollomon also updated CPC on the subcommittee's deliberations about the *Schedule of Dues and Benefits*. The subcommittee voted to rescind the petition it brought forward to CPC in August 2025 requesting amendments to the Schedule of Dues and Benefits. Additionally, the subcommittee reached consensus that the *Schedule of Dues and Benefits* is not a Governing Document, and, in collaboration with the Secretary, the Committee on Membership Affairs, and the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, will explore how it may be removed from the ACS Governing Documents while maintaining Council approval of the base dues amount.

Council Agenda and Reports

President Hernandez reported that in preparation for the pending meeting of Council, a subgroup of CPC had reviewed all the oral reports, accompanying graphics, and requests for extra time proposed for use by all individuals slated to make an oral presentation to Council.

5. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to approve all reports for Council, as reviewed and recommended by a subgroup of CPC.
6. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to approve a motion from the floor to concur with the recommendation from the Committee on Committees that Council continue the Committees on Analytical Reagents, Constitution and Bylaws, Divisional Activities, Local Section Activities and, subject to the concurrence by the ACS Board of Directors, the Committees on Chemists with Disabilities, and Environment and Sustainability.
7. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to approve the Council agenda for the March 25, 2026, meeting of Council.

Subcommittee on Engagement

Frankie Wood-Black, Subcommittee Chair, reported on attendance and feedback on the subcommittee's spring activities. The pre-spring meeting webinar held on February 26 for new Councilors had 46 attendees overall which included 17 new Councilors and 13 Alternate Councilors. The post-event survey response rate was 33% with a 4.86 out of 5 overall rating. The in-person New Councilor Orientation Program held on March 21 in Atlanta had 29 new Councilors and Alternate Councilors in attendance, with a 41% post-event response rate and a 4.5 out of 5 overall rating. The subcommittee will be working to pair 22 Councilors with a mentor per their request. Discussion among CPC highlighted that the in-person orientation may benefit from a more unstructured time for socialization and networking. The need for consistent language when referring to Zone Councilors was also expressed.

Caucus Task Force

Donna Friedman, Task Force Chair, reported that the Caucus Task Force will begin meeting in April. The group will have representation from the Board of Directors and Committees on Local Section Activities, Divisional Activities, and International Activities. Addressing two of CPC's strategic goals, the group will develop recommendations on how caucuses can be structured to increase Councilor engagement. Discussion among the committee noted that there may be an opportunity for this sort of engagement at regional meetings. She also shared that there was a high level of engagement among the participants for the inaugural Zone Councilor Caucus.

Council Size and Composition Task Force

Kimberly Woznack, Task Force Chair, reported on the charge of the Council Size and Composition Task Force, which will have input from the Committees on Senior Chemists, Younger Chemists, Minority Affairs, and Meetings and Expositions. The group will directly address CPC's strategic goal of examining the size and composition of Council. Discussion among the committee raised several issues for consideration, including term limits, low Councilor participation on committees, the need for data on how other scientific societies have addressed these issues, and the need for a thoughtful assessment of what the minimum viable size for Council might be.

At the conclusion of this report, President Hernandez excused himself from the meeting in order to tend to a Presidential duty. CPC Vice-Chair Matthew Grandbois presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Report of the Vice-Chair

Matthew Grandbois provided an update on progress against the CPC strategic plan, noting that some changes to the caucus structure to foster increased interactivity had already been implemented by the Office of the Secretary. CPC additionally established a presence at the 2026 ACS Leadership Institute, including remarks at the New Committee Chair's track and a display at the resource fair. CPC will also participate in Committee Row during Sci-Mix at the ACS Spring 2026 meeting.

Inclusion and Belonging (I&B) Roundtable

Elizabeth Howson, CPC representative to the I&B Roundtable, provided an update from the meeting held on February 26. This prompted an extensive discussion informative to the work of the new CPC task forces, including the notion of psychological safety both at caucuses and as Zone Councilors become integrated

into Council, with a particular emphasis on cultural awareness, humility, and the culture-specific meaning of terms such as “professionalism.” This framing was shared as being of particular importance as CPC considers the size and composition of Council.

Informational Items for CPC

Vice-Chair Grandbois called the committee members’ attention to informational items in the agenda book, including the current budget reports for CPC and Council, and a status report on the Councilor Attendance Allotment. The schedule of governance activities for the fall 2026 meeting that will be held in Chicago was announced as follows:

Board of Directors Open Meeting	Sunday, August 23
Council Policy Committee Meeting	Monday, August 24
Council Meeting	Wednesday, August 26

New Business

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m. ET.

Kimberly A. Knight
Secretary

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL SERVICE
Council Meeting, August 26, 2026

Fifteen (15) Years

Rodney Bennett	Agrochemicals	(2012-2026)
Peter Bonk	Rhode Island	(2012-2026)
Eric Bosch	Ozark	(2012-2026)
Huw M.L. Davies	Organic	(2012-2026)
Ella L. Davis	Philadelphia	(2012-2026)
Gregory Ferrence	Illinois Heartland	(2012-2026)
Gregory P. Foy	Southeastern Pennsylvania	(2012-2026)
Lisa A. Hoferkamp	Alaska	(2012-2026)
Jan Kolakowski	Maryland	(2012-2026)
Joshua J. Pak	Idaho	(2012-2026)
David M. Wallace	San Diego	(2012-2026)
Linette Watkins	Virginia	(2014-2026)
	Central Texas	(2012-2013)
Dean C. Webster	Polymeric Mtrls: Sci & Eng	(2012-2026)

Twenty (20) Years

Bruce Bursten	Ex Officio	(2007-2026)
H. N. Cheng	Ex Officio	(2020-2026)
	Polymer Chemistry	(2004-2012)
	Delaware	(2000-2003)
Roger Egolf	History of Chemistry	(2011-2026)
	Lehigh Valley	(2001-2003; 2009-2010)
Carmen Gauthier	Florida	(2007-2026)
John Gavenonis	Delaware	(2007-2026)
L. Kraig Steffen	Western Connecticut	(2005-2007; 2010-2026)
Sanda P. Sun	Orange County	(2007-2026)
Mark Thomson	Western Michigan	(2007-2026)

Twenty-Five (25) Years

Russell W. Johnson	Chicago	(2001-2013; 2015-2026)
James M. Landis	Detroit	(2001-2026)
Jason E. Ritchie	Ole Miss	(2002-2026)
Diane Grob Schmidt	Ex Officio	(2002-2010; 2014-2026)
	Professional Relations	(2012-2013)
	Chemical Health & Safety	(2001)
Michael Singer	Northeastern	(1998-2001; 2005-2019; 2021-2026)

Thirty (30) Years

Richard S. Danchik	Pittsburgh	(1992; 1997-2018; 2020-2026)
Kevin J. Edgar	Cellulose & Renewable Materials	(2008-2026)
	Northeast Tennessee	(1997-2007)
Wayne E. Jones, Jr.	Ex Officio	(2018-2026)
	Binghamton	(1997-2017)
Peter Zarras	Mojave Desert	(1997-2026)

Thirty-Five (35) Years

V. Dean Adams
Neil D. Jespersen

Bonnie Lawlor

Environmental Chemistry
New York
Ex Officio
Chemical Information
Ex Officio

(1992-2026)
(1991-2009; 2014-2026)
(2010-2012)
(1992-2021)
(2024-2026)

Forty-Five (45) Years

E. Ann Nalley

Ex Officio
Wichita Falls-Duncan

(2005-2026; 1997-2003)
(1981-1997)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

This report reflects the major activities of the Committee on Committees (ConC) since the last Council meeting.

In April, upon the vote of Council, the ACS Board of Directors approved the Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance to the Committee on Fiscal Affairs. The Board also approved the continuation of the Committees on Chemists with Disabilities and Environment and Sustainability.

In May, ACS President-Elect Christina Bodurow approved the recommendations for the 2027 Chairs of the Society Committees that report to Council, as follows:

- Analytical Reagents (**appointment**) – Robert Kramer
- Chemical Technical Professionals (**appointment**) – Michelle Rivard
- Constitution and Bylaws (reappointment) – John Adams
- Divisional Activities (reappointment) – Jarrod Cohen
- Economic and Professional Affairs (reappointment) – Bhaskar Venepalli
- Ethics (**appointment**) – Mark Cesa
- Local Section Activities (reappointment) – Luke Roberson
- Meetings and Expositions (reappointment) – Varnika Roy
- Membership Affairs (reappointment) – Jennifer McCulley
- Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols (reappointment) – Ivona Sasimovich Macor
- Project SEED (reappointment) – Emily Smith

The President-Elect is responsible for approving these specific Society Committee positions that become effective during their Presidential year. The recommendations for appointment and reappointment of members, associates, and consultants for these committees will be approved by the President-Elect in early November. The appointment and reappointment of Chairs, members, associates, and consultants of the Society Committees that report to both the Board and Council are approved jointly by the President-Elect and 2027 Board Chair in late November.

At its closed executive sessions in August, conducted in both virtual and hybrid formats, ConC will receive updates from its Subcommittees on Leadership Development; Committee Systems and Structure; and Inclusion and Belonging, as well as from the working group on Committee Appointment Systems Improvement. With the deadline for ACS members to submit the Committee Preference Form having passed on July 6, ConC will also begin the process of developing recommendations for 2027 appointments to all Society Committees.

Councilors and other interested members are invited to attend ConC's virtual open meeting on Wednesday, August 5 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET to offer their views on any topics on the agenda, or other matters of interest. If you are interested in attending, please contact secretary@acs.org.

Brian M. Mathes, Chair

Allison Aldridge
Jeanne Berk
Christina Bodurow
Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks
William F. Carroll, Jr.
Anna Cavinato
Mary Engelman

Carmen Valdez Gauthier
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Daniel Rabinovich
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Lori R. Stepan

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Assistant Staff Liaison: Alicia E. Harris

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE
Council Meeting, August 26, 2026

The following committee chairs have served the statutory limit or have otherwise completed their service on the committee they chair in 2026.

Tom Tyner	Analytical Reagents
Partha Basu	Chemists with Disabilities
Brian Mathes	Committees
Steven Moss	Environment and Sustainability
Glenn Larkin	Ethics
Michael McGinnis	International Activities
Comfort Boateng	Minority Affairs
Kevin Edgar	Nominations and Elections
Young-Shin Jun	Science
Joseph Houck	Younger Chemists

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) is committed to providing transparent information about its work and processes while fulfilling its responsibilities on behalf of the Society and its members. N&E encourages all ACS members to visit www.acs.org/elections to [submit nominations](#) and learn more about [service opportunities and voter eligibility](#).

The committee extends its sincere appreciation to Councilors, governance volunteers, and ACS members for submitting nominations for Zone Councilors, elected committee positions, and Board roles. These nominations are highly valued and are carefully reviewed and considered throughout the slate development process. N&E encourages continued participation and welcomes suggestions of qualified candidates for ACS elected offices through the [ACS nominations form](#).

