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**DRAFT  
MINUTES  
COUNCIL**  
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY  
August 20, 2025  
Marquis Ballroom, Marriott Marquis, Washington, DC

The Council of the American Chemical Society met in a hybrid session on August 20, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m. ET. Dorothy J. Phillips, President of the Society and of the Council, presided. The following Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and accredited representatives, totaling 429 participated:

**Ex-Officio:** 30 **Bylaw:** 1; **Divisions:** 79, (9 were Alternate Councilors); **Local Sections:** 319, (25 were Alternate Councilors, and 3 Temporary Substitute Councilors); and 28 Nonvoting/Non-Councilors (staff and others). Approximately 78 observers were in attendance. The credentialed list is attached.

Resolution in Honor of Deceased Councilors

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:

E. Thomas Strom, Adjunct Professor of Chemistry, University of Texas, Arlington and Councilor for the Dallas-Fort Worth Section from 2007 to 2021.

H. David Wohlers, Professor of Chemistry at Truman State University, and Councilor for the Mark Twain Section from 1989 to 2012.

Roger A. Parker, Professor of Chemistry at Xavier University, and Councilor for the Cincinnati Section from 1983 to 2015 and 2024 to 2025.

Kathleen Shaginaw, industrial chemist and most recently Adjunct professor of chemistry, Community College of Philadelphia, and Councilor for the Philadelphia Section from 2010 to 2015 and 2018 to 2025.

Kazumasa (Kaz) Lindley, Professor of Chemistry, College of Southern Nevada, and Councilor for the Southern Nevada Section from 2021 to 2023.

Approval of Minutes

2. The Council ADOPTED, without objection and as distributed, the minutes of the meeting on March 26, 2025.

Nominations and Elections

**Kevin J. Edgar**, committee Chair, introduced the candidates for election to the Council Policy Committee (CPC); the Committee on Committees (ConC); and the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E).

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Rule IV, Sec. 10, a, the following nominees were presented for election to four seats on the Council Policy Committee: Penny Beuning, Raychelle Burks, James Carver, Gregory Ferrence, Fran Kravitz, Jason Ritchie, Stephanie Watson, and Frankie Wood-Black.

3. By electronic ballot, the Council ELECTED Penny Beuning, Raychelle Burks, Jason Ritchie, and Frankie Wood-Black for three-year terms (2026 – 2028) on the Council Policy Committee.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Rule IV, Sec. 10, a, the following nominees were presented for election to five seats on the Committee on Committees: William Carroll, Jr., Robert Cohen, Roger Egolf, Carmen Gauthier, Timothy Hanks, Thomas Lane, Louise Lawter, Margaret Levenberg, Lori Stepan, and Keith Vitense.

4. By electronic ballot, the Council ELECTED William Carroll, Jr., Carmen Gauthier, Thomas Lane, Louise Lawter, and Lori Stepan for three-year terms (2026 – 2028) on the Committee on Committees. Through the balloting process it was determined that Louise Lawter will begin serving immediately to fill a vacated seat.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Rule IV, Sec. 1, c, and on behalf of the Council Policy Committee, the following nominees were presented for election to nine seats on the Committee on Nominations and Elections: Mary Anderson, Maria Contel, Kelly Elkins, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Alison Hyslop, Julie Jessop, Jingbo Louise Liu, Marge Matthews, Lisa McElwee-White, Kristina Proctor, Elsa Reichmanis, Gregory Tew, Ellene Tratras Contis, Jackie Trischman, Kathryn Uhrich, Lichang Wang, Don Warner, and Peter Zarras.

5. By electronic ballot, the Council ELECTED Kelly Elkins, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Alison Hyslop, Gregory Tew, Kathryn Uhrich, Don Warner, and Peter Zarras for three-year terms (2026 – 2028) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections. After a tie vote and run-off election, Ellene Tratras Contis was elected to a two-year term (2026 – 2027) and Jingbo Louise Liu was elected to a one-year term (2026).

#### Reports of Society Officers

**President Dorothy J. Phillips** reported on her presidential platform, “*Building Chemistry Careers Inclusively*,” reflecting ACS’s strategic goals of empowering scientists, enhancing community engagement, and elevating the reputation of science. She highlighted outreach efforts including a visit to the Bidwell Training Center to learn more about its chemical technical professional training program and keynote remarks at the *Empowering Together for Change* luncheon at the 29th Annual Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference, where she signed the *Stockholm Declaration on Chemistry for the Future* on behalf of the Society. She also represented the Society at the annual meeting of the Brazilian Chemical Society (SBQ) and the IUPAC General Assembly and World Chemistry Congress in Malaysia. She concluded her report by congratulating the ten groups awarded Spark Grants, which support collaboration between Divisions and Committees to host inclusive-focused programmatic events.

**President-Elect Rigoberto Hernandez** reported on the three themes that will define his presidential year: ACS First, ACS for All, and ACS for Life. He reaffirmed his commitment to meeting members where they are and emphasized that science is not only about establishing facts—it is something that we as chemists intuitively feel. Next spring, he will convene an *Engagement, Advisory, and Advocacy Summit*,

bringing together individuals who have been successful in capturing hearts and minds, with the goal of identifying strategies the global ACS community can replicate. Presidential symposia planned for the spring meeting include undergraduate research--highlighting both exceptional students and departments, organizations, and foundations that have developed the infrastructure to support the next 150 years of student research—and an interdisciplinary symposium at the convergence of human, computer, and artificial intelligences in chemistry.

**Immediate Past President Mary K. Carroll** reported on her efforts to amplify ACS initiatives and strengthen alignment with the Society's strategic plan and core values. She summarized her work with the Committee on Committees to support the creation of the Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists (CALC), proposed at this meeting. Carroll announced the continuation of the Student Communities initiative from her presidential year, "*Compete, Grow, Win,*" and challenged Student Chapters, Graduate Student Organizations, and International Student Chapters to recruit the most ACS members.

**Board Chair Wayne E. Jones, Jr.** reported on the Society's continuing commitment to supporting science and scientists. He emphasized ACS's ongoing commitment to science advocacy, including strategic communication, congressional engagement, collaborative advocacy partnerships, and community engagement. He encouraged members to take advantage of ACS resources, such as Act4Chemistry. Jones announced the Graduate Student Success Grant, a one-time, \$2.5M funding initiative to address the disruption of graduate education due to unexpected loss of research funding, helping ensure continuity in training and protecting the future of our U.S.-based scientific workforce. He reported on the Board's activities at the ACS fall 2025 meeting, and the results of the 2025 Board Open Session pilots, which coupled the meeting with the Priestley Address and ChemLuminary Awards. The events drew over 1,100 attendees and the Board plans to incorporate feedback and continue this approach in 2026. He also reminded Councilors that the year-long celebration of the ACS 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be kicked off at Pacificchem in December. Jones closed by highlighting the dedication of ACS leaders and their contribution to the Society's strength.

**Chief Executive Officer Albert G. Horvath** reported that the Society remains steadfast in its focus on key priorities: strengthening education and the workforce, enhancing innovation, maintaining research investments, and ensuring scientific integrity and data accessibility. He reaffirmed ACS's commitment to support the chemistry amid a shifting global policy landscape, emphasizing the importance of working with other partner organizations to amplify our collective voice. Horvath highlighted the Board of Directors' recent advocacy efforts with legislators and encouraged members to connect with their own elected representatives. He also provided updates on the Society's organizational objectives, including responsible use of artificial intelligence and continued leadership in sustainability. In addition, he congratulated the *C&EN* team on the refreshed digital presence of their website. Horvath concluded by affirming the Society's stable financial position, consistent with the Board financial guidelines, while emphasizing the importance of continued prudence in navigating the evolving landscape.

#### Reports of Elected Society Committees of the Council

##### Council Policy Committee (CPC)

**Matthew Grandbois**, committee Vice-Chair, recognized Councilors who had achieved milestone service anniversaries, then reported on the recent actions of the Council Policy Committee. The Connection and

Reception for Councilors and Committee Chairs, now in its third consecutive year, was held on Monday evening prior to Sci-Mix, drawing more than 200 ACS volunteers and leaders. CPC will be holding a strategic planning retreat in November to explore opportunities to enhance efficiency and set long-term goals for the Council function. In preparation for this retreat, the Committee on Strategic Planning and CPC chose not to host a Strategy Café, opting instead to focus on the upcoming strategic planning process. CPC also voted to concur with the following petitions proposed for action at this meeting:

- *Petition to Establish the Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists,*
- *Petition to Realign the Committee on Publications,*
- *Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications,*
- *Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on International Activities, and*
- *Petition for Changes in Local Section Territory.*

Dr. Grandbois expressed appreciation to the ten committee chairs who attended CPC's open meeting and encouraged all committee chairs to consider attending in the future.

#### Committee on Committees (ConC)

**Brian M. Mathes**, committee Chair, reported that President-Elect Hernandez recently completed the 2026 Chair appointments for the Society Committees that report to Council, as follows (\*new appointments):

- Tom Tyner: Analytical Reagents
- Dan Fonseca: Chemical Technical Professionals
- John Adams: Constitution and Bylaws
- Jarrod Cohen: Divisional Activities
- Bhaskar Venepalli\*: Economic and Professional Affairs
- Glenn Larkin: Ethics
- Luke Roberson\*: Local Section Activities
- Varnika Roy\*: Meetings and Expositions
- Jennifer McCulley: Membership Affairs
- Ivona Sasimovich Macor\*: Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols
- Emily Smith\*: Project SEED

New Chairs' training will take place in Atlanta, GA from January 30 to February 1, 2026, as part of the ACS Leadership Institute. Mr. Mathes also recognized Committee Chairs who have served the statutory limit or otherwise completed their service.

- Michael Adams: Education
- Hayley Brown: Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols
- John Gavenonis: Economic and Professional Affairs
- Amber Hinkle: Meetings and Expositions
- Justin Krieger: Intellectual Property
- T. Angele Kwimi: Project SEED
- Natalie LaFranzo: Budget and Finance
- Beth Lorsbach: Local Section Activities
- Lorena Tribe: Women Chemists

Mathes reported on a successful “Committee Row” at Sci-Mix, and also reminded Councilors that, with the pending Yellow Book system migration, volunteers will be limited to a single set of contact information for both membership and governance. He reported that the ConC committee census confirms committees reflect ACS membership and shows increased recruitment of new volunteers across all identifying categories, aligning with the Society’s core value of inclusion and belonging. Mr. Mathes reaffirmed ConC’s commitment to fostering an inclusive, effective, and dynamic committee system, noting its evolution as ConC marks its 50th anniversary.

Mr. Mathes presented the ConC recommendation, with the concurrence of CPC, on the *Petition to Establish the Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists (CALC)*.

6. The Council VOTED to approve the *Petition to Establish the Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists*, subject to the concurrence by the ACS Board of Directors.

Mr. Mathes then summarized discussions to realign the Society Committee on Publications (PUBS), which oversees the editorial health of ACS journals. Mr. Mathes presented the ConC recommendation, with the concurrence of CPC, on the *Petition to Realign the Committee on Publications*. This petition dissolves the Committee on Publications; a separate action by the Board of Directors establishes a new Journals Advisory Board reporting to the Governing Board for Publishing.

7. The Council VOTED to approve the *Petition to Realign the Committee on Publications*, subject to the concurrence by the ACS Board of Directors.

Mr. Mathes reported that the Committee on Public Relations and Communications (CPRC) requested a name and duty change to better reflect its focus on science communication. Mr. Mathes presented the ConC recommendation, with the concurrence of CPC, on the *Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications*. This petition changes the name of CPRC to the Committee on Communicating Chemistry (COMM).

8. The Council VOTED to approve the *Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications*, subject to the concurrence by the ACS Board of Directors.

Mr. Mathes shared that the Committee on International Activities (IAC) requested to amend their duties to better address the increasing complexities of international relations and the proliferation of International Chemical Sciences Chapters (ICSCs) concomitant with growth of the ACS global community. Mr. Mathes presented the ConC recommendation, with the concurrence of CPC, on the *Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on International Activities*. This petition aligns the duties of IAC more closely with those of other unit function committees, such as the Committee on Local Section Activities.

9. The Council VOTED to approve the *Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on International Activities*, subject to the concurrence by the ACS Board of Directors.

#### Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E)

**Kevin J. Edgar**, committee Chair, announced the results of the committee elections held at the start of the meeting. He thanked participants of the Director-at-Large Town Hall and noted that ballots for the

2025 fall election will be distributed beginning on September 15, with voting closing at 12:00 p.m. CT on October 10. Dr. Edgar reminded Councilors of the available positions and candidates for the upcoming elections:

- President-Elect, 2026: Christina Bodurow and Dawn Mason
- Two openings for Director-at-Large (2026 – 2028): Anna Cavinato, Donna Friedman, Malika Jeffries-EL, and Will Lynch
- One opening for District II Director (2026 – 2028): Kimberly Agnew-Heard and Mary Engelman
- One opening for District IV Director (2026 – 2028): Milagros (Milly) Delgado and Lisa Houston

He also noted that the first Zone Councilors (2026 – 2028) will be elected by ACS members in their respective Zones as part of the fall election. Edgar reported on N&E's efforts to develop slates of potential nominees including the President-Elect (2027), Directors of District III and VI, and Director-at-Large (2027-2029), with biographical information to be published in the spring 2026 Council agenda. N&E has issued a call for nominations of qualified individuals for consideration for Zone Councilor, elected committee member, President-Elect and Director positions. Nominations may be submitted through the N&E digital intake form or by email to [nomelect@acs.org](mailto:nomelect@acs.org).

#### Reports of Society Committees

##### Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA)

**John Gavenonis**, committee Chair, reported on deteriorating conditions in the broader employment and funding environments. He shared insights from Martha Moore, Chief Economist for the American Chemistry Council, who met with CEPA to discuss current economic trends, including rising economic policy uncertainty that is negatively affecting the chemistry enterprise. Dr. Gavenonis highlighted resources available to support ACS members during economic turbulence, such as Career Consultants, the Salary Calculator, and Career Pathways Workshops. He presented for Council approval the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Professional Employment Guidelines, which includes a revised foreword reflecting ACS's global context, a new section on voluntary separation, and other enhancements throughout. After circulation of the Guidelines in the Council agenda, CEPA accepted an amendment from the Committee on Ethics, to clarify the language associated with intellectual property ownership. Dr. Gavenonis then highlighted the amended language and sought approval of the Guidelines, as amended.

10. The Council VOTED to approve the "Professional Employment Guidelines," as amended.

##### Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC)

**Beth Lorsbach**, committee Chair, highlighted the Local Sections recognized for Outstanding Performance at the ChemLuminary Awards: Brazosport, Midland, Nashville, Indiana, Greater Houston, and New York. Additional awards were presented to Hampton Roads and Brazosport. She highlighted the Local Section Showcase at Sci-Mix, which featured 17 Sections from Districts I and III. Lorsbach reported that \$25k in funding was approved for Local Section Member Engagement and Enhancement Grants, and that LSAC recommended 15 Local Section Innovative Project Grants totaling \$32k. All 185 Sections have

applied for one or more of LSAC's grants. LSAC recommended, with the concurrence of CPC, the *Petition for Changes in Local Section Territory*. This petition incorporates over 600 US counties not currently within the territory of a Local Section into adjacent Local Sections.