Earlier this year, N&E developed candidate slates for the Council Policy Committee (CPC) and the Committee on Committees (ConC). Councilors will be asked to elect members of these committees during the fall Council meeting in Chicago, Illinois. N&E will formally announce the election results for these committees during its oral report to Council. N&E also developed candidate slates for Zone Councilors for the 2027–2029 term, who will be voted upon as noted below.

Balloting for the offices of President-Elect, Directors-at-Large, Director (District III), Director (District VI), and Zone Councilors will take place during the fall election, which opens on Monday, September 14 and closes on Friday, October 9. ACS members residing within a given Zone who are not affiliated with an ACS Local Section as of August 14, 2026, are eligible to vote for that Zone’s Councilors.

At its fall meeting, N&E will finalize slates of potential candidates for the offices of President-Elect (2028), Director-at-Large (2028–2030), and Directors representing Districts I, V, and the International District (2028–2030). N&E will also host a town hall for candidates for Director-at-Large (2027–2029), which will take place on Sunday, August 23 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. CT at the Marriott Marquis Chicago in Grand Horizon B.

On Thursday, September 10, N&E will co-sponsor the Committee on Younger Chemists’ (YCC) “Catalyze the Vote” event, providing a virtual opportunity to meet the candidates for ACS President-Elect (2027). The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. ET.

Kevin Edgar, Chair

Amber Charlebois
Debbie Crans
Holly Davis
Peter Dorhout
Jetty Duffy-Matzner
Kelly Elkins
Arlene Garrison
Jennifer Hollingsworth
Alison Hyslop

Jingbo Louise Liu
Zaida Morales-Martinez
Donivan Porterfield
Gregory Tew
Ellene Tratras Contis
Kathryn Uhrich
Don Warner
Linette Watkins
Peter Zarras

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Assistant Staff Liaison: Frida King

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS (MAC)

The ACS Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC) prioritizes ensuring a vibrant, relevant, and useful membership for chemical scientists and engineers worldwide. Through market tests, research, member surveys, and simulations, we gather insights to refine membership options and meet the evolving needs of our diverse community. We strive to balance sustainable growth with value-enhancement strategies to benefit all members. We are pleased to present this report and invite Councilors' feedback.

MAC is proud to have recently chartered a new market test pilot, providing the opportunity for members and non-members to purchase a Lifetime Membership. This exciting opportunity will be rolled out to a select audience through a deliberate and intentional process, ensuring that those participating in the pilot understand the product cost, value, and benefits that come with this new membership option. We thank and acknowledge ACS President Rigoberto Hernandez who has championed this effort. MAC is committed to supporting the philosophy of “once a member, always a member”.

MAC has begun to review and draft the 2028 Schedule of Dues and Benefits for further review by the Council Policy Committee (CPC), Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B), and Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA). MAC does not anticipate proposing any changes to ACS membership dues or structure for the 2028 Schedule which will be brought to Council for approval at ACS spring 2027.

ACS is excited to announce the launch of the ACS Mentorship Program, designed to support chemists and chemical scientists at every stage of their educational and professional journeys. The first program offering, a Graduate Student Mentorship Program, will provide students with opportunities to connect with peers and mentors through small mentoring cohorts, gain career insights that extend beyond the lab, and build strong relationships that support their educational and professional paths. Participants will engage using a state-of-the-art platform designed to connect them with mentors and peers based on their goals over the course of the 6-month program. Future program offerings include an Undergraduate Student Mentorship Program, as well as an Industry Mentorship Program. More information, including application open & close dates for the graduate program will be announced soon! Contact mentorship@acs.org for more information.

MAC has also sustained ongoing progress in evaluating member engagement and assessing areas of risks for member drop off, including key transition points throughout individual career arcs. MAC continues to focus on student and early-career member growth while developing new ways to create value for our core professional membership demographic. Using MAC's strategic plan, the committee's ongoing commitment to improving user experience and finding new ways to engage with members. MAC is currently reviewing and updating the [ACS Membership Recruitment and Engagement Toolkit](#) and will notify Council once completed.

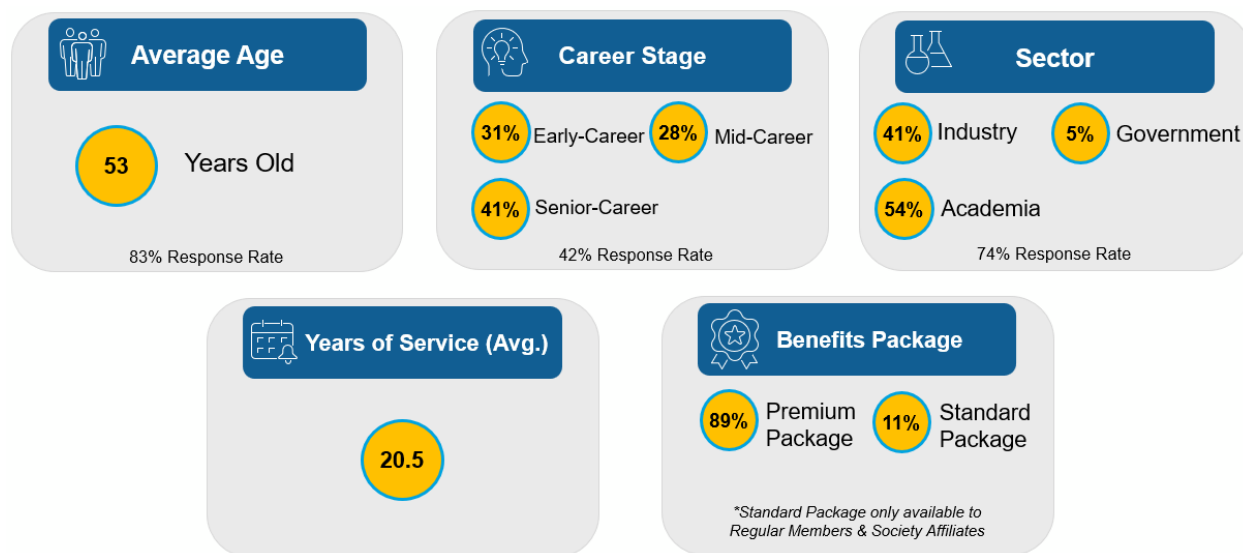
As part of MAC's ongoing effort to focus on member engagement, and in conjunction with ACS's 150th anniversary in 2026, MAC requests Council's partnership in transforming our aspirations into reality by supporting our long-term vision of increasing our member and Society Affiliate count to 150,000. Council is reminded of the [Membership Referral Program](#) that provides an easy, incentivized, online way for members and Society Affiliates to onboard new members at a discount. As we approach the end of 2026, we also humbly ask for Council's help by reminding their communities that for many, it is time to renew. For those facing economic or other hardship, ACS has resources and membership waivers to lower the barrier to engagement.

As of May 31, 2026, the total ACS Community including members, Student Members, Society Affiliates, and Community Associates was 277,743. MAC is closely monitoring a noticeable decline in members, driven mostly by a decline in US-based Regular Members. MAC is investigating several hypotheses including the impact of global driving factors that are unfortunately beyond the Society's control. MAC and staff will collaborate closely to mitigate the decline and position the Society to serve its members through value-driven engagement and access to resources. Specific efforts will be focused on collecting member feedback and enhancing messaging to promote renewal, retention, and resources for those facing hardship. MAC reminds all ACS members of the unique role they play in ensuring a vibrant ACS. Personal networking with potential members and sharing anecdotes about the value that you find in ACS is a strong incentive to become, and remain, an ACS member.

Category	May 31, 2025	May 31, 2026
Members	99,201	97,294
Society Affiliates	2,282	1,744
Community Associates	144,622	178,705
Total	246,105	277,743

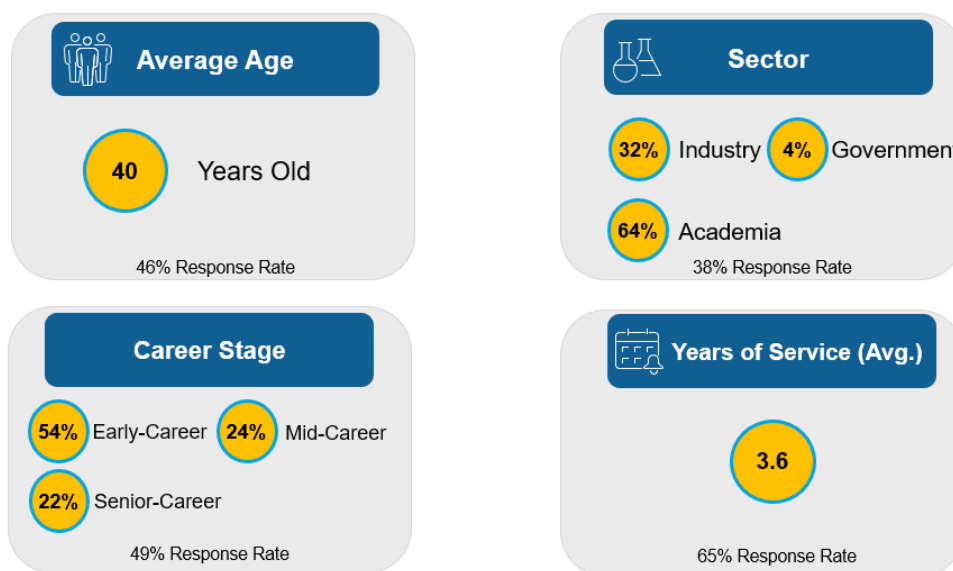
The following infographics provide a snapshot of the average ACS Member and Community Associate. These, and other metrics including profiles and personas of specific member segments including undergraduate/graduate students and early-career professionals, will help better position the Society for long-term sustainability.

Average ACS Member and Society Affiliate



Data from MEMBERS, STUDENT MEMBERS, and Society Affiliates is reflected.
Demographic %s are only reflective of those who have voluntarily provided responses;
% of population with data is reflected, above (no info = 100%).

Average Community Associate



Demographics not representative of entire CA population.
% of Community Associates with collected data is reflected above, where applicable.

Retention Rates	May 31, 2025	May 31, 2026	12-Month
Undergraduates	37.8%	36.8%	39.9%
Graduates	52.4%	50.3%	54.7%
All Members and Society Affiliates*	73.4%	70.1%	72.8%

*Excludes Community Associates and emeritus members.

MAC is also pleased to report on the status of our ongoing market tests, which have helped both ensure membership growth during the last few years and provide the necessary information to allow this deliberative body to make data-informed decisions.

Market Test Category	Offer and Conditions	May 31, 2026
Complimentary National Dues Discounts	No-cost membership for those receiving an award or other recognition, and no-cost membership bundled with other products/services (i.e. CAS, Publications, Education/Events).	1,976
Introductory Acquisition National Dues Discounts	Discounted membership to non-members through targeted marketing outreach and/or event engagements.	1,881
Community Associate Upgrade National Dues Discounts	Similar to introductory acquisition discounts but targeted specifically to the ACS Community Associate population. Discounts incentivize upgrade (or reinstatement) to member	126
Targeted Renewal National Dues Discounts	Discount efforts to encourage member retention and renewal, through targeted campaigns and/or at events	164

Councilors, members and associates of ACS committees, and other volunteer leaders are invited to attend MAC's open meeting taking place on **Sunday, August 23 at 1:00 p.m. CT** (Marriott Marquis Chicago / Hybrid) to hear more details about membership data, working groups' activities, and updates to MAC's vision for ACS 150 and beyond. Contact mac@acs.org for meeting information.

Finally, MAC looks forward to hearing from you directly about your experiences and the experiences of your constituents. Please share with us via email at mac@acs.org. Thank you for all that you do for our Society.

Jennifer McCulley, Chair

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEETINGS AND EXPOSITIONS

The Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E) is putting creative thinking and collaboration at the forefront of meeting planning. With a focus on adding value to the ACS meeting experience, M&E's goal is to ensure ACS curates meetings in which engagement is in abundance, relevant, and valuable, such that participants leave each experience with a desire to attend the next meeting too.

M&E Strategic Plan 2024-2027

Vision: Meetings that advance the global chemistry enterprise

Mission: Provide premiere meeting venues and platforms to amplify interdisciplinary chemical sciences and networking that are accessible and inclusive for all.

Goals:

1. Increase participation and interaction on the Expo floor.
2. Optimize the attendee experience to broaden participation in meetings.
3. Provide guidance and support to regional meeting local organizing committees and regional boards to enhance the participant experience.

M&E Subcommittees

Exposition (Expo) Subcommittee

Mission: To have expositions at the national meetings that are valuable for both attendees and exhibitors which are financially supportive of the national meetings. Thus, the Expo Subcommittee leads Strategic Goal 1 for M&E. The subcommittee is organizing more events at the Expo to drive foot traffic and bring in decision-makers from key organizations.

Attendee Experience Subcommittee

Mission: To help elevate the attendee experience such that the true value is realized in sharing scientific information, networking, professional development and community involvement at national meetings. Thus, the Attendee Experience Subcommittee leads Strategic Goal 2 for M&E. The first-time attendee orientation webinar and breakfast series led by this subcommittee have proven highly successful based on engagement and survey feedback and will continue.

Regional Meetings Subcommittee

Mission: To provide oversight, guidance, and support to regional meeting organizing committees and their region boards. Thus, the Regional Meetings Subcommittee leads Strategic Goal 3 for M&E.

Each of the three subcommittees has set new goals and planned events to deepen industry engagement and grow industrial members.

ACS Spring 2026

The success of ACS Spring 2026 is the outcome of the meeting's attendee centric construct and its comprehensive list of events. Whether participating virtually or in-person in Atlanta, attendees were able to curate programs to include technical sessions that shared forward looking research, division-specific and enterprise-wide networking engagements, and interactions with exhibitors who demonstrated innovative technology and services. Added to this was the meeting's robust digital program, including international, divisional, and on-demand components.

ACS Spring 2026 by the Numbers

12,653 In-Person Attendees
1,040 Virtual Participants
1,974 International Attendees
5,287 First-Time Registrants
2,213 Memberships Purchased

At the spring 2026 meeting, there was a continuation of new events that have been piloted over the last two years, along with new pilots as we continue to reimagine the ACS meetings. Highlights included:

- The Priestley Awards Medalist Address and Board Open Session as the new opening plenary
- A special ACS150 Keynote Address delivered by Dr. Omar Yaghi
- The ACS Connect Happy Hour was held with attendees joining to network
- First-Time Attendee Orientations (webinar and in-person session) were held successfully to help participants get valuable tips on navigating a successful meeting.
- Activations such as the puppy lounge, basketball games, and a wellness lounge featuring message therapists, were hosted by ACS on the Expo floor and continued to increase participation
- Continued with the pilot of the Buyer Power Hour (Invite Only) in the Expo
- Reduced hotel usage and maximized use of ChemPods for sessions to optimize the meeting footprint
- An ACS150 Anniversary community service project was held in collaboration with Watershed Atlanta
- The ACS Digital Meeting encompassing the Global Virtual Symposia, Virtual Graduate Students Symposia in Asia-Pacific Region, Division/Committee Technical Sessions and Professional Development sessions in global time zones.



Expo Opening, ACS Spring 2026



Kids Zone, ACS Spring 2026

The spring 2026 attendee feedback survey received a 91% satisfaction score, increasing from an 87% satisfaction score in spring 2025.

ACS Fall 2026

Whether attending in-person, digitally, or a combination of the two, M&E is ready for you to engage with the science community. The in-person technical program will now begin on Monday, August 24 and conclude on Thursday, August 27. At present, registrants represent 72 countries outside of the US. The meeting will offer original programming hosted (and co-hosted) by 31 ACS Divisions and 10 ACS committees, including the president (PRES).

A total of 10,370 papers were accepted, including 5,255 in-person oral presentations and 956 digital oral presentations, and 4,206 poster presentations, which include 961 Sci-Mix presentations. Program chairs collaborated to develop 144 oral in-person joint sessions during the fall 2026 meeting.

The ACS Fall 2026 Digital Meeting offers live virtual sessions and will continue to target a broader global audience. The digital meeting will ensure a diverse lineup of speakers, with representation across gender, geography, career stages, and institutional backgrounds. In person attendees will have full access to all digital meeting sessions, and the opening plenary and Kavli sessions will continue to be broadcast on the digital meeting platform. Other digital sessions will not be streamed. Digital meeting sessions are scheduled from Sunday – Thursday: 4:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. (current in-person time zone).

Included among a long list of highlights is the 2026 ChemLuminary Awards and ACS Board Open Session being held on Sunday, August 23 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. as the ACS fall meeting opening plenary. This year's ceremony will feature a keynote address by Ping Furlan, recipient of the 2026 Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society. Following the keynote address, various Society Committees will recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of our dedicated volunteers who are committed to improving all lives through the transforming power of chemistry. The event will begin with a poster session from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and culminate in the ACS Connect Reception from 6:30 –8:30 p.m., where we will continue our celebration of the finalists and winners.

Highlights:

- Kavli Lectures
 - The Kavli Foundation Emerging Leader in Chemistry will be presented by Prof. Connor W. Coley.
 - The Kavli Foundation Innovations in Chemistry Lecture will be presented by John C. Warner.
- A special ACS 150th Keynote Lecture presented on Wednesday, August 26 by Nobel Laureate M. Stanley Whittingham
- First-time Attendee Orientation on Sunday, August 23
- ACS Connect Reception (two hours) on Sunday, August 23
- Sci-Mix on Monday, August 24
- Heroes of Chemistry Awards and Banquet on Tuesday, August 25
- ACS150 JACS Symposium: Chemistry is Everything on Tuesday, August 25
- Green Chemistry Challenge Awards on Wednesday, August 26
- Expo Pharma Zone Pilot
- Enhancements and Upgrades for fall 2026- Available for purchase through registration
 - Chicago Bus Tour, Sunday, August 23
 - Sound Bath, Monday, August 24
 - Registration Refund Program
 - Additional drink tickets for Connect Happy Hour and Sci-Mix
 - ACS Connect Reception Drink Ticket
 - Convention Center Food and Beverage Concession Vouchers
 - Extra ACS Connect Reception Guest Access

ACS Spring 2027

Plans are in full swing. The ACS Spring 2027 meeting will be held in-person in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 21-25. The digital meeting will be a standalone meeting beginning in 2027. The deadline to submit an abstract is September 28, 2026, and presenters will receive acceptance notices in December. Registration will also open in December 2026. ACS will continue to host the Priestley Medalist Award Address and Board Open Session on Sunday, March 21, as the opening plenary with a one-hour ACS Connect Happy Hour.

Regional Meeting Support

Members of the M&E Subcommittee on Regional Meetings continue to be proactive in their outreach to region boards and regional meeting organizers. At least one Regional Meetings Subcommittee member is slated to attend each region board meeting in 2026.

The [ACS Regional Meetings Resource Portal](#) is set up to provide the latest resources, regional meetings contacts, and calendar to regional meeting organizers. Resources include information on:

- Planning a Regional Meeting
- Setting Up & Tracking a Budget
- Programming & Abstract Management
- Meeting Registration
- Marketing & Meeting Sponsorship

In May, the Middle Atlantic (MARM) Regional Meeting was found to be enjoyable and valuable by many ACS members. M&E encourages you to attend one of the regional meetings still upcoming in June, October, and November.

2026 Regional Meeting Calendar

Meeting	Dates	Location	Local Section Host(s)
Northwest Regional Meeting (NORM)	June 28- July 1	Boise, Idaho	Snake River
Midwest Regional Meeting (MWRM)	October 25-27	Manhattan, Kansas	Kansas State University
Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS)	November 4-7	Memphis, Tennessee	Memphis
Central Regional Meeting (CERM)	November 15-17	Convington, Kentucky	Cincinnati
Southwest Regional Meeting (SWRM)	November 16-19	Fort Worth, Texas	Dallas-Fort Worth

ACS is also organizing a wide array of specialty events in 2026.

Varnika Roy, Chair

Alvin F. Bopp
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

On January 29-30, 2026, the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) held its fourth generation Strategic Planning Retreat (SPR). The outcome of this two-day retreat was an updated mission and vision statement (see below), updated core values, and a new CEPA Strategic Plan with three goals and total of nine strategies. During CEPA's spring meeting in Atlanta, GA on March 21, 2026, in connection with the ACS spring 2026 meeting, committee members volunteered for the strategies of their choice, and a strategic dashboard was created to track progress.

- **New Vision Statement:** Fulfilling professional lives for all scientists
- **New Mission Statement:** To advocate for and empower scientists to achieve their professional ambitions

During the CEPA spring meeting a committee tagline was developed and approved – “*CEPA: Catalyzing Your Career Success.*” CEPA believes that this new tagline will help better promote its suite of career-related programs, products, and services to ACS members. CEPA is planning for a marketing campaign to promote this with a reception in conjunction with the spring 2027 meeting and network with relevant committees.

CEPA realizes the importance of ongoing training for its roster of 100+ certified ACS Career Consultants. On Sunday, March 22, CEPA, in partnership with ACS staff and ACS Career Consultants, oversaw a training course for all consultants in Atlanta. This four-hour training, created for and with ACS Career Consultants, covered topics such as communication essentials and incorporating LinkedIn into job seeking strategy. This training module will be offered again on Sunday, August 23 at the fall meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

CEPA continues to provide oversight for the ACS Career Fair, which took place at the ACS Exposition from March 23-25, where 30 ACS Career Consultants conducted 459 personal career consultations and facilitated 34 Career Pathways workshops with 830 attendees. The fair also included a professional photographer taking headshots, an immigration attorney conducting individual consultations and workshops, a networking area with games/activities, seven actively hiring employers with booths, and short career talks and panel discussions.

Looking ahead, CEPA is focused on completing our strategic plan, promoting its new committee tagline, and preparing for our next hybrid meeting during the fall meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIVISIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) is pleased to continue celebrating 150 years of the American Chemical Society. We are proud to see many of our divisions celebrating the history of our Society and the successes of all 32 of our Divisions, which serve our community. DAC is proud to have already started work on our newly approved strategic plan. Through our vision of Thriving divisions; Empowered members; Global impact; and mission to Promote, connect, and support divisions to foster chemistry communities, we aim to ensure Divisions remain a core part of ACS for the next 150 years.