11. The Council VOTED to approve the *Petition for Changes in Local Section Territory*.

Committee on International Activities (IAC)

**Michael B. McGinnis**, committee Chair, recognized the International Chemical Sciences Chapters (ICSCs) of Australia, Brazil, Nigeria, Peru, Taiwan, and the United Arab Emirates for their ten-year anniversaries. He also highlighted ICSCs recognized with Outstanding, Commendable, or Honorable awards for their work in 2024. McGinnis reported that, as of January 1, 2025, there were 31 ICSCs across 27 countries. He shared that IAC approved an application for a new chapter in Sri Lanka, which will be submitted for Council approval in spring of 2026. IAC recommended the creation of a new ICSC in Guatemala. This Chapter represents 120 members and Society Affiliates and one student chapter.

12. The Council VOTED to approve the Petition to Charter an International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Guatemala, subject to the concurrence by the ACS Board of Directors.

Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F)

**Natalie LaFranzo**, committee Chair, reported that the Society's 2025 financial performance through June 30 yielded a net from operations of \$30.6 million, with total revenue of \$387 million and total expenses of \$356 million, comparing favorably to the 2025 budget expectations and meeting the Board financial guidelines. She reviewed ACS's revenue history, noting that it has more than doubled since 2000 with substantial growth outside of North America.

Dr. LaFranzo shared that the increasing scale and complexity of the ACS's finances prompted a collaborative effort between B&F and ACS Board of Directors to explore ways to further strengthen financial stewardship and agility. As a result, a proposal was developed to evolve the remit and name of the Budget and Finance Committee and to create a financial oversight committee of the Board.

- A proposed Society Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA), composed of ACS members, would replace the Society Committee on Budget and Finance. The remit would be focused on supporting governance and aligning financial resources with member needs.
- A proposed Board Finance Committee, composed of Board members, B&F members, and financial experts would be focused on enterprise-level financial planning and advice to the Board.

The Board and B&F will continue refining the roles of these committees in consultation with governance and organizational stakeholders. Dr. LaFranzo reported that the proposal will be presented to Council for action in spring 2026; feedback or questions via email to [b\\_feedback@acs.org](mailto:b_feedback@acs.org).

Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA)

**Ann Kimble-Hill**, committee Chair, announced the celebration of two milestones: the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the committee and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ACS Public Policy Fellowship Program. She reported that

CCPA updated the Society's position statement on *Peer Review: Ensuring High-Quality Science* for approval by the Board and hosted two Advocacy workshops during the fall meeting. Kimble-Hill encouraged Councilors to advocate with their legislators, either as individuals or within their Local Sections, by encouraging members to join the Act4Chemistry Network, collaborating with their institutions' government affairs offices, and inviting Public Policy Fellows to share their expertise with their unit's members before engaging with legislators.

#### Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B)

**John E. Adams**, committee Chair, reported that, year to date, C&B has certified 17 new unit bylaws, including the following units since the spring meeting in San Diego: Green Mountain, New York, Sacramento, and Southern Indiana Local Sections; Rubber Division; and four International Chemical Sciences Chapters: Ecuador, Ghana, Northeast China, and Shanghai. He directed Councilors to the most latest edition of the ACS Governing Documents which can be found online at [www.acs.org/govdocs](http://www.acs.org/govdocs) and thanked them for their thoughtful consideration of the meeting's proposed amendments to the Standing Rules, which will require confirmation by the Board of Directors before taking effect. Dr. Adams reminded Councilors that new petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the CEO no later than December 3, 2025, and encouraged submission of proposed amendments to Standing Rules as soon as practicable.

#### Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC)

**Jarrold Cohen**, committee Chair, reported on DAC's continued work to support Divisions in expanding their communities and fostering more inclusive environments. He highlighted the increase in interdisciplinary programming, through collaboration with the Committee on Science and the Committee on Meetings and Expositions, on topics such as sustainability, artificial intelligence in chemistry, and pharmaceutical innovation. To support such coordination, DAC offers Convergent Chemistry Community grants ensuring that ACS covers all areas of the chemistry enterprise. In response to evolving member expectations, DAC formed a working group with representatives from over 20 Divisions to assist Divisions in defining their value propositions for membership. Cohen reaffirmed DAC's commitment to supporting divisions as they update communications strategies and share best practices across Divisions, committees, and component groups to be more future-ready.

#### Committee on Intellectual Property (CIP)

**Justin Krieger**, committee Chair, thanked Council for approving the committee's name change at the spring Council meeting, and highlighted a few recent key actions of CIP. Krieger met with the Honorable Pauline Newman, the first CIP Chair and former ACS Board member, who was celebrated in a recent *C&EN* comment. On CIP's recommendation and with the Board's approval, the CEO sent a letter to Congress expressing the Society's support for the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act (PERA), the culmination of several years of work by the committee. CIP remains actively working on copyright and patentability issues surrounding the use of artificial intelligence-derived inventions.

#### Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E)

**Amber Hinkle**, committee Chair, updated Council on the reimagined fall meeting schedule. Key changes included: primary programming beginning on Monday, fewer oral sessions, integration of the Open Board

Session and ChemLuminary Awards Ceremony on Sunday evening, increased use of electronic posters, and combined oral/poster sessions in ChemPods. She also shared survey results from the reimagined spring meeting, which showed increased value, relevancy, and participation. M&E will continue tracking and reporting these success measures to Council. While the Future of Meetings initiative has concluded, M&E and DAC have formed a joint subcommittee to facilitate continuous improvement of ACS meetings. Hinkle encouraged Councilors to attend regional meetings this fall, participate in the fall 2025 attendee survey, and send their feedback to [M&E@acs.org](mailto:M&E@acs.org).

#### Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC)

**Jennifer McCulley**, committee Chair, shared that as of May 31, the ACS community includes 99,201 members, 2,282 Society Affiliates, and 144,622 Community Associates, with 13% year-over-year growth driven by Community Associates. She added that the 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits will have minimal changes, that no change to dues pricing is proposed, and that MAC continues to explore strategies to better engage postdoctoral and early-career members. McCulley highlighted MAC's collaboration with component groups to enhance member experience and engagement through ACS membership lounge activities and collaborative events. In recognition of ACS's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, MAC has set a long-term goal of increasing the Member and Society Affiliate count to 150,000, supported by the Membership Referral Program and the ACS Membership Recruitment and Engagement Toolkit, available to Councilors, Local Sections, Divisions, International Chemical Sciences Chapters, and members to aid in recruitment and retention. She invited feedback and suggestions for improving the membership via email at [mac@acs.org](mailto:mac@acs.org).

#### New Business

##### Resolution

The Council ADOPTED the following resolution as presented by Jana Shen, Councilor for the Division of Computers in Chemistry:

13. BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the American Chemical Society expresses to the officers and members of the Chemical Society of Washington Section, host Section for the Fall 2025 ACS meeting, the sincere appreciation of the Council and of the entire Society for the cordial hospitality extended to all registrants at this meeting, and that the Council convey special thanks to the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers responsible for the outstanding technical sessions, as well as headquarters staff, for the planning and execution that have assured the success of this meeting.

The Council ADOPTED the following resolution as presented by Katherine Lee, Councilor *ex officio*:

14. BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the American Chemical Society expresses to Dorothy J. Phillips, President of the Society in 2025, its sincere appreciation for her service and leadership as its presiding officer, the culmination of over thirty years of service to the Society at the Local, Divisional, and National levels.

The Council commends Dr. Phillips for her role as a catalyst of inclusive support, recognition, and career advancement for chemistry students and professionals. Her advocacy has elevated the vital role of Chemical Technical Professionals in strengthening the chemical industry and has highlighted the multitude of educational pathways that lead to fulfilling careers in the global chemistry enterprise.

The Council recognizes her efforts to inspire interest in STEM among young people; her emphasis on inclusivity of thought in collaborative settings; and her boundless energy and unfailing enthusiasm in expanding the Society's global reach and sharing her vision for its future with members worldwide.

The Council collectively wishes Dorothy success in her continuing professional achievements, and offers to her, her children, Anthony Phillips, Vickie Thomas, and Crystal Mayo, and her grandchildren, its sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m. ET.

Kimberly A. Knight  
Secretary

Certified Councilors for the August 20, 2025, Council Meeting

Kimberly Agnew-Heard	Ex Officio Councilor
Bruce Bursten	Ex Officio Councilor
William Carroll	Ex Officio Councilor
Mary Carroll	Ex Officio Councilor
Bonnie Charpentier	Ex Officio Councilor
H. N. Cheng	Ex Officio Councilor
Peter Dorhout	Ex Officio Councilor
Judith Giordan	Ex Officio Councilor
Rigoberto Hernandez	Ex Officio Councilor
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NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Action Requested: The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) has selected the following nominees for 2027 President-Elect:

John Adams  
Lisa McElwee-White  
Mary Virginia Orna  
Laura Sremaniak

All have indicated their willingness to serve if elected. From these nominees, the Council must choose two as candidates for President-Elect. The biographies and position statements of the nominees are provided below.

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**ADAMS, JOHN E. University of Missouri Section.** University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

**Academic Record:** University of Missouri, Rolla, B.S., 1974; University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D., 1979.

**Professional Positions:** University of Missouri, Curators' Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, 2015-present; Curators' Distinguished Teaching Professor, 2009-2015.

**ACS Local Section and Division Offices:** University of Missouri Section: Councilor, 1993-2002; Chair, 1988-1989; Chair-Elect, 1988; Secretary-Treasurer, 1984. Division of Physical Chemistry: Councilor, 2003-2012. Midwest Regional Meeting: General Chair, 2003, Program Chair, 1993.

**ACS National Service:** Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Chair, 2025-present, Member, 2022-present, 2002; Committee Associate, 2003-2010; Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations, Member, 2020-2021, 2017, 2013-2014, Chair, 2015-2017; Committee on Audits, Chair, 2021, Member, 2013-2021; District Director, District V and Ex Officio Councilor, 2013-2021; Board of Directors Executive Committee, Chair, 2018-2020, Member, 2016-2017; Governing Board for Publishing, Member, 2018-2020; Committee on Strategic Planning, Member, 2016-2020, 2010; Board of Trustees, ACS Group Insurance Plans, Chair, 2016-2019, Member, 2011-2019, 1997-2000; Committee on Grants and Awards, Member, 2015-2016; Committee on Professional and Member Relations, Member, 2013-2014; Council Policy Committee, Member, 2011-2012, Member (Nonvoting), 2010; Committee on Executive Compensation, Member (Nonvoting), 2010; Committee on Budget and Finance, Consultant, 2014-2015, Chair, 2010, Member, 2003-2010, Committee Associate, 2002; Committee on Membership Affairs, Member, 1995-2000, Committee Associate, 2001, 1994.

**Member:** Member of ACS since 1974. Alpha Chi Sigma; Phi Kappa Phi; Sigma Xi; Mortar Board; American Association of Chemistry Teachers. ACS Divisions: Physical Chemistry; Computers in Chemistry; Chemical Education; History of Chemistry; Professional Relations.

**Related Activities and Honors:** ACS Fellow, 2009; Governor's Teaching Award, 2010; University of Missouri Presidential Teaching Award, 2009; ACS E. Ann Nalley Midwest Region Volunteer Service Award, 2008; Missouri Academic Advising Association Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, 2005.

## STATEMENT

**John Adams**

Though very flattered to have been nominated to stand for election to the office of President-Elect for 2027, I was immediately struck by the thought “okay, now what would I DO?” I have been involved for many years in various levels of ACS governance: Local Section officer, Councilor for my Local Section and later for a Division, member and chair of numerous committees, District Director, and Board Chair. In that time, I have seen many individuals come and go in the Presidential Succession, some who left a lasting positive impact on the Society and others who did not. Accordingly, I would focus on a few enduring themes, all of which ultimately center on ensuring that ACS remains relevant and responsive to the broad community of chemical science professionals and that ACS readily adapts to changing times and changing challenges.

Chemistry clearly remains a discipline in transition. There always are new discoveries, new understandings of basic phenomena, and an ever-growing realization that chemistry is not the niche area that we might have thought it to be in the past. In fact, I would suggest that the broader term “chemical sciences” does not capture the expansion of chemistry-associated content adequately. Thus, we must ensure that the curricula we recommend at all education levels evolve in response to this expansion. Even the traditional demarcations of chemistry subdisciplines seem increasingly limiting. I am not suggesting that what we do now is wrong, but is it enough? We continually need to ask whether what we teach really responds to contemporary student needs and is relevant to those students.

This emphasis on relevance leads to my next focus area, ACS membership. The data shows that member totals have been slipping over the years, with the recruitment of new members barely keeping up or not keeping up with member losses. We think we know what members need in programming and services, yet we seem to be missing the mark. In joining ACS as soon as I obtained my bachelor’s degree, I thought doing so was just what one does when seeking a career in chemistry, to be part of the gang, so to speak. That attitude is not so prevalent today. On the other hand, I believe ACS needs **all** those individuals who currently work or are preparing to work in one of the chemical sciences or closely adjacent fields, not just because we want higher membership numbers, but because as a scientific society we are enriched as much by what they bring to us as they are by what we do for them. We recognize that the loss of members employed in some part of chemical industry is a significant problem, but do our meetings reflect the sorts of presentations and interactions of benefit to them? Do we provide the products and services that are of value to them? I do not pretend to have an easy solution to the problem of member numbers, but it is clear that having more members per se is a hollow goal if we do not provide those members with what they want and need.

Finally, in my 73 years, I cannot remember a time when science faced the sort of attack that we see now in this country, when decisions based on careful, peer-reviewed, and reproducible data face opposition focused instead on little more than a wish list or the memory of a past that never really existed, amplified by influencers who cherry pick results from limited studies of questionable validity. Science professionals necessarily must be intrinsically skeptical when presented with novel results and interpretations, but we know that we cannot just ignore such findings because they disagree with or contradict our own favorite models. Our challenge is to infuse that attitude into society in general, particularly when most do not have our depth of understanding of the sciences and the scientific process. I’ve been to Capitol Hill several times on behalf of ACS, and we must continue our advocacy efforts on the Hill, but those efforts alone will not solve the larger societal problem. ACS is not in this alone, and we cannot pass up any opportunity to join with other scientific societies in promoting public engagement with results stemming from solid, verified science. There is no magic solution here, but we do need to step up our efforts at all levels and consider additional creative, cooperative approaches.

The future is coming. Together let’s be certain that ACS is positioned to thrive in that future.

**MCELWEE-WHITE, LISA. Division of Organic Chemistry (Florida Section).** University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

**Academic Record:** University of Kansas, B.S., 1979; California Institute of Technology, Ph.D., 1983.

**Professional Positions:** University of Florida, Colonel Allan R. and Margaret G. Crow Professor of Chemistry and Affiliate Professor of Chemical Engineering, 2015-present; Department of Chemistry, Chair, 2017-2024.

**ACS Local Section and Division Offices:** Division of Organic Chemistry: Councilor, 2025-present; Chair, 2009; Chair-Elect, 2008; Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, 2004-2006; Program Chair, 2000-2003. Division of Inorganic Chemistry: Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, 2009-2012.

**ACS National Offices:** ACS Journal Advisory Board, Member, 2026; Editorial Advisory Board, ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces, 2018-present; Committee on Publications, Member, 2024-2025; Committee on Professional Training, Member, 2014-2023; ACS Task Force on Electronic Dissemination of Meeting Content, Member, 2010; Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Organic Chemistry, 2004-2007; Editorial Advisory Board, Organometallics, 2000-2002.

**Member:** Member of ACS since 1980. Materials Research Society; American Vacuum Society. ACS Divisions: Organic Chemistry; Inorganic Chemistry; Colloid and Surface Chemistry.

**Related Activities and Honors:** Garvan-Olin Medal, ACS, 2019; Gassman Award, ACS Division of Organic Chemistry, 2024; Southern Chemist Award, ACS Memphis Section, 2024; Herty Medal, Georgia Section, ACS, 2019; Florida Award, ACS Florida Section, 2015.

**STATEMENT**  
**Lisa McElwee-White**

We live in interesting times. The need for active scientists, a robust academic and industrial enterprise and an educated public is compelling, and the ACS is uniquely positioned to enable us to advance chemistry in these areas...but not if we are quiet. We as a Society need to **tell our story—to communicate, educate and advocate**. This is what I have done throughout my career as I led organizations through challenging times. I was Chair of the Chemistry Department of a large research-intensive university during the COVID pandemic. Not only did our teaching and research missions thrive but I garnered enough resources to hire 22 new Chemistry faculty. I chaired the ACS Division of Organic Chemistry during the outsourcing of the 2000's that roiled the employers of Division members, and the Division came out robust. I have done these things while maintaining a high-profile research career: 75 graduate students, 26 postdoctoral fellows, more than 100 undergraduate researchers, around 200 papers (mostly in ACS journals) more than 220 invited research talks on six continents, awards including the Garvan-Olin Medal. And I have maintained an international research presence as a member of three European Union Cooperation in Science and Technology Actions and an EU Innovative Training Network. Now, I want to join with you to use my skills and the resources of the ACS as we **tell our story** about the value of chemistry as the central science.

**Communicate.** We are outstanding in our scientific communications through the ACS journals and conferences. Let us maintain that excellence and also use our skills to communicate with the public. Is your passion live events such as Science Cafes? Providing tours of your company's facilities? Social media? Podcasts or videos? Something new? I am committed to supporting development of creative new outreach programs that bring science to our communities. Do you enjoy explaining complex concepts to a non-expert

audience? We will refresh and expand the list of volunteer ACS Experts who provide information for news stories. As ACS President, I will be out there telling the story. Find your passion and come with me out into the community of our fellow citizens!

**Educate.** The ACS has long been the advocate for quality in chemical education. I have seen this through my service on the ACS Committee on Professional Training. We can maintain this quality while supporting innovative curriculum development at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. I am committed to support efforts in this area that include broad perspectives from academics, industry and the public sector, so that we can prepare our students with both disciplinary expertise and the skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly complex global workforce. Not all education is done in the classroom. As we rethink education, we should incentivize experiential learning such as internships and study abroad. Communities are also essential for education. Student organizations and mentoring programs for new faculty and early career industrial chemists are a critical priority for training the next generation. Those of us who are senior in our career paths have an obligation to pass along what we have learned to the early career chemists among us, and I will champion these efforts as ACS President.

**Advocate.** First, we must support and advocate for each other and for the ACS. We can bring in additional members to strengthen our community. We can participate in Local Section activities. Despite the current climate, diversity is a good thing. We can be welcoming to all of us. We can support the affinity groups within ACS. Then, as a cohesive group of chemists, we can engage in broader advocacy. The ACS has a robust advocacy program in Washington, DC that addresses policy at the federal level. This is extremely important, and I will continue to engage in these efforts. However, there is more to do. It has been said that all politics is local. The same advocacy strategies ACS uses in Washington can be used by Local Sections to engage with school boards, local governments, and regional commissions to address issues that affect their members. Let's do it!

As we **tell our story: communicate, educate and advocate**, the ACS has resources to utilize. Use them as a starting point. We will develop more resources as we go. I will lead the way. Come with me. We can make a difference.

I am always happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me on LinkedIn, on Bluesky @McElweeWhite, by email at [LisaMcACS@gmail.com](mailto:LisaMcACS@gmail.com), or on the website [LisaMcACS.org](http://LisaMcACS.org).

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**ORNA, MARY VIRGINIA.** New York Section. ChemSource, Inc., New York, New York.

**Academic Record:** Chestnut Hill College, B.S., 1955; Fordham University, M.S., 1958; Fordham University, Ph.D., 1962; Catholic University, M.A., 1967.

**Professional Positions:** ChemSource, Inc., President, 1992-present.

**ACS Local Section and Division Offices:** New York Section: Immediate Past Chair, 2024; Chair, 2023; Chair-Elect, 2022. Division of Chemical Education: Chair, 1998; Chair-Elect, 1997; Treasurer, 1985-1996. Division of History of Chemistry: Alternate Councilor, 2025; Councilor, 1991-2024; Treasurer, 1989-1990; Chair, 1984; Chair-Elect, 1983.

**ACS National Service:** Committee on Senior Chemists, Member, 2022-present, Committee Associate, 2021; Committee on Divisional Activities, Member, 2017-2020, 1993-1995; Committee on Local Section Activities, Member, 2015-2016, Committee Associate, 2014; Council Policy Committee, Member, 2008-2013; Committee on Committees, Member, 2002-2007; Committee on Nominations and Elections, Member, 1996-2001, Vice-Chair, 2000; Committee on Education, Committee Associate, 1995-1996; Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Committee Associate, 1992.

**Member:** Member of ACS since 1960. ACS Divisions: Chemical Education; Chemical Information; History of Chemistry.

**Related Activities and Honors:** HIST Award, 2021; Radding Award, Silicon Valley Section, 2019; ACS Fellow, 2010; ACS National Award for Volunteer Service, 2009; Henry Hill Award, ACS Professional Relations Division, 2008.

**STATEMENT**  
**Mary Virginia Orna**

**CHEMISTRY IS EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE**

What will I accomplish as ACS president? The following “I” statements outline critical issues that must be addressed in these challenging and rapidly changing times:

**INDIVIDUALS.** The ultimate goal of our activities is to promote chemistry as a key component to improve everyone’s life—worldwide. However, humans, not computers, do chemistry. ACS is a membership organization. Our guiding principle, in whatever ACS intends to accomplish, is to keep ACS members’ best interests at heart, considering how each decision will affect individual members.

**INSPIRATION.** “Improving all lives through the transforming power of chemistry” is ACS’s inspiring vision, stimulating high-level and purposeful actions, prompting developing innovative ideas, and building pride in membership in a society that places this vision before all members. Together with our staff and members, we can unleash the power and insights of chemistry in focused efforts to benefit all.

**INNOVATION.** Scientific progress, coupled with imagination and innovation, is the only factor that can continue to drive the economy. Innovation arises from the creativity of thousands of chemist members of ACS, a force that must be empowered by research dollars. I pledge during my presidency that I will energetically advocate for enhanced research funding in budgets of all funding sectors.

**INDUSTRY.** Innovation arises from academic and industrial research, but industry plays a crucial role in ensuring that innovations are practical and profitable. Industry employs the largest number of chemists; they need the society’s support more than ever in light of the current critical economic situation. It is difficult to remain creative when facing threats of job loss and downsizing. I will collaborate with industrial representatives to identify effective solutions to pressing chemically related problems within business and industry.

**INCLUSION AND BELONGING.** ACS is a membership organization that values every single member. Advancing a program of inclusion involves ensuring that all support systems are readily available to individuals who need such support. My presidential activities will focus on benefiting all ACS members from young chemistry students to our valued older members.

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**INFORMATION.** Information is the 21st-century commodity that enables businesses and industries to flourish, scientific theories to develop and advance, and researchers to instantly communicate worldwide; it is undoubtedly the most important asset and resource that modern science and technology have generated. It is clearly among the most valuable benefits we can provide to ACS members especially in the age of AI and the potential (and challenge) it represents. New information can be readily transmitted, transformed, and alas, pirated and falsified: Intellectual property developed through research and creativity is threatened by those who flout international law; spurious publications are on the upswing. The line where intellectual-property rights of one entity begin and those of another end can sometimes become blurred. We must be acutely aware of the critical transformational juncture between information and knowledge so we can build and maintain competitive advantages in varied sectors of the chemical enterprise and, at the same time, guard our integrity. I pledge to work on developing strategies that will enable individual members and businesses to address this growing challenge.

**INTELLIGENCE.** In the past, the chemical enterprise largely depended upon material and energy resources to build and maintain its competitive advantage. Now, we must realize that our greatest asset for accomplishing this is the cadre of intelligent and superbly educated chemists and engineers who can take new technologies to higher levels. I will diligently work to improve chemical education at every level so that this competitive advantage continues to be realized.

**INTERNATIONAL.** Chemistry does not respect national borders. As president of the world's largest chemical society, I will collaborate with every cooperating international professional chemistry organization to promote chemistry's advancement and convey its vital importance for all people. And most importantly, I will make every effort to integrate our international members and their respective chapters.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY.** The boundaries separating various physical science disciplines are quickly becoming nearly indistinguishable. We must approach all related disciplines as closely interacting, collaborating partners. What is rapidly emerging is the green edge of innovative thought, accompanied by conversations that provoke new thinking about models and structures.

**IN CONCLUSION:** This statement cannot convey a full description of the assiduous efforts I will undertake if elected. Please write or call me with questions and suggestions. I pledge to work with everyone. I am determined to be fully responsive, hardworking, and committed. I would be honored to receive your vote and trust so that I can work toward improving your status, the chemical enterprise, and its enhanced benefits.

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**SREMANIAK, LAURA. North Carolina Section.** North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Academic Record:** University of South Carolina, B.S., 1991; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Ph.D., 1996.

**Professional Positions:** North Carolina State University, Teaching Professor, 2014-present; Associate Department Head, 2022-present; Teaching Associate Professor, 2006-2014; Associate Department Chair, 2009-2017.

**ACS Local Section and Division Offices:** North Carolina Section: Councilor, 2005-present; Alternate Councilor, 2004; Women Chemists Subcommittee, Chair, 2012-2016; Education Subcommittee, Co-Chair, 2014-present; Project SEED Subcommittee, Chair, 2013-2016. Southeastern Regional Meeting: Meeting Organizer, 2012, 2023.

**ACS National Service:** Committee on Budget and Finance, Member, 2025; Committee on Membership Affairs, Chair, 2022-2024; Member, 2018-2024; Member Insurance, Board of Trustees, Committee on Membership Affairs Representative, 2022-2024; Committee on Women Chemists, Chair, 2017; Member, 2009-2017; Committee Associate, 2006-2008; Task Force on the Future of Meetings, Member, 2019-2020.

**Member:** Member of ACS since 1991. Alpha Chi Sigma; American Association of Chemistry Teachers; Sigma Xi. ACS Divisions: Physical Chemistry; Professional Relations.

**Related Activities and Honors:** ACS Fellow, 2021; NC State University Equity for Women Award, 2018; UNC System Bridges Leadership Program, 2016; NC State Provost Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021; Marcus Hobbes Award, North Carolina Section, 2012.

### STATEMENT Laura Sremaniak

It is such an honor to be a nominee for ACS President-Elect during the Society's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! As a member since my undergraduate years, ACS has played an influential role in my career and leadership development. By extension, I recognize and appreciate the values and support of ACS for both the chemical profession and chemical professionals.

I am a faculty member and administrator in the department of chemistry at NC State University, the largest R1 university in North Carolina. In ACS, I have served as a Councilor since 2008, and I am active in leadership and outreach in the North Carolina Local Section, including in our subcommittees for Project SEED, WCC, and Education.

With the national ACS, I have chaired two committees: the Committee on Women Chemists (2017) and the Committee on Membership Affairs (2022 – 2024), and currently as a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance. In addition, I have served as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees for the ACS Member Insurance Program. Service in these roles has given me a deep and broad knowledge of the ACS and the opportunity to hone my leadership skills.

While the ACS benefits from a strong financial outlook, an excellent portfolio of products and services, and a sizable membership base, there are ongoing and emerging challenges that require action, not in modifying our purpose or values, but in how we remain relevant to our members and the larger scientific enterprise:

- artificial intelligence transforming educational and career landscapes
- eroding support for science
- enrollment declines in education
- difficult research funding climates

At the same time, these challenges put ACS in a particularly *good* position to be a trusted resource for its members and future members. ACS is uniquely positioned to serve as a center point of activity for those studying, working, or retired from positions in education, government, industry, or related fields. As ACS President-Elect, I will focus my efforts in the following areas.

#### **Supporting Membership and Engaging Members**

Members are at the heart of ACS and working with leaders and staff, we can do many things to enhance our membership community. Retention, averaging around 70%, is a particularly vexing problem, especially among students, industrial members, and new members. Clear and more personalized communication is one way to inform members of offerings that might be of interest to them. Tailored solutions are also needed to reduce the organizational burden of volunteering, creating margin for leaders to plan and execute events in local sections, divisions, international, and student chapters. I would also welcome a discussion about how we can better utilize Alternate Councilors and enhance communication between Councilors.

### **Improving Education and Career Development**

ACS is poised to be a particularly relevant resource to educators and students in the integration of AI tools in educational offerings. While the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT) has a well-developed selection of resources for pre-college chemistry teachers, there are opportunities to make our current and future resources available in a similar format for college educators. Supporting careers, especially in the difficult transitions for recent graduates and mid-career members facing unwanted career transitions, is a valuable need that requires the support of dedicated volunteers in an array of fields. We need to encourage and augment these efforts, such as expanded opportunities for industrial members to collaborate with educators to improve career readiness among chemistry students.

### **Strengthening Science Communication and Advocacy**

It is crucial to build upon our efforts in communicating science, especially programs to help members communicate their work in compelling ways to a general audience and providing easy-to-share communications on the importance of supporting science to elected leaders. This is another area where members passionate about advocacy in the support of science can be amplified through coordinated efforts, such as our Act4Chemistry program.

In short, I would like ACS to be the recognized professional home of all those studying or working in the chemical sciences and a valued resource for members no matter what assistance or information they need throughout their careers.