The Membership Engagement Subcommittee has initiated several efforts to better understand and enhance divisional membership. A Division town hall will be held with ACS leaders in July to discuss the current state and future of divisional membership, including opportunities to strengthen recruitment, retention, and overall value. DAC is also engaging with the ACS branding team to elevate the visibility of Divisions and better connect with prospective members. In parallel, surveys are being deployed to assess the value proposition of Divisions and identify key drivers of membership. Additionally, the Division Spotlight initiative continues to connect Divisions with ACS members by highlighting their activities, benefits, and opportunities for engagement at the spring and fall meetings.

The Divisional Operations Subcommittee continues to strengthen infrastructure and resources to support Divisions. The Division Officers' Toolkit has been updated to provide enhanced guidance and shareable resources for Division leadership. In addition, DAC is actively evaluating changes to the divisional allocation formula to better align funding with divisional activities and impact; a proposed framework is expected to be brought forward for Council action in 2027.

The Program Enhancement Subcommittee is pleased to partner with the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA) on a new initiative designed to more rapidly connect subject matter experts within Divisions to the ACS Government Affairs Office. DAC also continues to advance joint and innovative programming across ACS meetings through the implementation of a new half-day session allocation formula. In collaboration with the Committee on Science (COMSCI), DAC is working to promote innovative programming formats and advance community-based programming that enhances member engagement and interdisciplinary collaboration.

DAC appreciates the continued leadership and partnership of Divisions in advancing the mission of ACS and strengthening our scientific community. We look forward to building on this momentum and sharing continued progress with Council at future meetings.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHEMISTRY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA) continued its work to ensure that chemistry informs public policy and that members are equipped to engage effectively and responsibly. This report highlights that work in partnership with various units to strengthen policy infrastructure, expand member advocacy, and help communities respond to a changing science policy environment.

Policy Subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended that the Visa and Immigration policy statement remain unchanged and recommended writing groups to revise the Science and Technology in the Budget statement and the Competitive U.S. Business Climate statement. These statements support advocacy for sustained federal research investment, innovation, workforce development, U.S. competitiveness, and a strong chemistry enterprise.

The subcommittee also continues to build a subject-matter-expert network. ACS Government Affairs staff often have only 4-6 weeks to respond to congressional and federal agency Requests For Information (RFI). Subcommittee members are working closely with the Committee on Divisional Activities on the emerging "spider web" model to help the Society quickly identify members who can contribute to RFIs and other emerging policy needs.

***Request to Councilors:** CCPA asks Councilors to help each Local Section and Division designate one policy point of contact to help identify members who can describe how proposed policy affects chemistry in local communities, workplaces, institutions, industries, and regions.

Fellowships Subcommittee. The subcommittee selected Katherine Yan and Katherine Mossberg as the 2026-2027 Public Policy Fellows, continuing the Society's mechanism for bringing chemistry expertise into public decision-making. The report from Sarah Ackenhusen, 2025-2026 ACS Congressional fellow, to the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology, showed how science policy recommendations can move through bipartisan and bicameral pathways when tied to shared national priorities. She also briefed on current congressional approaches to biotechnology, biomanufacturing, national security, economic competitiveness, and workforce needs. This work underscored the value of our fellows translating technical information into policy-relevant analysis and legislative decision-making.

***Request to Councilors:** CCPA asks Councilors to share information about the Public Policy Fellowship Program with members and professional networks, and to encourage peer scientists with varied technical backgrounds and professional experiences to apply (www.acs.org/policyfellow). Email ccpa@acs.org if you would like to invite public policy fellows to speak to your committee, Division, or Local Section.

Member Engagement Subcommittee. The subcommittee works on developing tools to support ACS members for effective and responsible policy engagement. The subcommittee continued its policy-focused Zoominar series, with sessions on the Vision for American Science and Technology report, federal research funding, the return on investment of federal R&D, and the U.S. business climate for the chemical industry.

The Society also sponsored two students for the AAAS undergraduate and graduate student focused Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering Workshop to learn from science policy and advocacy experts about the role of science in policymaking and the federal policymaking process, as well as meetings with their elected officials. More than 40 students applied, and CCPA volunteers helped review applications.

Another effort to help ACS members distill their science for a policy audience took place at the ACS Government Affairs "Speaking Simply" table in the ACS spring 2026 Georgia World Congress Center, where more than 200 attendees practiced and wrote postcards to their members of Congress emphasizing the importance of science funding. CCPA members joined other volunteers to coach ACS members, and President Hernandez hand-delivered postcards to Capitol Hill as part of the ACS 150th anniversary celebration.

***Request to Councilors:** CCPA asks Councilors to direct members to -

- Advocacy workshops: <https://www.acs.org/policy/memberadvocacy/acs-advocacy-workshops.html>
- Take Action page: <https://www.acs.org/policy/memberadvocacy/issues.html>
- C&EN BrandLab E-Series: https://www.acs.org/policy/acs-science-and-policy-e-series.html?sc=260209_ad_sponsorcontent_GovAffairsE-Series_bnr_brandlab_advLP

Stop by the CCPA table at Sci-Mix Committee Row for interactive resources to learn more about advocacy, Government Affairs, and opportunities for members to engage in advocacy work.

Looking Ahead. CCPA will continue advancing targeted policy statement revisions, strengthening the subject-matter-expert network, supporting the Public Policy Fellowship ecosystem, and expanding member pathways for advocacy. In August, CCPA will hold a strategic planning retreat to develop the next three-year plan, assess progress under the 2022-2025 plan, and identify emerging policy and advocacy needs. CCPA will also contribute to activities of the Presidential Task Force on Engagement, Advisory, and Advocacy, including support for a virtual town hall focused on strengthening ACS advisory and advocacy strategies.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The June 1, 2026, edition of the ACS Governing Documents is available at www.acs.org/govdocs along with a detailed summary of changes.

Since its hybrid spring meeting, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B), acting for the Council, has issued certified bylaws to six units, specifically four Local Sections (Illinois-Iowa, Michigan State University, Philadelphia, and Western Michigan), one Division (History of Chemistry), and one International Chemical Sciences Chapter (Sri Lanka). The up-to-date collection of certified unit bylaws is available at www.acs.org/govdocs (click on unit bylaws).

There are no petitions to amend the Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules up for action by Council at the fall 2026 meeting.

To update a unit's current bylaws, C&B recommends the use of either the corresponding model bylaws template or the online questions form; both methods will yield the same results. These documents and other useful information (e.g., all certified bylaws, status reports, and links to other documents) are available at www.acs.org/govdocs. Contact C&B at bylaws@acs.org for assistance with updating your unit's bylaws.

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Chief Executive Officer (via bylaws@acs.org) by **December 2** to be included in the Council agenda for the spring 2027 meeting in New Orleans, LA. C&B recommends that all draft petitions be sent to C&B at least two months before this deadline to allow the committee sufficient time to ensure that petition requirements are met and that the wording is in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents. Guidelines for amending the Constitution and Bylaws and guidelines for amending the Standing Rules are included with the ACS Governing Documents at www.acs.org/govdocs.

ACS members are invited to attend C&B's open meeting on Sunday, August 23, from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. CT. The committee will give a brief status report and will be happy to respond to any questions. You may also contact C&B directly at bylaws@acs.org.

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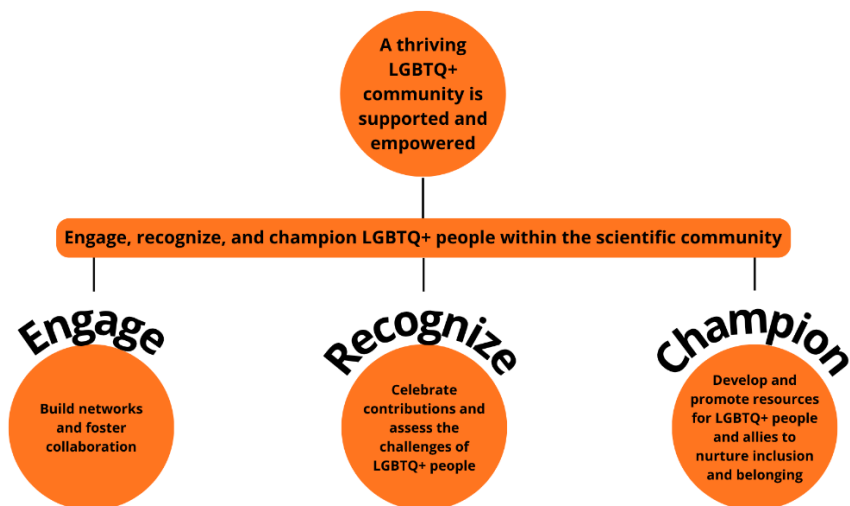
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF LGBTQ+ CHEMISTS

The Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists (CALC) held its first meeting on Saturday, March 21, which focused on acquainting members with ACS structure and governance as well as team building. The committee met again following the spring 2026 meeting for a strategic planning retreat on June 6-7, 2026, in Chicago where a first-generation strategic plan was drafted along with implementation strategies (see summary below). In a virtual meeting on June 22, we met to discuss a proposal on the structure and positions within the committee, with final approval and subcommittee appointments to be made in mid-to-late July. A *C&EN* comment article by the Chair was also published on June 29.



The committee will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, August 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We will also be hosting a reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, where our open session will be held. The reception will take place at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Room W-179A* (subject to any relocations by the venue). The committee will be participating in Committee Row at Sci-Mix on Monday, August 24 from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. In addition, the Chair will be available for introductions and questions upon request. Questions or comments can also be sent to our staff liaison at v_fuentes@acs.org.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANALYTICAL REAGENTS

The ACS Committee on Analytical Reagents (CAR) establishes chemical reagent specifications as well as analytical procedures for determining the purity of reagent grade chemicals. These are required by any company using or testing for the highest chemical purity. Committee members create and revise this information as needed to ensure the direction is state of the art. The electronic publication, [*ACS Reagent Chemicals: Specifications and Procedures for Reagent and Standard-Grade Reference Materials*](#), houses this information and expands and evolves the content by direction of the committee. Members include representatives of commercial chemical manufacturers, standard organizations, academia, government agencies and users of reagent grade chemicals.

CAR convenes in formal sessions biannually. Sessions include meetings of the full committee and its subcommittees, over one and a half days. The committee currently includes four subcommittees: the Organic Subcommittee; the Inorganic Subcommittee; the New Reagent Subcommittee, and the Validation Subcommittee. The most recent meeting was conducted in a hybrid format on March 21 and 22 in Atlanta, Georgia, as part of the ACS Spring 2026 meeting.

The output of the collaborative working relationship with the ACS Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) completed publication in December 2025. There are 434 ACS Reagent Grade chemical specifications found in [*ACS Reagent Chemicals: Specifications and Procedures for Reagent and Standard-Grade Reference Materials*](#), the digital reference overseen by the committee, that now include safety information in alignment with current safety standards. Each monograph has the appropriate GHS signal word, pictograms, and links to PubChem and CAMEO Chemicals.