If elected, I would take a collaborative approach to make progress in these areas by understanding the issues, listening to and considering many options for addressing them, and working with ACS governance and staff to bring change where it is needed. Let's join together to build an inclusive and welcoming community of all professionals in the chemical sciences. Thank you for your consideration, and I would be honored to have your vote!

Find me on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and at [laura4acs.org](http://laura4acs.org)

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINEES, DISTRICT DIRECTORS

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Rule IV, Sec. 7, candidates for District Director are selected by the voting Councilors of the District to be served. The Committee on Nominations and Elections selected the following as nominees for a 2027-2029 term:

DISTRICT III

Mukund Chorghade  
Bonnie (Helen) Lawlor  
Carl Picconatto  
Stephanie Watson

DISTRICT VI

Anna Cavinato  
Timothy Long  
Orlando Rojas  
Jeanette Van Emon

Primary ballots are handled by Survey & Ballot Systems, our election vendor, using the procedures developed by the Committee on Nominations and Elections and approved by the Council, and have been emailed to voting Councilors residing in Districts III and VI. The results of the primary balloting will be announced in *Chemical & Engineering News*, and at the 2026 Council meeting on March 25, 2026.

The election of one Director from each District will be conducted in the fall, with ballots emailed to all members of District III and District VI on or before October 10. The incumbent for District III, Bonnie Lawlor, is eligible for reelection. The incumbent for District VI, Jeanette Van Emon, is eligible for reelection.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES, DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Rule IV, Sec. 6, the Committee on Nominations and Elections selected the following as candidates for the Director-at-Large 2027-2029 term:

Michael (Mick) Hurrey  
Beth Lorsbach  
William Provine  
Carolyn Ribes

The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall, with ballots emailed to each voting Councilor on or before October 10. The incumbent, Carolyn Ribes, is eligible for reelection.

Biographies of the candidates follow.

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**HURREY, MICK. California Section.** Revagenix, San Ramon, California.

**Academic Record:** University of Central Florida, B.S., 1998; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Ph.D., 2004.

**Professional Positions:** Revagenix, Vice President, Pharmaceutical Development, 2023-present; InCarda Therapeutics, Vice President, Product Development 2019-2023; Executive Director, Product Development, 2018-2019; SteadyMed, Senior Director, Pharmaceutical Development, 2017-2018; Senior Director, Pharmaceutical Development, 2015-2017; Gilead Sciences, Research Scientist II, 2013-2015.

**ACS Local Section and Division Offices:** Division of Business Development and Management: Treasurer, 2022-present, 2016-2020; Immediate Past Chair, 2013; Chair, 2012; Chair-Elect, 2011; Councilor, 2010-2015; Program Chair, 2007-2010. Northeastern Section: Alternate Councilor, 2010-2012. North Carolina Section: National Chemistry Week Presenter at North Carolina State Fair, 2002-2004; Local Section Younger Chemists Committee, 1999-2004.

**ACS National Service:** Committee on Divisional Activities, Committee Associate, 2025; Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs, Chair, 2023-2024, Member, 2019-2024, Committee Associate, 2018; Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, Member, 2015, Committee Associate, 2014; Committee on International Activities, Member, 2012-2013, Committee Associate, 2011; Committee on Younger Chemists, Chair, 2008-2010, Member, 2005-2010, Committee Associate, 2004.

**Member:** Member of ACS since 1999. ACS Divisions: Analytical Chemistry; Business Development and Management; Professional Relations. Scouting America (formerly known as Boy Scouts of America): Merit Badge Councilor for Chemistry, Cooking, Entrepreneurship, and Golf.

**Related Activities and Honors:** Nexus Award, 2025; ACS Fellow, 2016; ACS Science Coach, 2012-2016; Divisional ChemLuminary Awardee, 2010-2012; Outstanding Contributor Awardee, 2005-2017.

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**LORSBACH, BETH, A. Indiana Section.** Nufarm, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Academic Record:** Boston University, M.A., 1995; University of California, Davis, Ph.D., 1999.

**Professional Positions:** Nufarm, Group Executive for Portfolio Solutions 2026 – present, Global Head of Innovation & Development, Portfolio Solutions, 2022-2025; Corteva Agriscience Division of DowDuPont/Dow AgroSciences, R&D Director, Discovery Chemistry Leader, 2019-2022; Associate Director, Discovery Chemistry Leader, 2016-2018; Associate Director, Process Chemistry & Analytical Sciences Leader, 2015.

**ACS Local Section and Division Offices:** Indiana Section: Councilor, 2016–2024; Chair, 2007; Chair-Elect, 2006; Editor, 2004; Division of Agrochemicals, Vice-Chair, 2026-2027.

**ACS National Service:** Committee on Local Section Activities, Chair, 2023-2025, Member, 2019-2025, Committee Associate, 2017-2018; Council Policy Committee, Member (Nonvoting), 2023.

**Member:** Member of ACS since 1993. Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis, Board Member/Board Chair. ACS Divisions: Agrochemicals, Organic Chemistry.

**Related Activities and Honors:** ACS Fellow, 2019; Leading Light Award Nominee for Outstanding Achievement in Science, 2019; Women Chemists Committee Rising Star Award, 2015; KPMG LLP Indy's Best and Brightest Finalist, 2009; Dow AgroSciences Discovery Recognition Award for Innovation and Creativity, 2003.

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**PROVINE, WILLIAM D. Delaware Section.** The Innovation Space & DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware.

**Academic Record:** University of California, Berkeley, B.S., 1987, University of Delaware, Ph.D., 1992.

**Professional Positions:** The Innovation Space, Founder, President & Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors, 2017-present; DuPont Science & Innovation, Senior Director, 2017-present; DuPont Science & Engineering, Global Operations Director, 2016-2017; Director, Science & Technology–Open Innovation & Globalization, 2015-2016; DuPont Science & Technology External Affairs Director, 2012-2015.

**ACS Local Section and Division Offices:** ACS Entrepreneurial Summit, Judge, 2016. Division on Biochemical Technology: Judge (shark), Shark Tank Competition.

**ACS National Service:** Committee on Corporation Associates, Member & DuPont Representative, 2016-2018, 2014.

**Member:** Member of ACS since 1987. American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), Lifetime Member, 2018-present, Senior Member, 2016-present, AIChE Member 1985-present; American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS), Lifetime Member, 2013-present. AAAS Division Memberships: Industrial Science & Technology, Engineering, and General Interest in Science and Engineering. ACS Divisions: Biochemical Technology, Industrial & Engineering Chemistry, Business Development and Management, Small Chemical Businesses.

**Related Activities and Honors:** Board of Directors, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Advisory Council on Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NACIE), 2022-2024; Board of Directors, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 2017-2023; Board of Directors, Butamax Advanced Biofuels, LLC, 2010-2012; Board of Directors, The Resolution Project, 2017-2025.

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**RIBES, CAROLYN. Ex Officio (Brazosport Section).** The Dow Chemical Company, Terneuzen, Netherlands.

**Academic Record:** University of Buffalo, B.S., 1983, Ph.D., 1989.

**Professional Positions:** The Dow Chemical Company, Business Analytical Leader, 2009-present.

**ACS Local Section and Division Offices:** Brazosport Section: Councilor, 2006-2020; Alternate Councilor, 2000-2005. Division of Analytical Chemistry: Treasurer, 1999-2004; Editor, 1994. Baton Rouge Section: Alternate Councilor, 1997; Chair, 1992-1993; Chair-Elect, 1992.

**ACS National Service:** Director-at-Large and Ex Officio Councilor, 2021-present; Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations, Chair, 2024-2025, Member, 2022-2023; Board of Directors Executive Committee, Member, 2023-2025; Advisory Board for the ACS Green Chemistry Institute, Member, 2022-present; Committee on Pensions and Investments, Member, 2024-present; Committee on Committees, Chair, 2018-2020, Member, 2016-2020; Council Policy Committee, Member (Nonvoting), 2018-2020; Member, 2010-2015, Vice-Chair, 2011-2013; Committee on Science, Chair, 2007-2009, Member, 2006-2009; Committee on Women Chemists, Chair, 2003-2005, Member, 2000-2005, Committee Associate, 1999; Committee on Younger Chemists, Chair, 1997-1998, Member, 1995-1998, Committee Associate, 1994; Committee on Strategic Planning, Consultant, 2016-2017, Member, 2015, 2011-2013.

**Member:** Member of ACS since 1983. International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) Committee on Chemistry and Industry, Member, 2009-2018, Chair, 2018-2019; IUPAC, Chair of U.S. National Committee, 2011-2012. Iota Sigma Pi.

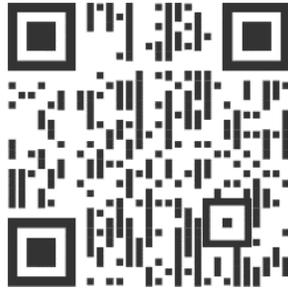
**Related Activities and Honors:** Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS, 2018; ACS Fellow, 2014; Society of Women Engineers PRISM Award, 2021; IUPAC Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering, 2011.

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REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR 2028 DIRECTORS AND SOCIETY OFFICERS

A Reminder

In May, the process to select nominees for 2028 ACS Directors and Officers will begin. The Committee on Nominations and Elections therefore asks each Councilor to examine the following list of Director and Officer positions with terms ending on December 31, 2027, and the list of the other members serving in these roles. Names of individuals suggested for nomination should be submitted to the [nomination portal \(https://nominations.acs.org/\)](https://nominations.acs.org/) no later than **May 1, 2026** for consideration.



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PRESIDENT-ELECT

Incumbents in the 2026 Presidential Succession are:

Rigoberto Hernandez, President  
Christina (Chris) Bodurow, President-Elect  
Dorothy Phillips, Immediate Past President

President-Elect Nominees for 2027-2029 are listed in this Council agenda under “Nominations for President-Elect.”

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DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES AND DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS  
FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINEES

**The President is the Primary Representative of the Society on Many Matters**

**Some Major Duties or Functions:**

- Champion ACS programs or activities that fall within the areas of his/her interest
- Works with the Board of Directors to identify key themes and priorities; supports those themes with presidential programming at national meetings
- Preside at Council meetings
- Works jointly with the Chair of the Board in the appointment of members to committees
- Chair the Council Policy Committee
- Advocacy activities
- Key spokesperson on ACS policies to the media

**Some Desired Characteristics:**

- Ability to represent the Society on the world stage
- Ability to work collaboratively with Board colleagues for the benefit of ACS
- Integrity and strong ethical character
- Strong commitment to advocate for chemistry
- Enthusiasm for the job
- Ability to communicate in writing and orally
- Business acumen
- Leadership experience
- Visibility and credibility within the profession
- Vision and ability to get things done
- Flexibility to travel
- Enthusiasm for meeting and working with members

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DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES AND DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS  
FOR DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE & DISTRICT DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

The Board of Directors is the legal representative of the SOCIETY, and, as such, shall have, hold, and administer all the property, funds, and affairs of the SOCIETY.

**Some Major Duties:**

- Ensure the fiscal soundness and financial stability of the Society
- Review and approve the Society's annual operating budget
- Establish salary and compensation of ACS executives
- Review and approve new Society initiatives
- Establish and revisit Society policies
- Guide the ACS in accord with the mission and vision
- Ensure that the ACS meets the needs of its members, its constituents, and the profession
- Attend Board & Council meetings; execute assigned duties; represent the Board at other events
- Minimum time commitment: 30-45 days per year

**Some Desired Characteristics:**

- Integrity and strong ethical character
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to collaborate with others in the accomplishment of goals and creation of new programs
- Business and budget acumen
- Willingness to make tough decisions
- Demonstrated leadership and governance experience
- Commitment to the Society's goals and strategic plan
- Broad vision and strategic thinking
- Places welfare of the Society above personal ambitions
- Team Player, but independent in thought
- Enthusiasm for meeting and working with members

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

The Director-at-Large with term ending December 31, 2027:

Natalie LaFranzo

The incumbent, Natalie LaFranzo, is eligible for reelection.

The other Directors-at-Large are:

Term ending December 31, 2028

Will Lynch

Malika Jeffries-EL

Term ending December 31, 2026

Wayne Jones

Carolyn Ribes

Director-at-Large Candidates for 2027-2029 are listed in this Council agenda under “The Announcement of Candidates, Director-at-Large.”

DIRECTOR, DISTRICT I

ACS Members from the following geographic areas are eligible to serve as Director, District I:

Local Sections having their headquarters in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania (except the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Southeastern Pennsylvania Sections), Vermont; and those members with addresses in the states of New York and Pennsylvania.

The incumbent, Katherine Lee, is ineligible for reelection.

DIRECTOR, DISTRICT V

ACS Members from the following geographic areas are eligible to serve as Director, District V:

Local Sections having their headquarters in Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan (except the Detroit, Huron Valley, Michigan State University, Midland and Western Michigan Sections), Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico (except the Rio Grande Valley Section), North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas (except the Brazosport, Central Texas, Dallas-Fort Worth, East Texas, Greater Houston, Heart O’ Texas, Sabine-Neches, San Antonio, South Texas and Texas A&M Sections), Utah, and Wisconsin; and those members with addresses in Illinois (except the counties of Clark, Crawford, Edgar, and Lawrence), Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, certain counties in Texas, Wisconsin, Michigan (except Dickinson County).

The incumbent, Silvia Jurisson, is eligible for reelection.

DIRECTOR, DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL

ACS Members from the following geographic areas are eligible to serve as Director, District International:

ACS International Zones 1-6. For more information on Zones, visit [acs.org/ zone-councilor-faq](https://acs.org/zone-councilor-faq)

The incumbent, David Wu, is eligible for reelection.

OTHER DISTRICT DIRECTORS

The other District Directors who continue in office beyond 2026 are:

DISTRICT II  
Kimberly Agnew-Heard

DISTRICT IV  
Lisa Houston

District Director III and VI Candidates for 2027-2029 are listed in this Council agenda under the “Announcement of Nominees, District Directors.”

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**BALLOT COUNTS, PREVIOUS ELECTIONS**

The Committee on Nominations and Elections regularly reports in the Council agenda the numerical results of balloting from nominations and elections at the previous meeting and of interim mail balloting. The following tabulations give the numerical results of the balloting at the August 20, 2025, meeting of the Council for election of members of the Council Policy Committee, Committee on Committees, and Committee on Nominations and Elections; and of mail/electronic ballots for election of President-Elect, Directors of District II, IV, and Directors-at-Large (October 10, 2025).

**COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE**

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Penny Beuning, Raychelle Burks, Jason Ritchie, and Frankie Wood-Black for three-year terms (2026 – 2028) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC).

Name	Count	Name	Count
*Penny Beuning	193	James Carver	174
*Raychelle Burks	255	Gregory Ferrence	165
*Jason Ritchie	228	Fran Kravitz	127
*Frankie Wood-Black	207	Stephanie Watson	161

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

By electronic ballot, the Council elected William Carroll, Jr., Carmen Gauthier, Thomas Lane, Louise Lawter, and Lori Stepan for three-year terms (2026 – 2028) on the Committee on Committees (ConC). Louise Lawter will begin serving immediately to fill a vacated seat.