Additionally, during the past 12 months, 12 monographs have been updated, and four corrections have been made due to customer feedback. There are 13 monographs in the process of being updated this year and will be available for publication by the end of 2026. Also, four new monographs regarding biological buffers are in the validation testing phase and should be available for publication by the end of 2026.

This past year, the committee has also authored three articles reaching out to the analytical chemistry community. One article, a joint effort with CCS, *Comment: Increasing Safety Through 'ACS Reagent Chemicals'*, was published in *C&EN* in June 2026. Additionally, two articles have been published on the ACS Axial blog: *How ACS Reagent Standards Align with Regulatory Reality* and *Modernizing Heavy Metal Testing: How ACS Reagent Chemicals Strengthens Regulatory Practice*, published in March and June 2026, respectively.

As of May 2026, sales are at \$218K, 96% of our 2026 annual revenue goal of \$227K. *ACS Reagent Chemicals* is used by more than 207 companies around the world.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHEMICAL SAFETY

Strategic Plan Update

Goal 1: Project Scoping—The Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) formally approved the Partnership Standard Operating Procedure, which describes guidelines for identifying, establishing, and maintaining partnerships that advance the mission and strategic goals of the committee.

Goal 2: Resource Development and **Goal 3: Resource Distribution** are central to CCS's vision of making science safer for all. As part of this effort, the committee is finalizing revisions to “ACS Guidelines for Chemical Laboratory Safety in Secondary Schools.” This guide for teachers is a comprehensive resource that helps educators build a culture of safety through hazard recognition, risk assessment, risk mitigation, and emergency preparedness using the RAMP® framework. If you would like to be notified when the final document becomes available or learn more about ACS safety resources that support safety education, please complete this [brief form](#).

Research Faculty Safety Leadership Pilot Workshop

CCS supports the **Division of Chemical Health and Safety (CHAS)**, which, in collaboration with the **ACS Office of Safety Programs**, is leading the development of the inaugural **Research Faculty Safety Leadership Workshop**.

A select cohort of faculty leaders committed to advancing safety culture and mentorship in research laboratories has been invited to participate in the pilot workshop during the **ACS Fall 2026 meeting in Chicago**. As the first participants in this program, they will play a key role in shaping a workshop designed for broader adoption across the academic research community. The completed workshop will then be available for broader distribution beginning in **2027**. Please complete this [brief form](#) to receive updates and additional information about safety-related workshops that are supported by CCS.

The 150th Anniversary of ACS

CCS supported the development of the symposium, *Celebrating 150 Years of ACS: Shaping Safer Science for All*, taking place on Monday, August 24, 2026, during the ACS fall 2026 meeting in Chicago. The symposium will highlight ACS's contributions to chemical safety, safety education, and safer practices across research, education, and industry.

The program will explore lessons learned from historical chemical incidents, the evolution of safety guidance and advocacy, and the impact of ACS safety resources and partnerships. Speakers will also discuss future opportunities to strengthen safety culture.

CCS thanks Councilors for their support and invites them to send questions or comments to safety@acs.org.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHEMICAL TECHNICAL PROFESSIONALS

The Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals (CTP) met during the ACS Spring 2026 meeting to review governance updates, advance strategic priorities, and report progress on programs supporting chemical technical professionals across the Society.

Strategic Focus and Mission Alignment

CTP reaffirmed its vision to serve as *the advocate and essential resource for Chemical Technical Professionals* and its mission to *support, advance, and recognize CTPs*. The committee remains aligned with the ACS Strategic Plan, with continued emphasis on stakeholder engagement, professional development, recognition, and communication.

Governance and Committee Operations

The committee reviewed ACS governance expectations, including committee roles, term limits, voting procedures, and use of *Robert's Rules of Order*. Volunteer reimbursement policies were reiterated, including advance notification requirements and the annual reimbursement cap, with online participation continuing to ensure accessibility for all volunteers.

Programmatic and Subcommittee Progress

CTP activities continue to be organized through three active subcommittees:

- **Professional Development** is focused on expanding job-relevant training and career advancement resources for CTPs, including webinars, instrumentation and software training, and soft-skills development, primarily disseminated through the CTP website and ACS channels.
- **Awards and Recognition** continue to strengthen flagship programs, including the National Chemical Technical Professional Award (NCTPA), Leadership Development Awards, ChemLuminary recognition, and the launch of Chemical Technology Student Awards to support early-career engagement.
- **Stakeholder Outreach** is targeting community colleges, students, Local Sections, regional meetings, and early-career professionals through coordinated outreach, branding, social media, and cross-committee collaboration.

Regional Meetings and Programming

CTP wants to promote strong engagement at ACS national and regional meetings. Bonnie Charpentier and Michelle Rivard highlighted the success of the “No Ph.D. Required” programming at the 2025 Western Regional Meeting, noting strong student participation and effective collaboration with faculty and industry professionals. Based on lessons learned, the committee recommends continued regional participation, closer coordination with meeting organizers, and development of a sustainable budget strategy for regional engagement.

Awards and Recognition Highlight

Jake Remacle (Dow) was selected as the **2026 National Chemical Technical Professional Award** recipient, recognizing excellence in technical achievement, leadership, and service within the chemical enterprise.

Inclusion, Belonging, and Leadership Development

Dan Fonseca and Lacey Brissette shared updates from the ACS Inclusion and Belonging Roundtable, including new Society definitions of inclusion and belonging and expanded leadership development opportunities. These efforts support a more inclusive, engaged, and high-performing community of chemical professionals and align closely with CTP's mission.

Key Takeaways

- CTP continues to grow its impact through coordinated programming, awards, and outreach.
- Regional meetings are proving to be an effective channel for reaching current and future chemical technical professionals.
- Strong governance practices, succession planning, and inclusive engagement remain priorities for committee sustainability.
- CTP remains committed to advancing inclusion, belonging, and leadership development across the Society.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHEMISTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Committee on Chemists with Disabilities' (CWD) vision is to make chemistry accessible to all through fostering and growing a culture of accessibility, inclusion, and respect for persons with disabilities to enhance the chemical enterprise.

The committee will host an online closed session on July 24, 2026, and will meet in a hybrid open session in Chicago, Illinois on August 22, 2026.

CWD is partnering with other ACS divisions and offices (including the Division of Professional Relations (PROF), the Committee on Professional Training (CPT), the Office of Inclusion and Belonging, and the Office of Higher Education) to create resources to address upcoming Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II accessibility requirements. A webinar is being planned to share best practices for using alternative text, tactile graphics, and accessible representations of scientific content.

The committee is also facilitating activities to make wooden Braille periodic tables (<https://www.thetactileperiodictable.com/>). A recently completed table will be displayed at the Boston Museum of Science during their July Disability Pride Month celebration. A second table was recently completed by students at Houston Community College. CWD will have Braille periodic table activities at the Member Lounge in Chicago on August 24 and 25. In addition, CWD plans to collaborate with the ACS Branding Team on a "Chat and Wrap" in the Member Lounge, where a tactile ACS logo will also be displayed.

At the spring 2026 meeting, Dr. Annemarie Ross was the inaugural recipient of the Pat Redden Award for Making Chemistry Accessible for All (<https://www.acs.org/funding/awards/pat-redden-award.html>), sponsored by Merck Research Laboratories. The two Spring 2026 CWD Student Travel Award recipients were Abigail Snyder (senior chemistry major at Villanova University) and Taylor Cole (3rd year PhD student at the University of Mississippi). CWD Student Travel Awards will also be presented in Chicago.

External collaborations: To propose an external collaboration, please email CWD@acs.org.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATING CHEMISTRY

Over the past year, the Committee on Communicating Chemistry (COMM), formerly the Committee on Public Relations and Communications (CPRC), made progress in advancing its goals to support and promote the communication strategies of ACS Local Sections, Divisions, committees, International Chapters, and members.

In 2025, **COMM created new award rubrics** for sponsors of ChemLuminary (CL) Awards and awards given to individuals. Rubrics make the process of selecting award winners easier and more fair by anchoring the award committee's conversation around data. The committee applied the rubrics to choose its 2026 Helen M. Free Award for Public Outreach and CL "Best New Communications Program" and "Outstanding Continuing Communications Program" winners.

At ACS Spring 2026 in Atlanta, COMM introduced these rubrics to the Committee on Committees (ConC) and other committee chairs during the "ConC Committee Chair and Staff Liaison Interactive Session." Following that meeting, two committee members were invited to a working group tasked with providing structure to the CL program and selection process; one outcome may be the distribution of the new COMM rubrics to all CL sponsors. Rubrics are available to any ACS community group upon request (PR-comm@acs.org).

Another communication tool developed in 2026 was **a social media calendar for Divisions to use ahead of ACS meetings**. The calendar offers guidance on what, when, and how frequently to share Division content ahead of an ACS spring/fall meeting. The calendar was [shared in the COMM chair's 2026 C&EN Comment](#). Committee members will present an updated version of these social media best practices for component groups at the Exposition Theatre at ACS Fall 2026.

Embracing the ACS 150th theme of *Chemistry is Everything*, COMM organized a well-attended and engaging **symposium with the Division of the History of Chemistry "Science Communication: Past, Present and Future" at ACS Spring 2026**. Speakers highlighted how they share about chemistry and science using art, music, journal publishing, podcasts, and social media formats.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

As the American Chemical Society celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2026, the Committee on Community Activities (CCA) reflects on a proud legacy of advancing chemistry outreach, public engagement, and scientific literacy across communities worldwide. For 150 years, ACS has helped build meaningful connections between chemistry and society, empowering scientists, educators, students, and volunteers to share the transformative power of chemistry with the public. In 2026, CCA approved and began to implement our fourth-generation Strategic Plan, centered on the vision of “Engaging and impactful chemistry for all.” The strategic plan focuses on three primary goals: developing more timely and inclusive outreach resources, strengthening volunteer training and recognition, and expanding promotion and partnerships to increase awareness and participation. Together, these priorities will enhance outreach experiences by modernizing educational resources, better equipping volunteers, broadening community partnerships, and ensuring more diverse audiences can access meaningful chemistry engagement opportunities.

CCA hosted an in-person Presidential Outreach event during the ACS Spring 2026 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Morehouse College. The outreach event brought together ACS members, volunteers, students, and community participants for a day of engaging chemistry activities designed to inspire curiosity and enthusiasm for science. ACS President Rigoberto Hernandez participated in the event and presented a Salute to Excellence award recognizing the host venue’s commitment to community engagement and science education. CCA extends its sincere appreciation to President Hernandez, Meg A. Mole, the volunteers, and the Morehouse College community for their hospitality and contributions to the event’s success.

CCA also hosted an Outreach Training Workshop during the ACS Spring 2026 meeting, highlighting best practices for planning and implementing outreach activities aligned with the 2026 Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) theme, “Into the Woods with Chemistry.” The workshop provided participants with practical ideas, resources, and safety guidance for successful outreach programming. In addition, CCA continued efforts to promote public engagement by sharing outreach resources and strategies with ACS members throughout the national meeting including at the ACS Theater.

CCEW 2026 was observed from April 19–25, 2026 under the theme “Into the Woods with Chemistry,” exploring the fascinating chemistry of trees, forests, and natural ecosystems. This campaign highlighted the essential role chemistry plays in understanding forest health, sustainability, carbon storage, and environmental stewardship. The 2026 edition of *Celebrating Chemistry* featured engaging articles and activities designed to help students, educators, and families explore the chemistry found in the natural world. *Celebrating Chemistry* continues to serve as a key educational companion to the wide range of thematic resources available at www.acs.org/CCEW, all designed to support meaningful community outreach.

All volunteers participating in public activities are strongly encouraged to review the Safety in Outreach Settings guidelines, available at www.acs.org/education/outreach/safety.html, to help ensure a safe and effective experience for all.

CCA invites all Local Sections, International Chemical Sciences Chapters, and student groups to participate, either in-person or virtually, in the 2026 National Chemistry Week (NCW) campaign taking place from October 18–24, 2026. The 2026 theme, “Chemistry Under Construction,” celebrates the chemistry behind

building materials, engineering innovations, and the structures that shape our daily lives. This theme encourages participants to explore how chemistry contributes to designing stronger, safer, and more sustainable infrastructure. As ACS celebrates its 150th anniversary, this theme also provides a meaningful opportunity to reflect on how generations of chemists have helped build the Society's enduring foundation of scientific discovery, education, innovation, and public service. Just as chemistry continues to shape and build the world around us, ACS continues building toward the future by supporting and inspiring the next generation of scientists and outreach leaders. A variety of outreach resources, including the *Celebrating Chemistry* publication, lesson plans, and activity guides, will be available to support local programming. Young chemists are encouraged to showcase their creativity by participating in the annual NCW Illustrated Poem Contest, and all groups are invited to organize events that bring this exciting theme to audiences of all ages. More information and campaign materials are available at www.acs.org/NCW.

CCA welcomes the involvement of all ACS members in our CCEW and NCW Theme Teams for 2026 and beyond. Join us in shaping the future of these impactful outreach campaigns. CCA also strongly encourages all Local Sections and International Chemical Sciences Chapters to nominate an Outreach Coordinator and an Outreach Volunteer of the Year, as well as to submit self-nominations for the CCA-sponsored ChemLuminary Awards. For more information or to get involved, please contact us at outreach@acs.org.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

This report provides updates on the Society Committee on Education's (SOCED's) progress implementing the actions agreed upon during its spring 2026 meeting and highlights significant accomplishments of the Society's education programs.

SOCED is committed to ensuring that committee and ACS Education activities reflect the Society's core values and advance the 2025-2029 ACS Strategic Plan. SOCED is working with partners across ACS, engaging with a range of experts and stakeholders from the education community in strategy teams, SOCED's subcommittees, and a collection of advisory boards and working groups.

At its spring 2026 meeting, SOCED's Supporting Excellence in Education, Science Education Policy, and Student Communities Subcommittees provided updates on SOCED activities. SOCED's special discussion focused on rural STEM education trends and barriers, and surfacing potential opportunities for ACS engagement and advocacy.

SOCED's virtual open meeting on April 30, 2026, included small group discussions about the chemistry education ecosystem: challenges and opportunities from the inside.

Science Education Policy

The SOCED charge includes developing reports and recommendations to the Board and Council on Society policies related to chemical education. Science Education Policy Subcommittee members participated in multi-committee groups to review position statements on [Science and Technology in the Budget](#) and [Visas for Immigration, Scientific Collaboration, and Academic Study](#) to make recommendations to the Board Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations (PAPR) in December.

Supporting Excellence in Education

SOCED is also charged with advising on matters relating to chemical education. The Supporting Excellence in Education Subcommittee is considering opportunities and challenges related to K-12 and higher education, such as leveraging theory, evidence, and effective practices.

Student Communities

As it fulfills its responsibilities regarding ACS Student Chapters, SOCED provides guidance regarding programs, products, and services for high school, undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral scholars. These include the following:

- There are now 49 graduate student organizations (GSOs) and the program is growing.
- There are 210 International Student Chapters chartered in 44 countries.
- A total of 29 engagement grants and nine inclusion grants have been awarded in the first half of 2026.

The team selected to represent the US at the [2026 International Chemistry Olympiad](#) to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on July 10 – 19, 2026 consists of:

- Enzhi (Eric) Chen, Princeton International School of Mathematics and Science, NJ
- Ethan Cho, BASIS Scottsdale, AZ
- Alex Dong, Shanghai High School International Division, Shanghai
- Liran Zhu, Troy High School, CA

The 1st and 2nd alternates are Phil Yao, Newport Senior High School, WA and Bowen Shan, BASIS Chandler, AZ. The study camp was held at the University of Maryland, College Park. Updates can be obtained via social media with #USNCO.

Councilors and ACS Fall 2026 attendees are encouraged to attend the Undergraduate Research Poster Sessions, the Graduate and Postdoctoral Student Reception, and other student programming.

SOCED recognizes Local Sections with [ChemLuminary Awards](#) for engagement with K-8 students, high school student programs, US National Chemistry Olympiad activities, and interactions between Local Sections and student chapters. Joint awards for supporting the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT) and for fostering interactions between international chapters and international student chapters are also given with the AACT Governing Board and the Committee on International Activities.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

The ACS Committee on Environment and Sustainability (CES) promotes the Society's as well as the public's awareness and active concern for protecting and improving the quality of human health and the environment.

Policy

The committee participates in the formulation of various policy statements relevant to its charter. For 2026, this includes Critical Materials, Sustainability and the Chemistry Enterprise, Science and Technology in the Budget, and Environmental and Community Health and the Chemical Enterprise statements. The committee will vote virtually for the fall meeting to recommend these statements be adopted by the Board. All ACS policy statements can be found at www.acs.org/policy. In furtherance of the committee's policy activities, committee members will be joining the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs for a reception to facilitate inter committee collaboration.

Outreach

The committee worked to select a winner for the ChemLuminary for Outstanding Sustainability Activities. CES looks forward to celebrating the winners in Chicago, Illinois.

Continuing work from last year, the committee will choose and recognize several educators for efforts to incorporate principles of sustainability into their curricula starting in the fall. Similarly, four Local Sections will be selected to receive mini grants to support their work on sustainability.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

In its 20th year, the ACS Committee on Ethics (ETHX) expanded its awards portfolio, published new monographs, adopted modern project management tools (Teams Site and Microsoft Planner), and built a landmark anniversary program for the 2026 fall meeting in Chicago. All 2025 strategic plan goals are on track or ahead of schedule.

Key Successes

The Awards Subcommittee (Mark Cesa, Chair) launched the 2026 ETHX-CHAS Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Chemical Safety and Ethics. All qualifying nominees will receive certificates, recognition letters, and complimentary Division of Chemical Health and Safety (CHAS) memberships. Neil Jespersen received a Certificate of Special Recognition at the spring 2026 meeting. Awards for graduate students, faculty, and industrial chemists are in development.

The History Subcommittee (Pei Meng Woi, Chair) published an excerpt in the Chemical Information Bulletin (spring 2026) and completed the monograph “Education for Ethics in Chemistry Based on Case Studies” (Woi and Korolev), now on the Ethics Committee Resources webpage. Three additional monographs are in progress.

The Programming Subcommittee (Gloria Thomas-Fuller, Chair) expands co-programming partnerships across ACS at national, regional, and local meetings. Current examples appear in the 20th Anniversary section below.

The Opportunity and Engagement Subcommittee (Lucian Lucia, Chair) is extending ethics beyond its traditional audience through initiatives including ethical role model materials for young learners, an evaluation of AI's classroom implications, environmental justice assessment tools, and a collaboration honoring Dr. Reni Joseph's legacy in STEM.

The Communications Subcommittee (Sarah McKendrick, Chair) uses email, LinkedIn, and the Sci-Mix booth at national meetings to reach ACS members.

20th Anniversary Theme and Activities

The 20th anniversary theme, “Celebrating Trust, Honesty, and Integrity for 20 Years in the Chemistry Enterprise,” frames the fall meeting programming below.

The cornerstone event is a two-part symposium, “Responsibilities of Being a Chemist,” co-programmed with the Divisions of Cellulose and Renewable Materials (CELL), Chemistry and the Law (CHAL), Environmental Chemistry (ENVR), and Professional Relations (PROF). The in-person session (Monday, August 24) covers trustworthiness, equity, stewardship, and chemical safety. The virtual session (Thursday, August 27) addresses sustainable innovation, indigenous knowledge systems, and the federal R&D budget process.

20th Anniversary Reception: Monday, August 24, 5:30–7:00 p.m. CT, Marriott Marquis Chicago Hotel.

ETHX will also staff a Sci-Mix booth and join an Ethics and Publishing symposium (CHAL, PROF, and Division of Chemical Information (CINF)) on Monday, August 24.

Virtual Ethics Open Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 1:00–2:30 p.m. ET. Register:
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA) will meet on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for a Strategic Planning Retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to create a strategic plan to be CFA's roadmap to the future, that is achievable with the resources available and congruent with the ACS Strategic Plan. Desired outcomes include vision and mission statements, focused goals and strategies, a roadmap for implementation with project champions identified, and approved project plans with measures, priorities, and next steps.

ACS Programs ended May with a \$17.5M Net from Operations and a 5.4% Net Contribution Ratio. This was \$1.3M (8.3%) better than forecast and \$6.2M (26.1%) below 2025 year-to-date results.

Also, CFA reviewed the proposed registration fees for the 2027 ACS spring and fall meetings and forwarded its recommendation to the ACS Board of Directors for approval.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Committee on Intellectual Property (CIP) conducted a hybrid meeting during ACS Spring 2026 in Atlanta, Georgia. This meeting involved strategic planning discussions, subcommittee conversations, and substantive discussions on intellectual property policy and the business of the committee.

The meeting was opened with a welcome and roll call, followed by an inclusion moment. CIP then discussed the committee strategic plan and reviewed the 2023 summary and mission/vision update around the three core goals and focus areas: Education and Outreach, Recognition (Awards), and Advocacy.

On Education and Outreach, the committee discussed website planning and a potential LinkedIn focus to build a more static, archivable presence. Programming and outreach ideas were raised, including targeting potential CIP members and supporting other ACS committees. On Recognition and Awards, the committee discussed broadening its awards portfolio beyond historically prepared nomination packages, including ACS Fellows, and the opportunity to partner with Divisions and Technology Groups. The strategic use of artificial intelligence (AI) as a starting point for award suggestions was proposed. On Advocacy, the committee discussed policy development and external communication strategies. Previous efforts to draft letters of support for specific legislation were noted, along with the suggestion to pivot toward fact dissemination without political leaning and to increase communication with the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). A CIP virtual Mini-Strategic Planning Retreat was proposed for summer 2026 to continue this work.