Name	Count	Name	Count
*William Carroll, Jr.	296	Robert Cohen	61
*Carmen Gauthier	242	Roger Egolf	105
*Thomas Lane	245	Timothy Hanks	133
*Louise Lawter	237	Margaret Levenberg	157
*Lori Stepan	209	Keith Vitense	169

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Kelly Elkins, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Alison Hyslop, Gregory Tew, Kathryn Uhrich, Don Warner, and Peter Zarras for three-year terms (2026 – 2028) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E). After a tie vote and run-off election, Ellene Tratras Contis was elected to a two-year term (2026 – 2027) and Jingbo Louise Liu was elected to a one-year term (2026) to maintain rotation of terms as the committee expands its membership.

Name	Count	Name	Count
*Kelly Elkins	218	Mary Anderson	154
*Jennifer Hollingsworth	227	Maria Contel	139
*Alison Hyslop	191	Julie Jessop	171
*Jingbo Louise Liu	189	Marge Matthews	94
*Gregory Tew	214	Lisa McElwee-White	151
*Ellene Tratras Contis	189	Kristina Proctor	115
*Kathryn Uhrich	224	Elsa Reichmanis	186
*Don Warner	210	Jackie Trischman	112
*Peter Zarras	192	Lichang Wang	139

\* Elected

**PRESIDENT-ELECT, 2026**

Name	Total Votes
*Christina Bodurow	5,884
Dawn Mason	4,857

**DIRECTOR, DISTRICT II, 2026-2028**

Name	Total Votes
*Kimberly Agnew-Heard	1,018
Mary Engelman	486

**DIRECTOR, DISTRICT IV, 2026-2028**

Name	Total Votes
Milagros (Milly) Delgado	615
*Lisa Houston	753

**DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE, 2026-2028<sup>1</sup>**

Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Anna Cavinato	56	74	--
Donna Friedman	49	--	--
*Malika Jeffries-EL	114	125	159
*Will Lynch	91	110	148

\* Elected

<sup>1</sup> The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. No candidate attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes is eliminated from further consideration; the second-preference votes of the eliminated candidate are redistributed to the remaining unelected candidates. The process is repeated until the number of elected candidates equals the number of positions available.

The total number of valid votes cast for President-Elect was 10,875. The total voter turnout was 11.23% of all eligible voters.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2026 and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our American Chemical Society! This is undoubtedly not the first time you have heard such a greeting, and I hope that you will continue to embrace it throughout the year. The #ACS150 Team is coordinating several celebrations at this spring meeting in Atlanta, GA and throughout the year. Mark your calendar for our virtual anniversary party on our Founding Day, April 6, 2026, perhaps broadcast from our headquarters in Washington, DC. Take note of [C&EN's January issue](#) and its focus on the most consequential ACS presidents, all of whom have done so much to advance ACS as a society. ACS Publications is staging nearly monthly [JACS150 symposia](#) throughout the world. I'll be joining members at the Chinese Chemical Society (CCS) in Chongqing, China, and at the Korean Chemical Society (KCS) in Jeju Island, Korea, in April. There is still time for your Local Sections and Divisions to join the fun and stage events at many gatherings throughout the year! Check out [acs.org/150](https://acs.org/150), where you can find support and inspiration for your activities, and details on events hosted by your fellow members.

Our world's need for new science, technology and innovation remains unabated across geography and politics. Driven by our core value for a "passion for science," ACS is maintaining and hopefully expanding our advocacy for the nonpartisan support from the US government and philanthropists of the basic science and innovation ecosystem. The one-time ACS Graduate Student Success Grant program and recent ACS PRF supplements are two ways through which ACS has literally put money towards maintaining capacity in basic science in the US, but this alone is not sustainable. As a community, we need to inspire agreement on the social contract between our citizens and the scientific enterprise, and we need to engage everyone in this effort. In engaging Congress, our Office of Government Affairs has been actively gathering and promoting information about the beneficial outcomes of science, and enabling members to share their stories with their elected politicians through venues such as [Act4Chemistry](#) and [Support Science](#). We will be staging the Engagement, Advisory and Advocacy (EAA) Summit in early May. My thanks to our co-chair, Silvia Ronco, our ELT sponsor, Rajendrani Mukhopadhyay, and our members who have volunteered to provide their expertise. Together, we will identify the ways in which chemists rooted in "a world built on science" can engage audiences of all kinds in advancing science and science policy for the good of all. As I wrote in my [C&EN Comment on "The value of and passion for chemistry."](#) doing so will undoubtedly require us to speak with the hearts and minds of our fellow citizens, and it is likely not just to lead to better outcomes in our society, but also in your own scientific projects.

In collaboration with the Division of Chemical Education (CHED) and the Society Committee on Education, we are staging a symposium on "The Next 150 Years of Undergraduate Research" here in Atlanta, GA. Silvia Ronco (Research Corporation), John Mateja (Goldwater Foundation) and George Shields (MERCURY) will set the stage on the early morning of Monday, March 23, discussing their vision for how undergraduate research will be supported and championed over the next 150 years. Six lucky and great undergraduates were selected out of nearly 150 applications to present invited talks on their research in the late morning. The honor will be all ours as we will be treated to the exciting findings from these emerging scientists, who will undoubtedly be leaders for years to come. Thereafter, on Monday afternoon, the Committee on Professional Training, CHED, and the Office of Higher Education will present a presidential symposium on "Markers of Excellence in ACS Approved Programs: The Next 150 Years of Undergraduate Research" to explore the implementation and assessment of undergraduate research for years to come.

As we look to the future, we hear far too much about the apprehension that artificial intelligence elicits. To help mitigate such concerns about this emerging technology and accelerate the incorporation of this tool into chemistry, we are holding a collection of symposia on human (HI), computer (CI) and artificial (AI) intelligences at this spring meeting. With the recent rapid growth of data centers in our meeting's host city, these symposia are both timely and geographically appropriate. Indeed, Atlanta has quickly become a hub for information technologies—like chemistry—in addition to its role as a transportation hub for the Southeast. Sunday morning features Materials (led by the Divisions of Inorganic Chemistry and Physical Chemistry),

Sunday afternoon features Chemistry and Human Health (led by the Divisions of Biochemistry and Chemical Biology, Medicinal Chemistry, and Organic Chemistry), and Monday afternoon features Methods and Insights (led by the Division of Computers in Chemistry). My thanks to all the Divisions collaborating on this effort to accelerate basic research advancement, translation and innovation **everywhere** through the integration of AI within our workflows.

Looking ahead to the fall meeting in Chicago, IL, my presidential programming will feature the outcomes and products from the EAA Summit. We will then share who joined us at the summit (whose participants are not yet finalized at time of this writing), and rolling out the first of the products of their activities. As our #ACS150 efforts will then be in the final half of the year, it will be an opportunity for us to fully shift our focus to the next 150 years of ACS. Inspired by [C&EN's article on consequential ACS presidents](#), we will feature a symposium with a selection of our living ACS presidents. We represent many diverse perspectives through our varied professional roles in academic, industrial and public sectors, through our varied origins across the globe, through our many scientific identities, and so much more. I look forward to what recent presidents have to say about the future of chemistry and what will it take for future ACS presidents to be consequential to our society. From our past experience, we know that the future will be characterized by disruption and opportunities. ACS persisted and even thrived through immense shifts over the last 150 years. How will it do over the next 150 years? Will we lead ourselves to the better world we envision through the transforming power of chemistry? Mark your calendars to hear and challenge our past presidents on how this future will unfold.

Since the last Council meeting, I continued to represent chemistry and ACS, meeting members where they are. Visits to the Maryland, Lehigh Valley, Columbus, Northeastern, New York and Georgia Local Sections were all memorable, inspiring, and energizing. I hope that your sections will see this as an invitation to include me and other members of the presidential succession in your programming. I also took advantage of opportunities to meet members during visits at Muhlenburg College, The College of The Holy Cross, and American University. I supported our regional meetings and partnering organizations by attending the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society, SACNAS's annual meeting, and the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers' annual meeting. I look forward to continuing our critical relationships both within the United States and across the globe as we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our role of advancing chemistry through partnerships with societies, organizations and institutions across our planet.

Finally, rest assured that I continue to promote all three of my presidential platforms. Raising attention to the importance of ACS's voice wherever chemistry is discussed is what **ACS first** is about, and the EAA Summit is one strategy to get us all there. Ensuring that I meet members wherever members are, whether that is in my backyard in Baltimore, across the ocean in Germany (where I will be for a couple of months this summer as part of my Humboldt Research Award), across the planet in China or Korea, or in your backyard, is how I am modeling **ACS for all**. Ensuring that we never exclude you or anyone as a chemist from the moment they first identify as a chemist is what **ACS for life** is about. I am hopeful that we will soon have a mechanism for members to declare themselves as lifetime chemists, whether that be through an informal pledge or through a new membership category. Let's all agree that once a chemist, always a chemist. In turn, once a member, always a member. In this way, you are included at the outset and then reassured that you will always belong.

I look forward to hearing from you about how, **together**, we can best advance ACS through my platform items. I'm also open to other ideas and directions. Please reach out to me at local, regional, national and international ACS meetings or e-mail me at [acs-hernandez@jh.edu](mailto:acs-hernandez@jh.edu).

Rigoberto Hernandez

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Planning is well underway for the 2026 meeting cycle, committee activities, and programming for the 2027 spring and fall ACS meetings. Following the successful launch of the ACS 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Honolulu at the end of 2025, I look forward to continuing to support this milestone throughout the coming year. In 2026, I will also participate and attend the Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference, several major award dinners (SCI, Gibbs), and multiple National Historic Chemical Landmark celebrations.

My planning for the 2027 presidential year is guided by the three strategies outlined in my campaign: **Interdisciplinary**, **Industry Engagement**, and **Chemistry and the Arts**.

### **Interdisciplinary**

This strategy aims to highlight the cross-disciplinary work that defines modern chemistry across academia, industry, and government. Programming will focus on advancements in medicine development, sustainability, and energy. Additional topics under consideration include collaborations with other professional societies, chemistry and space, and new opportunities to expand Innovation Hubs and Research Institutes.

### **Industry Engagement**

This effort will build on the strong work already underway across ACS committees, members, and staff to enhance the Society's relevance and impact in the chemical industry. The Corporation Associates Advisory Roundtable will serve as the foundation for broader discussions, coordinated with existing teams and partner organizations.

### **Chemistry and the Arts**

This initiative recognizes the deep connection many chemists have to music, visual arts, performance, and other creative disciplines. We are developing opportunities for members to bring these interests into national meeting programming, using chemistry as a lens to explore and enhance these artistic pursuits. In time, we plan to create content that can be adapted for Local Sections and public engagement, leveraging the universal reach of the arts to build stronger connections with communities.

Throughout the spring, I will convene small advisory teams to help shape program content and identify participants. I welcome your input in contributing to these efforts.

I look forward to working with all of you to advance the chemistry enterprise. Your ideas and suggestions are appreciated. Please contact me at [chris.bodurow@gmail.com](mailto:chris.bodurow@gmail.com).

Christina Bodurow

## REPORT OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

My term as 2025 President of the American Chemical Society (ACS) was marked by a strong commitment to advancing the Society's mission and supporting its members, even amid a challenging national environment. Throughout the year, ACS remained aligned with the priorities outlined in the 2025–2029 Strategic Plan.

My presidential initiative, **Building Chemistry Careers Inclusively**, focused on expanding career pathways for all chemists. This initiative continued with an ACS on Campus event at Tennessee State University (TSU) on November 5-6, 2025, where I met with undergraduate and graduate students from TSU, Fisk University, and other institutions in Nashville. My November 24 C&EN Comment further highlighted non-laboratory career opportunities, drawing on insights shared during the ACS– National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) panel, *“Many Paths to a Thriving Science Career Beyond the Lab.”*

Following the fall 2025 ACS meeting, I continued outreach through presentations at conferences, companies, universities, and Local Sections, as well as through virtual engagements.

### A. Western Regional Meeting | San Jose, CA | October 24–28, 2025

- Participated in a workshop, **“No Ph.D. Required: Careers as Chemical Technical Professionals,”** organized by Bonnie Charpentier and Michelle Rivard of the Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals.
- Provided the keynote address at the Committee on Women Chemists/Empowering Women in Organic Chemistry Luncheon alongside past ACS President Marinda Li Wu.

### B. National Historic Chemical Landmarks (NHCL)

- **University of Cincinnati | September 9, 2025**  
Participated in the George Rieveschl's discovery of Benadryl ceremony during the university's Department of Chemistry 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, where I served as keynote speaker.
- **Merck, Rahway, NJ | November 14, 2025**  
Participated in Merck's fifth NHCL dedication, honoring the development and discovery of statins.

### C. Conferences Hosted by Partner Organizations

- **NOBCChE Annual Meeting | Atlanta, GA | September 22–25, 2025**  
Served as co-organizer and delivered opening remarks for the ACS–NOBCChE panel; participated in a separate panel and presented ACS Student Exchange Awards.
- **Germany Chemical Society (GDCh) Science Forum | Karlsruhe, Germany | September 29–October 1, 2025**  
Spoke at the conference and signed the ACS–GDCh Memorandum of Understanding, interviewed by GDCh member magazine, Nachrichten aus der Chemie.
- **SACNAS | Columbus, OH | October 29–November 1, 2025**  
Participated in the Land Acknowledgement Ceremony at CAS with SACNAS leadership; provided remarks on behalf of ACS.
- **Pacificchem 2025 | Honolulu, HI | December 15–20, 2025**  
Joined ACS officers in launching the Society's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, offered opening remarks with representatives of partner societies, and supported the two-day Analytical Division Presidential Symposium.

D. Industry Visits and Award Ceremony

- **Procter & Gamble | Mason, OH | September 9, 2025**  
Presented to the Women's Interest Group and met with R&D leadership to discuss current and future ACS collaborations.
- **SCI Perkin Medal Award Ceremony | Philadelphia, PA | September 8, 2025**  
Attended the ceremony honoring Bruce DeBruin of Eastman Chemical Company for his significant contributions to applied chemistry.

E. Virtual Engagements

- A major highlight in fall 2025 was working with ACS staff on preparing the ACS press release for the Nobel Prize in Chemistry recipients and conducting nine media interviews on the morning of the announcement, resulting in more than 50 national and international broadcast mentions.
- Welcome remarks for the Nashville ACS Local Section Awards Ceremony (September 24, 2025)
- Welcome remarks for the ACS Saudi International Chapter Conference (October 20, 2025)
- Interviews for ACS's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary podcast and related programming
- Initiated contact with Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (CTP) and Posse Foundation, New York, NY (scholarships) to explore relationships with the ACS Education Department

As Chair, I oversaw the Council Policy Committee's first-ever Strategic Planning Retreat, held November 14–16, 2025, in Washington, DC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me [d.phillips@acs.org](mailto:d.phillips@acs.org).

Dorothy J. Phillips

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fellow Councilors:

Welcome and congratulations to those of you who are new to the Council. The Board is grateful for the dedication of our Council colleagues and extends our appreciation to the many who also serve on governance committees. Your time, commitment, and leadership are fundamental to the ACS Vision of a world built on science.

As we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we remain committed to improving all lives through the transforming power of chemistry. ACS continues to build a welcoming and vibrant scientific [community](#) around the world. In 2025, the [Board](#) welcomed our first International District Director, David Wu, whose insights have broadened our perspectives and strengthened our understanding of the needs of chemists wherever they live and work. We also look forward to meeting our newly elected Zone Councilors. These milestones reflect our collective commitment to ensure that every ACS member has a voice and a vote. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support of inclusive and forward-looking governance.

Throughout 2025, guided by the [ACS Strategic Plan](#), the Board focused on elevating the reputation of science, enhancing community engagement, empowering scientists, and delivering innovative solutions. Collaborating closely with our Council colleagues, we continued to take strategic actions to adapt to a rapidly evolving scientific landscape shaped by innovation, global collaboration, and novel approaches to science communication. As part of our ongoing efforts to review enterprise risk, Board operations and committee structure several changes to committees were made, the Committee on Strategic Planning updated its duties, composition and name to the Committee on Strategic Alignment, the Board regulations for the Governing Board for Publishing (GBP) were updated to align the regulations with recent Council action sunsetting the Committee on Publications and establishing a Journals Advisory Board reporting to the Governing Board of Publishing (GBP). In collaboration with the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F), we are working to establish a Board Committee on Finance with an enterprise focus, while B&F will focus specifically on governance. Please see the details of the changes proposed by B&F in the Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance, which is up for action at this meeting.

We appreciate the efforts of our component groups and committees, which are actively engaged in strategic planning and looking towards the future. The Board believes that our collective work in governance is essential to sustaining the effectiveness and impact of the Society for the next 150 years. I encourage you to review additional details in my reports from the August and December Board meetings available following this report.

After piloting a new approach to the Board Open Meeting in 2025, we will continue to host our open meeting with the Priestley Medal Address this spring. We hope you will join us for the [Open Board Session and Priestley Medalist Address](#) on Sunday, March 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM ET in the Thomas Murphy Ballroom at the Georgia World Congress Center, where I will share updates from the Board of Directors and open the floor for your questions. Dr. Jennifer A. Doudna, biochemist and Nobel Prize-winning co-inventor of CRISPR technology, will present the Priestley Medal Address. We hope you will continue the conversation with us at the [ACS Connect Reception](#) that follows from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in Exhibit Hall A2.

As we look ahead, I am inspired by the resilience, creativity, and determination of our ACS community. We continue to advance science, welcome new voices, and uphold the highest standards of scientific integrity. Together, we can build a future where chemistry continues to drive innovation, inspire scientific leaders, and strengthen our vision of a world built on science.

Thank you for all that you do in support of ACS.

Wayne E. Jones Jr.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
**August 15-16, 2025**

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on August 15-16, 2025, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. The Board considered several key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions.

**Board Actions**

- Upon recommendation of the Society Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of several ACS journal editors. The reappointments will be announced after the individuals have been notified and appropriate arrangements for their continued service have been made.
- Upon recommendation of the Board Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted to approve a nominee for the 2026 Othmer Gold Medal.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted to approve that the ACS nominees for the Othmer Gold Medal and Perkin Medal must be an ACS member in good standing beginning with the 2027 cycle.
- Upon recommendation of the Governing Board for Publishing, the Board voted to approve a one-time extension of all current Governing Board member terms, to end on December 31 of their respective end term year. This will allow GBP member terms to transition to a Jan-Dec cycle in alignment with Society committees.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee for 2026 ACS Spring and Fall Meetings remain at \$549 for in-person and \$149 for virtual and approved associated pricing for all other registration fees.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the allotment funding request for the International Chemical Sciences Chapters.
- The Board also acted on confidential matters related to salary, merit, and inflation assumptions for the 2026 budget planning process.

**Board Discussions**

- The Board engaged in a strategic discussion on the strengths and opportunities of the ACS structure for component groups.
- Board Chair Wayne Jones facilitated a discussion about themes emerging from feedback Board members have received from the ACS community.

**Reports**

- CEO Albert Horvath and his staff provided organizational updates on current affairs and new initiatives. He shared the strong performance of ACS in 2025, and growth across many areas. He highlighted:
  - The Fall 2025 meeting announcement that one hundred \$25,000 grants will be disbursed by year-end under the one-time Graduate Student Success grant initiative as approved by the Board in June.
  - ACS solutions-driven programs for industry partners,
  - Collaborations with federal agencies, national labs, NGOs, foundations, and local government,
  - ACS advocacy efforts include letters to Congress, direct lobbying, interactions with federal agencies, legislative meetings and briefings, and ACS community activities,

- ELT succession planning updates,
  - Fall 2025 program updates, including registration exceeding the budgeted 11,000 attendees,
  - ACS rebranding updates,
  - Ongoing planning efforts for the ACS 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration,
  - Evolution of the ACS undergraduate scholarship portfolio, and
  - Sustainability efforts at ACS's Washington and Columbus campuses,
  - The Washington, DC office buildings are LEED platinum certified.
- 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 and productivity. For Q2 2025, the ACS financial guidelines have been met.
  - Members of the presidential succession provided reports on their 2025 initiatives and activities.
  - Committee Chairs Carolyn Ribes (Public Affairs and Public Relations), Katherine Lee (Professional and Member Relations), and Committee Member Kimberly Agnew-Heard (Strategic Planning) provided updates on their respective committee activities, ongoing efforts to review their processes, and future plans.
  - Chair of the Governing Board for Publishing, Al Horvath, along with ACS Presidents Manny Guzman (CAS) and Jim Milne (Publications), shared key priorities aimed at driving growth and enabling sustained success. They also outlined strategic opportunities to strengthen ACS information science and publishing portfolios.
  - Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance Natalie LaFranzo reported on efforts to refine the committee's scope and to differentiate it from a proposed Board Committee on Finance.
  - Chair of the Committee on Corporation Associates Michael Abrams updated the Board on the committee's work on safety culture and strengthening stakeholder partnerships, the ACS Industry Roundtable, Heroes of Chemistry, and their upcoming strategic planning retreat.

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**CHAIR'S REPORT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
**December 12-13, 2025**

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on December 12-13, 2025, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, HI. The Board considered several key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions.

**Board Elections**

The Board held elections to determine its chair and members of its Executive Committee for 2026. As a result, Wayne E. Jones, Jr. was elected to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for 2026. Carolyn Ribes and Lisa Houston were selected to serve terms on the Executive Committee.

**Board Actions**

- The Board voted to approve proposed amendments to the Board Regulations to remove references to the Committee on Professional and Member Relations (Regulation I, Sec. 7, 17; Regulation V, Sec. 9). The committee's duties have been reviewed and reassigned where appropriate.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the 2026 Proposed Operating Budget with a Net Contribution of \$35.4M (Net from Operations of \$42.0M).
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the 2026 Proposed Capital Budget of \$44.5M.
- Upon recommendation of the of the Committee on Strategic Planning, the Board voted to approve the ACS Strategic Plan 2025-2029 without changes.
- Upon recommendation of the of the Committee on Strategic Planning, the Board voted to approve the proposed changes to the Board Regulations to update the committee name, duties, and composition. The committee will be named the Committee on Strategic Alignment. The committee will be comprised of six members: three members of the Board (including the ACS President), one senior ACS staff member, and two at-large members from the ACS community.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations, the Board voted to approve the proposed amendments to Board Regulation I, Sec. 19. The changes provide flexibility on the number of PA&PR members and the review process for National Historic Chemical Landmarks.
- The Board voted to approve proposed amendments to the Board Regulations (Regulation 1, Sec.14; Regulation VI, Sec. 1-5). This aligned the regulations with the recent Council action sunsetting the Committee on Publications and establishing a Journals Advisory Board reporting to the Governing Board for Publishing.
- The Board also acted on recommendations of the Committee on Executive Compensation.

**Board Discussions**

- Consultant, Keith Meyer, facilitated a discussion about the results of the Board self-evaluation and their strategic plans for the future including opportunities to engage more deeply with the Committee on Nominations and Elections to support their efforts to identify potential candidates for the Board of Directors.
- Board Chair Wayne Jones facilitated a discussion about themes emerging from feedback Board members have received from the ACS community.

## Reports

- CEO Albert Horvath and his staff provided organizational updates on current affairs and planning for 2026. He highlighted:
  - ACS operational strategy and the proposed 2026 organizational objectives
  - ACS corporate structure and how it is leveraged to enable ongoing global growth
  - Ongoing work to explore merger and acquisition opportunities
  - ACS strategic review of fundraising and philanthropy
  - ACS advocacy efforts including meeting with OSTP Director Michael Kratsios ongoing efforts to engage with the Department of Energy, and monitoring of executive orders and policy developments
  - Updates on the Undergraduate scholarship portfolio
  - A new timeline for the ACS rebrand
  - ACS 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities, and
  - Dashboards for CAS, Publications, and ACS financial guidelines.
  
- Members of the presidential succession provided reports on their 2025 initiatives and activities.
  
- Committee Chairs Katherine Lee (Professional and Member Relations), Natalie LaFranzo (Budget and Finance), Will Lynch (Strategic Planning), Al Horvath (Governing Board for Publishing), and Committee Member Natalie LaFranzo (Public Affairs and Public Relations) provided updates on their respective committee activities, ongoing efforts to review their processes, and future plans.
  
- ACS President Dorothy Phillips and ACS President-Elect Rigoberto Hernandez reported on their participation in the Council Policy Committee's Strategic Planning Retreat.

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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Fellow Councilors:

I am pleased to present select highlights of the American Chemical Society's 2025 achievements organized around the goals of the ACS Strategic Plan. The highlights include information about our advocacy efforts to the U.S. government, global activities in India and Africa, integration of artificial intelligence in our information products (e.g., CAS SciFinder), and success of our multimedia products (e.g., *Reactions*, a video series that garnered 71 million views). These are just a few of the items shown in the following report that demonstrate the strength of ACS.

As we begin 2026, I also want to share my excitement for the ACS 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Please visit the [ACS 150 website](#) for an interactive timeline of our organization and information regarding the [ACS150 JACS Symposium Series](#) being held in locations around the world. We are eager to celebrate our sesquicentennial throughout the year with everyone in the ACS community.

Thank you for your dedication to and support of ACS as these impressive accomplishments would not be possible without you. I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively towards achieving our vision of a world built on science.

Albert G. Horvath



## 2025 Highlights of ACS Achievements

An annual report from Albert Horvath  
Chief Executive Officer  
American Chemical Society

This report showcases the progress, outcomes, and impacts of the activities of the American Chemical Society (ACS) during 2025. Supported by core operations such as Facilities, Finance, General Counsel, Governance, and Human Resources, the following select highlights are organized around the ACS strategic goals of elevating the reputation of science, enhancing community engagement, empowering scientists, and delivering innovative solutions.

**Strategic Goal — Elevate the Reputation of Science:** Communicate the positive impact of chemistry on society to strengthen public trust in science.

### Act4Chemistry Member Advocacy Volunteer Program

Nine Act4Chemistry alerts were sent throughout the year to encourage ACS members to write to policymakers on issues that impact the chemistry enterprise. Alerts ranged from celebrating the National Science Foundation's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary to supporting science R&D funding to calling for an end to the federal government shutdown. By year's end, members of the Act4Chemistry community sent more than 6,800 emails to congressional members and policymakers. As a result of these efforts, more than 77% of House and Senate members heard from ACS members in 2025.

### Congressional Advocacy

ACS advocated for science and the Society's membership through congressional visits, letters, and partnerships with other scientific organizations. More than 20 meetings were scheduled on June 11 for the ACS Board of Directors with members of Congress and their staff, and a virtual Hill visit program was piloted resulting in 11 meetings with congressional representatives. In addition, a student advocacy workshop was held on October 7 for 19 undergraduates in the University of California school system to introduce them to ACS, science advocacy, and ACS activities. Further, ACS sent 16 letters to Congress in 2025, some sent as joint letters with ACC, AIChE, and/or other partners. Subjects of letters included advocating for full funding for the Chemical Safety Board, expressing strong support for the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act of 2025, and urging full funding of the EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

### ACS 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff

Our first official celebration of ACS's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held at Pacifichem in December to kick off the year-long celebration in 2026. Highlights included an anniversary reception attended by more than 350 guests, the generation of more than 2,200 membership leads from the booth and lounge, and meaningful cultural and scientific programming. Social media campaigns featuring member testimonials and the launch of the 150<sup>th</sup> microsite ran on Bluesky, LinkedIn, and Instagram throughout November and December. Additional preparations and materials were developed for 2026, including a comprehensive toolkit, video content, and interactive timeline.

### **National Science Foundation 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The Coalition for National Science Funding, which ACS participates in, hosted a Capitol Hill reception in honor of the agency's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event included an exhibit where NSF-funded researchers highlighted the value of NSF research. *ACS Matters* published an article highlighting this anniversary. The ACS CEO also visited NSF, meeting agency leaders, discussing recent agency changes, and exploring collaboration opportunities.

### **Congressional Briefings and Receptions**

To engage congressional representatives, ACS sponsored several congressional briefings and a reception with the Congressional Chemistry Caucus and in collaboration with other organizations. Those events included "STEM Education 101" and "Make Science Count: How K-12 Accountability Policies Impact Science Learning," co-sponsored with the STEM Ed Coalition; "Foundations of Future Research: Why Funding of Basic Research is Critical to Global Competitiveness and Success," co-sponsored with the Materials Research Society and AUTM; and a reception on the chemistry of distilled spirits, co-sponsored by the American Chemistry Council, the Alliance for Chemical Distribution, the American Cleaning Council and the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States.

### **Speaking Simply to Congress**

ACS staff provided multiple opportunities for members to learn about science policy and practice advocacy and communications skills. At ACS Fall 2025, more than 350 attendees learned to speak simply with members of Congress through a drop-in space, multiple presentations, advocacy workshops with mock congressional meetings, and a case studies workshop that drew participants from five different ACS policy-writing governance committees. A November advocacy training webinar, "Science in Session: Speaking Simply to Congress," drew 536 registrants from 52 countries, 229 live attendees who asked 35 questions, and over 190 views of the recording; the overall satisfaction rate for the webinar was 88%.

### **New ACS Brand Equity Baseline**

A study fielded in 2025 represented a shift in how ACS measures brand equity, providing a more comprehensive perspective of the global chemical market conditions. The study drew from professionals across a range of specialties, types of employment, stages of their careers, and other key attributes. The results identified the strengths of the ACS brand, growth potential, and significant opportunities for leadership positioning in science research and education.