The committee received a presentation from the ACS Marketing team on the ACS Brand Refresh initiative. An update on Legislation, Regulations, USPTO Practice, and Case Law was provided, focusing on key case law updates and USPTO updates. Connor Garvey of the ACS Government Affairs Office addressed the committee on the ACS advocacy framework. Garvey noted that the CIP Intellectual Property Position Statement must be renewed by January 1, 2027, or it will lapse. After discussion, the committee voted to amend the CIP Policy Statement. A working team will collaborate with Garvey to update the statement for a vote at the fall 2026 meeting and Board approval in December. Allison Aldridge provided an update from the Committee on Committees (ConC). Matthew Hlinka provided an update on the Division of Chemistry and the Law (CHAL).

The CIP Subcommittees reported as follows:

- **Education and Outreach:** Valerie Moore, new subcommittee chair, provided an update. Anna Sigmon will serve as Legislation Subcommittee Liaison and Wenming Zhang will serve as CHAL Liaison. Programming and outreach efforts include collaboration with CHAL for symposium and web content. Website efforts focused on content collection and building an evergreen foundation.

- **Awards:** Susan Cardinal and Mridula Nair, new subcommittee co-chairs, provided an update that would add more structure through defined goals, timelines, and periodic meetings between national meetings. Nominees for the National Inventors Hall of Fame are under consideration, and the subcommittee continues to search for additional awards and nominees across the IP landscape.

- **Legislation and Regulation:** Marisa Sanders, presenting for new subcommittee chair Hailey Bureau, provided updates on key pending legislation. The subcommittee recommended that CIP collaborate with ACS Government Affairs to follow up regarding the previously submitted PERA letter and continued collaboration.

If readers have questions or would like more information about the workings of this committee, please reach out to us at cip@acs.org or the Chair directly at CMcCain@fenwick.com.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Committee on International Activities (IAC) continues to advance ACS's global engagement strategy by strengthening partnerships, expanding international chapter reach, and supporting the global chemistry community in alignment with ACS priorities.

The broader International Chemical Sciences Chapters (ICSCs) program continues to grow, including the launch of new chapters in Ecuador and Ghana and the revitalization of the ICSC in Hungary. These milestones reflect efforts to expand ACS' global footprint and support locally driven engagement. IAC continues to oversee the review and guide the advancement of International Chapter petitions, providing input on governing documents to ensure alignment with ACS policies and standards. IAC awarded seven Global Innovation Grants to multiple professional and student chapters, and one Global Innovation Imperatives grant to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) International Chapter in early 2026.

Building on its global engagement commitment, IAC's second quarter regional virtual calls brought together ICSC leadership, IAC members, and Zone Councilors to strengthen alignment, share regional insights, and identify opportunities to enhance member engagement. The discussions reinforced the importance of coordinated support across ACS governance groups and provided a forum to address evolving regional needs. Remarks from ACS President Rigoberto Hernandez emphasized the strategic value of international chapters in advancing ACS's global impact and fostering a more integrated and inclusive chemistry enterprise.

IAC is collaborating with the Committees on Local Section Activities (LSAC), Divisional Activities (DAC), and ACS staff on enhancing operational consistency, communication, and member experience across component groups.

IAC continues to support international programming and partnerships aligned with key scientific convenings and regional priorities, including strengthening collaborations with chemical societies and expanding global member engagement.

IAC remains committed to broadening participation and elevating the visibility of international members while exploring new partnership models and engagement strategies to support an increasingly interconnected global community.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL SECTION ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) ratified a new Strategic Plan at the ACS Spring 2026 meeting. The strategic plan affirms LSAC's mission to empower Local Sections and their volunteers to enrich their communities through resources, opportunities, and engagement. The strategic plan framework is organized around four goal themes: enhancing volunteer experiences through accessible tools and resources; strengthening connections and collaboration across Local Sections; advancing leadership development, skills building, and mentorship; and increasing the visibility of local sections by recognizing and celebrating success.

LSAC is concluding its review of 2025 Local Section annual reports. As of this report, 170 of 184 Local Sections have completed submissions. LSAC continues targeted outreach to support remaining sections in completing their filing requirement. LSAC reviewer evaluations are available through Community Connection, and Local Section officers are encouraged to review feedback and follow up with their assigned LSAC reviewers as needed.

LSAC will host the Local Section Showcase at the ACS Fall 2026 meeting on Monday, August 24, during Sci-Mix. This event will feature District V Local Sections and highlight successful programs, member engagement activities, and the value of participation in ACS at the local level. LSAC will also use this platform to promote its role in providing resources and fostering community connections.

The Spring 2026 Innovative Program Grant (IPG) and Local Section Engagement and Enhancement (LS MEET) grant cycles have concluded. LSAC is currently reviewing Fall 2026 IPG applications, with award notifications to follow shortly after the fall meeting.

Additional funding opportunities available in 2026 include:

Inclusion and Belonging Grants	Deadline: September 15, 2026
Science Café Mini-Grant	Deadline: September 30, 2026
Strategic Planning Retreat Grants	Deadline: November 2026
ACS Leadership Institute Travel Stipends	December 2026

LSAC is collaborating with the Committees on Divisional Activities (DAC), International Activities (IAC), and ACS staff on a Component Group Management pilot. This initiative is designed to streamline operations across Local Sections, Divisions, and International Chapters by providing integrated tools and best practices. Initial functionality will include enhanced communications, roster management, bulk email capability, and document storage. Future phases are expected to incorporate financial tools, website templates, event management, and annual reporting. The pilot aims to improve consistency in member experience, reduce administrative burden, and strengthen operational effectiveness.

An LSAC working group, including current members and past chairs, is developing a framework for a Local Section Excellence Program. This proposed tiered recognition system will establish clear expectations for section performance in areas such as programming, collaboration, leadership, and member engagement. The program is intended to recognize accomplishments, support continuous improvement, and enhance reporting to the ACS Board of Directors. The framework will be presented for LSAC consideration at the fall 2026 meeting.

Local Sections seeking assistance are encouraged to contact lsac@acs.org.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINORITY AFFAIRS

The Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA) held its 2026 Strategic Planning Retreat (SPR) on Saturday, March 21, 2026, marking the committee's first strategic retreat since 2019. The retreat brought together the CMA chair, subcommittee chairs, a former member, and representatives from Committee on Chemists with Disabilities (CWD), Committee on Committees (ConC), and the Office of Inclusion and Belonging. CMA emerged from the SPR with three strategic goals: establishing a clear direction for the committee, expanding programming and partnerships, and elevating the visibility and recognition of scientists from diverse backgrounds.

CMA has hosted several successful events during spring 2026, including **“Success Stories from Across the Bridge: The Pivotal Role of Bridge Programs,”** which featured important perspectives on broadening participation in chemistry and highlighted the value of Bridge programs in supporting student success and advancement in the field. Professor Angel Marti, Chair of the Department of Chemistry at Rice University, delivered a keynote at the spring CMA Luncheon titled **“From Coffee in the Cemi to Chemistry in the City,”** which was a resounding success. At the luncheon, CMA also provided space for CWD to host its inaugural Pat Redden Award presentation ceremony.

Looking forward to ACS Fall 2026, CMA will organize a half-day symposium titled **“Chemistry for Healthcare Futures: Building Pathways, Breaking Barriers”** on Monday, August 24. CMA is also proud to co-sponsor the event **“Celebrating 150 Years of ACS: Shaping Safer Science for All.”** Another highlight will be the CMA Luncheon on Monday, August 24, featuring keynote speaker Professor Steven Townsend from Vanderbilt University.

If you wish to collaborate with CMA, please contact us at CMA@acs.org.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROJECT SEED

Summer Programming Activities: In May, the Committee on Project SEED (SEED) launched its 2026 summer fellowship program, welcoming 440 selected students who will participate in chemistry research experiences throughout the summer. These high school students represent 49 sites across the United States and will engage in more than 315 research projects approved by the committee. More than 360 coordinators and mentors have committed to providing guidance and support to SEED students during their summer research experiences.

This year's student cohort represents an 8% increase over the number of students accepted into the program in 2025. While student participation has steadily increased over the past five years, the number of SEED mentors and sites has continued to decline, highlighting both emerging challenges and opportunities to strengthen support for a diverse pool of mentors and coordinators. Achieving this growth in student participation despite reductions in available mentors, sites, and institutional funding reflects the collaborative efforts of coordinators, mentors, ACS staff, and the committee.

In early June, ACS staff conducted mandatory orientation sessions for SEED students. These sessions introduced participants to mentor-mentee expectations, the ACS Code of Conduct, professional development planning and Individual Development Plan processes (self-awareness, goal-setting, decision making, and career exploration), and laboratory safety. The orientations provided students with a strong foundation for understanding program expectations and maximizing their summer research experiences.

In addition, synchronous and asynchronous training resources were made available to students, mentors, and coordinators through the ACS Learning Management System. Throughout the summer, webinars featuring distinguished scientists and professionals will provide participants with opportunities to expand their scientific knowledge, explore career pathways, and engage with the broader scientific community. In accordance with the [ACS Youth Protection Policy](#), more than 400 background checks were conducted through ACS's third-party vendor, Sterling. Approximately 20 mentors who did not comply with the Youth Protection Policy requirements, including background check completion, were removed from the ACS SEED platform and the 2026 summer program.

Committee Meeting Activity: The committee has continued to meet regularly and advance the strategic goals established during the 2024 Strategic Planning Retreat. The four subcommittees - Awareness & Expansion, Selection, Awards, and Scholarship—have met consistently throughout the year, while subcommittee chairs, co-chairs, and liaisons have convened quarterly to coordinate efforts and monitor progress. The committee will host an open meeting at the ACS Fall Meeting in Chicago, IL to gather feedback from current and prospective mentors and coordinators. Subcommittees have focused their efforts on advancing strategic planning goals, increasing awareness of Project SEED, and strengthening collaborations. Committee members will promote Project SEED regionally, including through participation at the Northwest Region (NORM) and Southeast Regional (SERMACS) meetings.

Committee members will continue coordinating outreach activities with the ACS National SEED Office and the SEED Chair to ensure efforts are aligned with areas of greatest need. This year, the SEED Office received 121 scholarship applications. As a result, 41 students were awarded scholarships through the CIBA, Loconti, Bader, and One-Year Scholarship programs. To recognize outstanding mentorship and site leadership, the committee has selected recipients for the Project SEED ChemLuminary Awards, including for both a large and small SEED site. The committee has also organized a symposium for the ACS fall meeting in collaboration with the Division of Chemical Education (CHED) and the Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA). In addition, the Committee is exploring partnership opportunities to support a

potential symposium for SEED mentors at the ACS Fall 2027 meeting.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

This report provides the Board with an update on the activities of the Committee on Science (COMSCI) since the fall 2025 ACS meeting.

COMSCI met in a hybrid format on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET during the ACS Spring 2026 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, and plans to use the same format for its meeting in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, August 22, 2026.

COMSCI led a new Innovative Programming track focused on multidisciplinary and timely topical areas. The initiative was designed to foster collaboration and featured leading researchers in half-day sessions using a range of formats, including lectures, panel discussions, hands-on workshops, and interactive digital posters.