### **Federal Relations Outreach**

ACS worked with federal agencies to encourage funding for science and continuing environmental regulations. Actions included submitting a comment encouraging the Environmental Protection Agency to maintain the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and subsequent environmental regulations and sending a congratulatory letter to the new Under Secretary for Science at the Department of Energy. In addition, ACS' response to a request for information from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy highlighted the potential for artificial intelligence (AI) within the chemical enterprise and the importance of regulations that honor existing intellectual property rights and scientific patent laws.

### **Record-Setting Media Attention**

A science release issued during ACS Spring 2025 became one of the most widely covered stories ever issued by the ACS Newsroom. "Chewing gum can shed microplastics into saliva" generated more than 2,800 media mentions with nearly 300 local TV and radio segments as well as coverage by podcasters and by medical and wellness influencers. Earlier in the year, research published in two ACS journals and publicized in ACS science releases informed the national conversation about the Los Angeles wildfires.

### **Podcast in Top Ranks on Spotify**

The *Tiny Matters* podcast was ranked among Spotify's Most Shared shows, Most Talked About shows, and Marathon shows for 2025. The designation as a Marathon show is for programs that are shared, commented on, and listened to for longer than 98% of all Spotify shows. *Tiny Matters* produced 53 episodes during the year and celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> lifetime episode on Dec. 24. Downloads for the year topped 222,000, which was an increase of more than 40% compared to 2024.

### **Record Growth for Reactions Video Series**

The *Reactions* video series had over 71 million views and added more than 185,000 new channel subscribers in 2025, bringing the channel to almost 700,000 total subscribers. This was by far the biggest year for *Reactions*, with the number of views increasing by 2.8 times compared with 2024.

### **Increasing Social Media Engagement**

The ACS flagship social media channels reached a larger audience in 2025, with an increase of more than 600% in net new fans on Instagram, a 15% increase on LinkedIn, and 200% increase on Facebook compared with 2024. Total engagement also increased with 277% more engagement on Instagram and 11% more engagement on LinkedIn compared with 2024.

**Strategic Goal — Enhance Community Engagement:** Connect members and all people interested in the chemical sciences and build synergy to enrich our diverse community.

### **New Academic Membership Initiative**

ACS has taken a significant step toward expanding academic institutions' access to member resources with its first Institutional Academia Membership Pilot (IAMP) agreement. The new IAMP initiative is designed to move beyond traditional individual ACS memberships by offering institution-wide benefits to students, faculty, and researchers and developing a customized offering to support unique academic needs. A broader rollout planned for 2026, with the goal of creating a full-fledged program that strengthens ACS' ties to academia while delivering tangible benefits to institutions and their communities.

### **Convening the Chemical Sciences Community**

ACS drew strong participation for its spring and fall meetings this year, especially among international and first-time attendees. ACS Spring 2025, held in San Diego, CA, attracted nearly 15,300 total registrations. Scientific programming expanded with nearly 13,800 abstracts and 807 oral sessions. A new digital meeting launched successfully, offering 89 globally inclusive sessions. ACS Fall 2025, held in Washington, D.C., drew more than 3,900 first-time participants among the nearly 11,800 registrations and had representation from 80 countries. The fall program delivered nearly 10,000 abstracts, 592 sessions, and 3,361 posters, supported by a reimagined schedule and expanded digital engagement featuring 97 global sessions. ACS Kids Zone at ACS Fall 2025 set an attendance record with more than 500 attendees in a successful partnership with the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. An onsite survey indicated that all in attendance learned something new or interesting during the event.

### **Enhancing ACS Spring and Fall Meetings**

The Future of Meetings project was successfully completed, and numerous reimagined spring and fall improvements were operationalized in 2025 to enhance the meeting experience. Among those were a reimagined Priestley Medalist Award session and a reimagined ChemLuminary Awards program, interactive iPosters, enhanced networking opportunities, Expo innovations, an optimized footprint, and a robust Career Fair. Improved logistics included expanded registration access, new lanyard systems, streamlined badge pickup, and more. The virtual platform was enhanced with expanded search capabilities, customized track pages, and other significant updates. The mobile app was also streamlined to simplify the user experience and

the collection of metrics. Continued sustainability efforts included reducing freight, shuttles, and plastic waste; providing water-filling stations; and using electronic signage. The net promoter scores increased by 16 points for ACS Spring 2025 compared with ACS Spring 2024 and by 9 points for ACS Fall 2025 over ACS Fall 2024.

### **Global Virtual Symposia**

The second and third iterations to the Global Virtual Symposia were held during the ACS Spring and ACS Fall 2025 Digital Meetings with a total of 23 symposia in collaboration with 11 ACS Divisions. These symposia had 94 sessions, more than 700 speakers and 61 symposium chairs from 18 countries. The sessions drew over 3,000 attendees (non-unique) from 40 countries and had participation from 83 ACS Editors and Editorial Board Members. Researchers from across all career stages and multiple time zones participated, bringing together diverse voices to shape the future of science and supporting the ACS core value of sustainability by avoiding the need for flight hours.

### **ACS at 2025 International Conference of Young Scientists**

ACS was a prominent supporter of the 2025 International Conference of Young Scientists, hosted by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad. Inaugurated by India's Education Minister, the event drew over 150 participants from 60 countries and covered climate change, public health, technological innovation, sustainable development, and more. The gathering fostered valuable global connections and laid the groundwork for impactful scientific partnerships with key stakeholders from Africa, South Asia, and Latin America.

### **Stockholm Declaration Signed at GC&E Conference**

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Green Chemistry & Engineering (GC&E) conference was held in Pittsburgh with the theme "Good Health and Well-Being through Sustainable Chemistry." The conference drew more than 750 participants in person. Attendees spent four days sharing best practices, presenting research, and networking with a community interested in sustainable solutions. During the gathering, 2025 ACS President Dorothy Phillips signed the "Stockholm Declaration on Chemistry for the Future" on behalf of ACS.

### **Membership Referral Program Launch**

ACS launched the new Membership Referral Program in February and added 860 members by the end of 2025. The initiative included an online referral program where Members and Society Affiliates can recruit new members to ACS with both parties receiving incentives.

### **New International Chapters**

The Global Engagement team received one new application for an International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Guatemala, marking the first one in Central America. Nine new student chapters also were added in Ecuador, Nigeria (3 new chapters), India, Bangladesh, UAE, Peru, and Chile. The addition of the Chile student chapter marks a milestone as the first in the geographical region known as the Southern Cone.

### **2025 ACS Presidential Spark Grants**

2025 ACS President Dorothy Phillips sponsored the ACS Spark Grant - a grant program to encourage collaborative programming between committees and Divisions. The grant successfully allocated \$19,000 in grants of up to \$2,000 each to more than 10 committees and Divisions collaborating on events for ACS Spring, ACS Fall, and the 2025 Western Regional Meeting. The first event was the ACS Presidential Event "How Belonging Unlocks Innovation in STEM" at ACS Spring 2025, which drew an audience of more than 50 attendees to hear from a distinguished panel.

### **ACS on Campus Membership Engagement**

ACS on Campus hosted 39 global events with a 60% attendance rate, compared with a 40% benchmark, and generated more than 1,700 new members and renewals. Events held at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA and Howard University in Washington, D.C., engaged chapters and promoted ACS resources at these Historic Black Colleges and Universities. The Morehouse College event drew 40 students and faculty representing seven colleges and universities across Atlanta, GA. Attendance at the Howard University event ranged from 60-90 students, faculty, and alumni throughout the day.

### **ACS Science Talks**

The virtual Science Talks series conducted 23 talks with more than 17,500 registrations from 138 countries. From 2024 to 2025, the average number of registrants per talk increased from 557 to 761, and the number of countries represented across all registrations increased from 110 to 138.

### **ACS Interactions in Africa**

As many as 38 early career assistant professors from at least 18 universities across South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, DRC, and Zimbabwe participated in the first edition of the ACS faculty leadership summit, held in collaboration with South Africa's Council for Science and Industrial Research (CSIR) in Pretoria in May 2025. ACS staff interacted in person with more than 200 faculty members and students at five universities in South Africa, sharing information on ACS programs, scholarly publishing, ACS Ignite, and other membership benefits. Real-time feedback indicated that 93 out of 94 respondents said that the presentation introduced them to something new about ACS. In addition, a pilot internship program was initiated, aimed at engaging the more than 30,000 African students currently studying in India and ensuring that they have access to ACS resources. The first interns will come on board in July 2026.

### **Local Section Grants Promote Community**

The Committee on Local Section Activities administers four major grant programs annually: Innovative Project Grant, Local Section Member Engagement and Enhancement Grant, Inclusion and Belonging Grant, and Science Café Mini Grant. In 2025, 51 Local Sections applied for and 45 (88%) received funding totaling over \$123,000. Grants supported activities aligned with the ACS Strategic Plan, and funded initiatives that increased membership, strengthened member engagement, and improved collaboration across sections, enabling widespread benefits for Local Sections and the broader scientific community.

### **Supporting Faculty at Two-Year Colleges**

A set of teaching modules for faculty at two-year colleges were made [freely available on the ACS website](#). Developed by participants in the Two-Year College Faculty Community of Practice, the modules cover general and organic chemistry topics and utilize active learning modalities.

### **Connecting Academia and Industry**

A full-day meeting was held for the first time at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting to identify the skills and knowledge needed to prepare undergraduates for careers in the private sector. The conversation was continued during a multi-day event at the Southeastern and Southwestern Regional Meeting, where further discussion about the connection between the skills identified by industry representatives and the ACS Guidelines for Bachelor's Degree Granting Institutions. The focus on preparing students for careers in industry will continue into 2026.

### **Strengthening ACS Partnerships with Scientific Organizations**

ACS strengthened its partnerships with [AISES](#), [NOBCCChE](#) (National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers), and [SACNAS](#) throughout the year. Key activities with NOBCCChE included ACS hosting a CV and profile development workshop for more than 230 graduate

and undergraduate students, which received very positive feedback from attendees. At the NOBCChE conference in Atlanta, 2025 ACS President Dorothy Phillips presented the ACS Student Exchange Award, and ACS staff supported workshops, events, and more. ACS formalized a membership partnership with SACNAS this year to provide their members with discounted ACS membership and ACS was one of three silver-level sponsors of the SACNAS conference in Columbus, OH, supporting programming sessions, poster presentations, and more. At the 2025 AISES conference in Minneapolis, MN, ACS was a turquoise-level sponsor and provided a booth, programming, and hands-on activities during the AISES STEM day.

### **First ACS Global Scientific Conference**

The first ACS Global Scientific Conference, held in partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay in October, drew more than 1,200 attendees from more than 20 countries, with strong industry participation. The more than 60 total sessions included 40 scientific sessions, an ACS member reception, career guidance, networking, a safety roundtable, and an Environmental, Social, and Governance Sustainability Roundtable with the NITI Aayog policy think tank, Indian National Science Academy (INSA), and ACS. Participation far exceeded expectations, and the event earned a net promoter score of 75 and a satisfaction score of 4.1 out of 5.

### **Student Chapter Faculty Advisor Grant Launched**

A new grant opportunity supports innovative programs and projects that enhance the experience of faculty advisors to student chapters. This grant recognizes the essential role of these advisors and aims to foster connections between chapters while enhancing the return on investment that the faculty advisors get from their service. The grant supports up to five awards of up to \$5,000, with four grants approved and funded in 2025.

### **Successful National Chemistry Week Activities**

The U.S. Senate passed a resolution recognizing National Chemistry Week in October 2025. An ACS Program in a Box event, held on October 22 as part of National Chemistry Week, drew more than 330 registered groups, 213 of which participated in the live broadcast. Registered host sites included 225 ACS student groups, 39 Local Sections, and one International Chemical Sciences Chapter, with an average of 18 participants per group. Survey results indicated overall satisfaction rates of 94-96%.

### **New Chemistry Olympiad Registration Platform**

ACS developed a new online registration platform for the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad, streamlining the processing time and resulting in better connections between students and nearby Local Sections. In the month following the launch, more than 1,100 students registered for the exam, with a reduction of 10 times in the staff and volunteer time needed to process those registrations.

**Strategic Goal — Empower Scientists:** Foster accessible science education and continuous learning to enable all people to make informed decisions and address global challenges.

### **ACS Chemical Technical Professional Day**

The first ACS Chemical Technical Professional (CTP) Day took place on May 22, lifting up the work done by the people who keep labs running smoothly. The celebration included articles in C&EN and *inChemistry*, a campaign in which outstanding CTPs were nominated by peers and highlighted in a day-in-the-life video, and informational posters about chemical technical professionals for classrooms were distributed via American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT). In related activities, a half-day symposium was held at ACS Spring 2025 featuring invited talks, a guest panel, and lively discussions from recipients of the 2024 and 2025 Prepare CTP Seed Grants and other stakeholders.

### **ACS Graduate Student Success Grants**

ACS launched and publicized a one-time \$2.5 million initiative that provides support for graduate students whose research had been disrupted because of terminated or cancelled research grants. Of the 75 applications, 56 were funded for a total of more than \$1.4 million.

### **New ACS Undergraduate Scholarships**

In 2025, ACS undergraduate scholarship programs launched two new scholarship opportunities for students. During the interim cycle, 1040 applications were received and 100 students were awarded an ACS Undergraduate Scholarship of \$5,000 each for the 2025–2026 academic year. Selection emphasized demonstrated skill and achievement in the chemical sciences along with a commitment to continuous self-improvement and lifelong learning. In November, ACS hosted a scholarship information session, introducing the forthcoming Catalyst Scholarship and offering general tips for navigating the scholarship landscape. The webinar drew more than 180 attendees and was shared with nearly 2,000 individual registrants seeking undergraduate scholarship resources, significantly extending our reach. In December, the Catalyst Scholarship program launched, with the program set to award 200 scholarships of \$10,000 beginning in fall 2026, doubling the scale of ACS' annual undergraduate scholarship support and expanding access for the next generation of scholars.

### **Recognizing ACS Member Achievements**

The ACS community recognized and celebrated numerous scientific and service contributions. In 2025, 99 people were recognized with ACS National Awards, 24 ACS Committees presented 55 ChemLuminary Awards, and 36 ACS Fellows were inducted. The Heroes of Chemistry Awards were presented to five scientific teams from AbbVie and Merck, Amgen, Arkema, DuPont, and Eli Lilly & Co.

### **Inaugural Year for Arthur C. Cope Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Five fellows were selected in this inaugural year for the Cope Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. More than 50 nominations were received for the fellowships of \$85,000 per year for up to two years for postdoctoral researchers at U.S. nonprofit institutions.