Innovative Programming Highlights

At the fall 2025 meeting, COMSCI achieved several notable outcomes through Innovative Programming:

- ~20 Innovative Programming sessions (e.g., quantum computing, drug discovery, sustainability)
- 10+ federal agencies partners, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), Department of Energy (DOE), and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
- 10+ industry partners including P&G, Water, IBM
- 20+ ACS Divisions and six ACS Committees participated and collaborated.
- Partnerships with nonprofit organizations and scientific societies, including the Regenerative Engineering Society and the American Chemistry Council
- Use of diverse session formats, including panel discussions, flash talks, and networking events
- Strong attendee engagement (Average Attendance ~60 vs. Meeting Average 32)
- Collaboration with ACS Publications, with two special issues currently in progress

At the spring 2026 meeting, 16 Innovative Programming symposia were held, including presentations by Nobel laureates Mouni Bawendi, Jennifer Doudna, and Omar Yaghi. Symposium included:

- 3D to 4D printing towards dynamic soft materials
- AI for Chemistry: From Algorithms to Applications
- Transforming Chemistry Practices for Sustainability and Safety
- RNA on Target: Therapeutics and Drug Discovery Development
- New Frontier: Enabling Novel Molecular Entities as Drugs
- AI-powered Biofoundries for Synthetic Biology
- Near-term Quantum Computing Applications in Chemistry
- ACS Ignite: Digital Ventures
- Chemistry In Every Step: Moving Toward A Sustainable Future
- Quality education: Green chemistry for a sustainable future
- AI for Chemistry: From Algorithms to Applications
- This Would Change Everything
- Future of Metal-Organic Frameworks Research: Bench to Market
- Insights on funding priorities, trends, and resources
- Dreyfus Foundation Award Session
- AI-powered Biofoundries for Synthetic Biology

Each session was organized in collaboration with multiple ACS Divisions and Committees. New formats were introduced, including interactive digital posters aligned with the session themes. Average attendance was approximately 200 participants per half-day session.

For fall 2026, 18 Innovative Programming symposia are planned, including presentations by four Nobel laureates: Carolyn R. Bertozzi, Stefan W. Hell, Jack W. Szostak, and M. Stanley Whittingham.

Young-Shin Jun, Chair of COMSCI; Laura McConnell and Katerina Leftheris, COMSCI Program Co-Chairs; and George Cobb, Chair of the **Science and Technology Subcommittee**, have played leading roles in advancing Innovative Programming. Together with Jitesh “J” Soares, Vice President of Science, Research & Sustainability, and Warren Lin, Director of Scientific Content Management at ACS, COMSCI led a workshop for division program chairs and committee chairs during the ACS Leadership Institute in January 2026. Topics for the ACS spring and fall 2027 meetings were identified and shared with ACS Divisions and Committees to encourage broader collaboration.

Members of the **Public Policy Subcommittee** have been engaged in revising and updating several statements scheduled to expire this year, including *A Competitive U.S. Business Climate*; *Science and Technology in the Budget*; *Critical Materials*; and *Sustainability and the Chemistry Enterprise*. Committee members, associates, and Division Representatives also heard a presentation from Connor Garvey of the ACS Governmental Affairs Office on ACS advocacy efforts and opportunities for engagement. COMSCI plans to devote time during its August meeting to discussing the most recent drafts of these statements.

The **Awards Subcommittee** has established a process for selecting the Kavli Emerging Leader in Chemistry Lecturer. The subcommittee also forwarded its top nominees for the Kavli Lectureships to ACS President Rigoberto Hernandez, who selected the final awardee. The Awards Subcommittee also made a nomination for the 2026 Grand Prix de la Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie.

The **Communications Subcommittee** has discussed ways to strengthen COMSCI’s dissemination and communication strategies and has received input from the full committee.

The **COMSCI Executive Committee** met virtually on September 12 and November 4, 2025, and on January 22 and March 3, 2026, to review the status of subcommittee activities and prepare the agenda for the spring ACS meeting. The Executive Committee plans to meet again in late July or early August. COMSCI also met with 2026 ACS President-Elect Chris Bodurow on January 8, 2026, to discuss potential collaborations for 2026 and beyond.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN CHEMISTS

The Committee on Women Chemists (WCC) kicked off Women's History Month with its spring webinar "[Navigating Career Disruption: Reframe, Adapt, and Reengineer](#)" which featured Lisa Houston, former Vice President of PAC, LP and Liana Vaccari, Program Manager with the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. Houston and Vaccari discussed career strategies for both good and challenging times and shared personal experiences on adapting, transitioning, and gaining insights into the dynamic chemical science landscape. More than 200 attendees from 53 countries attended the event, which was co-produced by ACS Webinars.

The comment "[A Future Where the Women Chemists Committee is No Longer Necessary](#)" by Committee Chair, Indu Kheterpal, was released by *C&EN* on March 24. Kheterpal shared that "despite 99 years of progress, we still face barriers with recruitment, retention, advancement, and recognition." She shared information on some of the barriers women continue to face relating to new career opportunities, mentorship, and sponsorship. Biases with evaluation systems, career-life integration and expectations, and workplace cultures not structured for inclusion and equity were also noted.

WCC held its strategic planning retreat on May 1-3 in St. Louis, MO. Barbara Sawrey and Lisa Houston facilitated the session. Key discussions and outcomes from the retreat, including decisions and priorities on project plans and implementation, were shared with the full committee on June 29 for further review and input. WCC is planning to finalize its new strategic plan during its fall executive committee meeting.

Again, this year, WCC was one of the sponsors for the Empowering Women in Organic Chemistry (EWOC) [conference](#) held at Genentech in San Francisco, CA on June 25-26. Madalyn Radlauer, Associate Professor at San Jose State University, an ACS Councilor and former WCC Inclusion & Belonging representative, was one of the featured speakers. The conference included scientific talks, workshops (in-person and virtual), poster sessions, networking, and a career panel.

WCC cosponsored the luncheon "Molecular Milestones: Crafting a Sweet Future Through Chemistry" that was held at the 2026 Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM) in Hershey, PA on May 18. Chancellor Radha Pyati of Penn State Berks was the keynote speaker and talked about creating space at the table – her journey in chemistry and leadership. WCC cosponsored a luncheon at the Northwest Regional Meeting (NORM) that featured Mary Disis, winner of the 2024 ACS Award for Creative Invention, who talked about "the long and winding road to cancer vaccines" on June 30. The committee has also provided support for local section WCC events hosted by the Virginia, Pittsburgh, Lehigh Valley, Chicago, Carolina-Piedmont, Northeastern and North Jersey Sections.

For the fall, WCC is holding its executive committee meeting on Saturday, August 22 and will be hosting several special events during the ACS Fall 2026 meeting in Chicago, IL. On Sunday, August 23, WCC will present two awards – the Best Local Section WCC Event and the Most Outstanding Local Section WCC – at the **ACS Board Open Meeting and ChemLuminary Awards Ceremony**. On Monday, August 24, WCC is hosting the **Women in the Chemical Enterprise Networking Breakfast** featuring Katie Pyfer, a Consultant for Egon Zehnder's Industrial Practice, who will speak on navigating leadership in the modern chemical industry. Later in the afternoon, eight winners (3rd and 4th year students) of the **2026 Merck Research Award** will present their work in a special symposium.

On Tuesday, August 25, WCC will host several events starting with the **WCC/Lilly Emerging Talent Award Poster Session** where 10 award winners will present their work to an audience of peers, sponsors, ACS leaders, and other meeting attendees preceding the **Women Chemists Committee Luncheon** featuring Dr. Kate Biberdorf, Professor for Public Understanding of Science at the University of Notre Dame, as the keynote speaker. During the luncheon, the 2026 Overcoming Challenges Award winner, Amaya Pablo (student at Northern Arizona University), will present special remarks and receive a plaque. The Priscilla Carney Jones Scholarship recipient, and winners of the Merck Research and the Lilly Emerging Talent Awards will also be recognized. In the afternoon, WCC will host the **Women in the Chemical Enterprise: Lessons from the Laboratory and Life** symposium to kick-off its 100th anniversary that will be celebrated in 2027. The **WCC ‘Just Cocktails’ Reception & Open Meeting** will take place later in the evening.

During ACS Fall 2026, WCC will cosponsor the **Historical Contributions of Chemistry for All** symposium on Sunday, August 23 in partnership with the ACS Divisions on the History of Chemistry and Chemical Education. WCC will also cosponsor the **Women in Science and Engineering** symposium hosted by the ACS Division on Environmental Chemistry on Wednesday, August 26.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNGER CHEMISTS

The Committee on Younger Chemists (YCC) once again organized and facilitated the 2026 Younger Leaders Track of the ACS Leadership Institute, an invitation-only opportunity for ACS leaders under 40 to support their development in leadership and management skills. YCC provided financial support to 15 early-career chemists – graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and young professionals – with the opportunity to attend and engage in ACS courses and networking activities at the institute.

Our biannual CIBA/YCC Travel award fund has grown substantially so that we are able to increase the number of annual awards from 4 to 16. Chemists under 40 years of age and within the first seven years of their career are eligible to apply. Committee members reviewed nearly 120 applications for these awards.

YCC continues to make progress towards our 2023 Strategic Plan, where we embrace our mission in our activities by empowering, supporting, and advocating for all younger chemists as they develop and advance their professional lives. We have plans to conduct a refresh of our strategic plan virtually in early August. One goal is to reconnect with international younger chemist groups. To that end, two committee members will attend the EuChemS Congress in Belgium in July to present and meet with members of the European Younger Chemists Network (EYCN). This year, YCC is increasing presence at regional meetings by supporting member attendance to host events in addition to providing funding for Local Section organizers through our Local and Regional Affairs Grants.

YCC hosted a number of events at ACS Spring 2026 with nine primary or joint technical sessions, two networking events, two wellness activities (yoga and line dancing), and a social at Margaritaville Atlanta. There is strong, ongoing collaboration with the Committees on Senior Chemists (SCC) and Education (SOCED), as well as the Divisions on Biochemical Technology (BIOT), Chemical Education (CHED), History of Chemistry (HIST), Organic Chemistry (ORGN), and Medicinal Chemistry (MEDI) to host events and programming.

Looking ahead to the fall 2026 meeting, YCC has a slate of programming including social, networking, wellness, and technical events. All are welcome to attend! Locations for some events are yet to be determined. Please refer to the program for the latest information.

Type	Event	Day	Time
Wellness	YCC Fun Run	Monday, August 24	7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
Social/Networking	Younger Chemists Social	Sunday, August 23	8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Wellness	Line Dancing	Monday, August 24	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Technical	The Chemistry of Art & Art Conservation	Tuesday, August 25	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Social/Networking	Chemistry of Art Reception at Gallery Guichard	Tuesday, August 25	6:30 -10:30 p.m.
Technical	Careers Beyond the Bench	Tuesday, August 25	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

YCC regularly updates our LinkedIn, [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) (@yccacs) social media accounts. Please also visit our website (<https://acsycc.org/>) to stay up to date on our activities.

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