### **Advancing Green Chemistry Education**

Two Faculty Mentoring Network cohorts were completed in 2025, resulting in six new modules for the [Green Chemistry Teaching Modules](#) collection. Participants reported greater confidence in their ability to teach green chemistry and more connection to their colleagues. A two-year college community of practice, organized in collaboration with Education and Career Development and focused on green chemistry, produced an additional eight modules for use by community college faculty. A new green chemistry professional development course also was created for the ACS Institute. To further promote green chemistry education and opportunities for industry, articles were published in the *Journal of Chemical Education* and *ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering*.

### **Expanding Collaboration with INSA**

ACS joined with the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) throughout the year on initiatives to empower educators and PhD students. A seven-day, fully residential women teacher training program drew more than 20 teachers from at least 10 Indian states for the chance to upskill in science concepts and fundamental problem solving. More than 500 students participated in “Navigating PhD and Beyond” workshops at IIT Kanpur and IIT Jodhpur to empower PhD students to make the most out of their PhD journey and craft a fulfilling career path. At the Global Scientific Conference, the INSA-ACS Women in Science initiative held a celebration to spotlight the transformative contributions of women in advancing scientific innovation and leadership. More than 150 women representing at least 50 leading institutions came together for networking, mentorship, and collaboration.

### **Petroleum Research Fund Awards**

In 2025, 193 [ACS Petroleum Research Fund](#) (PRF) grants were awarded for fundamental research in the hydrocarbon field out of 740 proposals reviewed, providing a total of \$21.2 million in research funding. Between 2023 and 2025, the number of reviewed proposals increased by more than 100%. In addition, 14 \$25,000 supplements were awarded to undergraduate institutions to expand institutional research capacity and enrich students' research experiences. An analysis in 2025 found that between 2020 and 2024, PRF grants were acknowledged in more than 600 publications annually, by researchers at 277 institutions across all U.S. states and Washington, D.C. Two of the 2025 Nobel Laureates in chemistry were awarded support by PRF earlier in their careers: Richard Robson in 1992 and 1995 and Omar Yaghi in 1994.

### **Career Workshops and Consultations Increased**

At ACS Spring 2025, 462 career consultations were held, a 37% increase over the highest number at any ACS meeting since 2022. Thirty-five ACS Career Workshops with 1,121 total attendees, six ACS Leadership Development Workshops with 87 total attendees, and five Professional Education courses with 48 attendees also took place.

### **Laboratory Safety for Chemistry Students textbook**

Following the launch of the ACS e-textbook *Laboratory Safety for Chemistry Students* in August, more than 1,200 learners accessed this resource and nearly 700 people, representing 40 countries, completed the associated Profile Information Survey. This resource discusses how to integrate chemical safety instruction into the four-year undergraduate curriculum, and the content aligns with the ACS Guidelines for Bachelor's Degree Programs. This free e-textbook is the first to be delivered via the ACS Institute.

### **ACS Institute Growth**

The ACS Institute recorded revenue growth of 9% for 2025. The catalog of courses was updated, with 20 being sunset and 22 new ones added. New courses included pilots of the "Pharmacokinetics Micro-Course" and "Online Certificate in Scientific Leadership," a cohort-based program developed with Johns Hopkins University.

### **Artificial Intelligence in Science**

To help explore the potential for artificial intelligence (AI) in science, ACS issued a Discovery report and produced an email series. The "AI: Generative AI in Science—A New Era of Chemistry?" Discovery Report explored the use of artificial intelligence in chemistry. The seven-part email series "Navigating Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Science" educated members and other interested parties about the capabilities and responsible use of AI in the chemical sciences. Following its launch in June, nearly 1,000 individuals accessed the course.

### **Promoting Accessibility**

ACS encouraged awareness and promoted adoption of accessibility practices throughout the year. Events included "This or That: An Accessibility Gameshow" at ACS Fall 2025, a presentation to the new cohort of CAS Future Leaders, and the November ACS Webinar "[Strategies for Visually Accessible Science Communication](#)." A social media campaign that explained how a few simple steps can improve scientific presentations for everyone earned more than 1,500 engagements on ACS flagship accounts. Complementing the campaign is an infographic on [making presentations visually accessible](#). A discussion was held with department chairs from ACS approved programs to share best practices in making instructional materials accessible for students.

**Strategic Goal—Deliver Innovative Solutions** — Drive ACS content and services to maximize influence and value to the global scientific enterprise.

### **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Search Enhancements**

CAS added significant value to researchers' workflows leveraging advanced technologies. Additions to CAS SciFinder include CAS SearchSense, an intuitive question-and-answer experience, leveraging best-in-class

CAS content and transformational technologies. AI summarization querying the CAS Content Collection is also now available, as well as seamless integration of intellectual property research. Enhancements to retrosynthetic planning deliver first-of-its-kind capabilities in synthesis planning and predictions. Intellectual property researchers saw similar additions to CAS STNext, including AI exploratory search for simplified capabilities for novice users, and enhanced results views of exploratory information from macro to detailed views. Expansion in life sciences content and capabilities saw agentic AI search delivered in CAS BioFinder, allowing scientists to accelerate workflows by being able to ask direct questions and get evidence-backed responses built on the world-leading CAS Content Collection.

### **ACS Ignite Bootcamp on Innovation**

In June, the Pilot Innovation Bootcamp at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore brought together more than 50 faculty and students to explore how research can drive real-world impact. Highlights included sessions on fundraising, building high-impact teams, and navigating India's innovation ecosystem. Feedback collected in real-time indicated an NPS of 41% and a 4.3/5 satisfaction score, with participants indicating a clear demand for innovation-focused learning opportunities tailored to early-stage researchers.

### **New Interdisciplinary Journals**

Five new interdisciplinary journals were launched in 2025: *ACS Electrochemistry*, *ACS Nano Medicine*, *ACS Nutrition Science*, *ACS Photon Science*, and *Artificial Photosynthesis*. The addition of these journals expands the range of science published in ACS journals, helping to further address key challenges facing humankind and the planet.

### **New ACS Publishing Center and Simplified Journal Submission**

ACS Publications continued to introduce enhancements to the publishing experience. A new ACS Publishing Center was rolled out to create a centralized hub for researcher engagement. The Center provides a single environment for all publishing tools and services. In addition, a simplified author submission workflow for ACS journals was introduced and used by more than 25% of all authors. The streamlined author and reviewer workflows improved efficiency and the overall experience.

### **Enhanced Internal Communications**

ACS completed the transition to a new internal communication platform in February. Communications issued using this platform had an average open rate of 82%, surpassing the industry benchmark of 76%. More than 210 communications were issued using the new platform, generating more than 132,000 deliveries. These results reflect strong adoption and engagement, marking a significant step forward in streamlining internal communications.

## **ALL STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS—Support for Core Operations**

### **2025 Fundraising**

Funds raised in 2025 totaled \$4.4 million. Donors demonstrated their support for ACS' new undergraduate scholarship program and also continued to recognize the importance of supporting promising high school students via ACS Project SEED, as well as other programs. Two awards within the National Awards program will be fully supported by endowment – the ACS Award in Pure Chemistry and the ACS Award in Theoretical Chemistry, which will be renamed as the Pariser Award in Theoretical Chemistry. In 2025, ACS also saw a 52% increase in giving via individual retirement accounts (IRAs), as donors took advantage of this tax-smart way to give.

## REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR PUBLISHING

The following is a brief summary of the July and November 2025 meetings of the Governing Board for Publishing.

### CAS

Manuel Guzman, CAS President, provided a summary of CAS's year-to-date accomplishments in 2025, including a high-level discussion on financial performance and progress on this year's strategic initiatives. CAS's Net Contribution remains ahead of budget through September. The flow-through on revenue growth coupled with expense savings from productivity gains account for the favorability. A streamlined approach for next year drives greater clarity in accountability and focuses on the most relevant opportunities for continuous evolution and business growth.

Through 3Q, the trial approach for CAS BioFinder continues to ensure that existing CAS SciFinder users have access to try the latest features, including the "agentic" search capabilities that are garnering significant attention from the market. The CAS Solutions franchise is being enriched with more value than ever before, with every customer segment seeing improved functionality, access to new content, and enhanced capabilities to drive faster innovation decisions. Materials Science expansion efforts are in full swing, with an initial focus on content needs and development of product roadmaps. CAS is currently identifying participants for the CAS Materials Science Advisory Board, which will formally commence in 2026.

### ACS Publications

James Milne, President of ACS Publications, opened the meeting by presenting key 2025 highlights that included sales successes, journal development and performance, and technology resourcing for strategic needs. In addition to reviewing key performance indicators, Dr. Milne provided an update on activities planned to celebrate ACS150 as well as AI developments, strategic priorities, and responses to new US funder OA mandates. A presentation on the Division's 2025 Q3 forecast and the 2026 Proposed Budget was also presented and approved.

As you are aware, the ACS Council voted to approve the Petition to Realign the Committee on Publications (PUBS) and as a result, the work formerly performed by PUBS will be assumed by the new Journal Advisory Board and report to the Governing Board for Publishing.

Albert G. Horvath, Chair

MINUTES  
COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE  
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY  
Monday, August 18, 2025  
Archives Room, Marriott Marquis  
Washington, DC

The Council Policy Committee (CPC) of the American Chemical Society met in an open meeting on August 18, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. ET. ACS President Dorothy J. Phillips presided. Other CPC members present for all or part of the meeting were CPC Vice-Chair Matthew Grandbois, Raychelle M. Burks, Mary K. Carroll, James C. Carver, Donna Friedman, Rigoberto Hernandez, Lydia E.M. Hines, Martha G. Hollomon, Albert G. Horvath, Elizabeth M. Howson, Secretary Kimberly Knight, Sheila M. Murphy, Diane Grob Schmidt, Frankie K. Wood-Black, and Kimberly Woznack.

CPC members not present: Anne Gaffney.

ACS Board Chair Wayne E. Jones, Jr., and the following chairs or representatives of Society Committees attended portions of the meeting: John E. Adams, Dan Fonseca, John Gavenonis, Ann Kimble-Hill, Natalie LaFranzo, Karlo Lopez, Beth A. Lorschach, Brian M. Mathes, Jennifer McCulley, Lorena Tribe, and Matthew Windsor. Also attending the meeting were General Counsel Tokë Vandervoort, Treasurer Emily Kunchala, and Chief Operating Officer LaTrease E. Garrison. ACS staff members Jason Gavenonis, Tiffany Hoerter, Christi Pearson, and Semora Smith were in attendance for the entire meeting while Adam Boyd, Terri Chambers, Alicia Harris, Jacklyn Kozakiewicz-Attia, Hadley Marcek, Christina McCoy, Sue Morrissey, Neil Pal, Jennifer White, and Amy Yam attended portions of the meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Without objection, the minutes of the CPC meeting held on March 24, 2025, were approved on the consent agenda.

Subcommittee on Governing Documents

James Carver, Subcommittee Chair, reported on the Subcommittee on Governing Documents' review and recommendation on actions affecting the ACS Governing Documents that are proposed for the August 2025 Council meeting. Upon recommendation of the subcommittee:

2. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to concur with the recommendation of the Committee on Committees to Establish the Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists.
3. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to concur with the recommendation of the Committee on Committees to Realign the Committee on Publications.
4. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to concur with the recommendation of the Committee on Committees to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications.
5. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to concur with the recommendation of the Committee on Committees to Amend the Duties of the Committee on International Activities.

Dr. Carver also updated CPC on the subcommittee's deliberations and engagement with constituents in their process to formulate a proposed *Petition to Amend the Dues and Benefits Approval Process*. This petition would formalize the review of the Schedule of Dues and Benefits by CPC and the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B), allow it to be amended at Council, and require it be approved by the Board of Directors.

The CPC discussed the proposed petition and received comments and input from committee chairs present.

6. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to approve the *Petition to Amend the Dues and Benefits Approval Process*, for action by Council at the spring 2026 Council meeting.

#### Council Agenda and Reports

President Philips reported that in preparation for the pending meeting of Council, a subgroup of CPC has reviewed all of the oral reports, accompanying graphics, and requests for extra time proposed for use by all individuals slated to make an oral presentation to Council. The Chair of the Committee on Local Section Activities was recognized to discuss the merits of the *Petition for Changes in Local Section Territory* and requested CPC's endorsement of that petition.

7. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to approve all of the officer and committee reports for Council, as reviewed and recommended by a subgroup of CPC.
8. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to approve the Council agenda for the August 20, 2025, meeting of Council.
9. The Council Policy Committee VOTED to concur with the recommendation from the Committee on Local Section Activities on the *Petition for Changes in Local Section Territory*.

#### Strategic Planning Task Force

Matthew Grandbois, Task Force Chair, reminded the committee that the CPC Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for November 15 – 16, 2025, in Washington, D.C. The task force will work with facilitators Lisa Houston and Amber Hinkle to develop an agenda and materials for the retreat. Pre-work for CPC members will be sent out in late September. Dr. Grandbois concluded by stating that CPC will be meeting in January 2026 to discuss the outcomes of the retreat and plans for the coming years.

#### Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning

Donna Friedman, Subcommittee Chair, reported that 213 Councilors and Committee Chairs have registered for the Connection and Reception for Councilors and Committee Chairs, which was moved to Monday evening, August 18 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. ET. CPC members were encouraged to attend and remind other Councilors about the event. Given the recent launch of the ACS Strategic Plan and the focus on several major initiatives, including the CPC strategic planning retreat, the ACS 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the ACS Rebrand, the subcommittee recommended placing the annual Strategy Café on hiatus for this year. The upcoming strategic planning retreat will play a more immediate role in guiding the committee's work in the years ahead.

10. The Council Policy Committee VOTED not to hold a Strategy Café in 2025.

### Inclusion and Belonging Roundtable

Kimberly Woznack, CPC representative to the Roundtable, provided updates from the ACS Office of Inclusion and Belonging, highlighting successful outcomes from the ACS President Phillips' Spark Grants and a case study on the Committee on Professional Training's efforts to embed inclusion and belonging into its work.

The committee acknowledged President Phillips for her exemplary leadership and extended thanks to Immediate Past President Mary Carroll for her service over the preceding three years. Dr. Phillips and Dr. Carroll then left the meeting due to another ACS commitment for which they were required. Dr. Grandbois presided over the remainder of the meeting.

### ACS 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update

Adam Boyd, Director of Portfolio and Project Management, provided an update on Society plans for celebrating the ACS 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The theme for the anniversary celebration is, "Chemistry is Everything," and related resources are available at [www.acs.org/150](http://www.acs.org/150). CPC members were thanked for their contribution to the planning efforts currently underway. Several members recommended candidates for the historical video interviews and visuals that will be produced as part of the anniversary celebration.

### ACS Rebrand Update

Jennifer White, Senior Marketing Manager, updated the committee on the ACS rebranding initiative, which is scheduled to launch at the ACS spring 2026 meeting. She outlined the guiding principles behind the rebrand, centered on the unifying concept: "Empower the persevering force of scientific progress." Ms. White then presented three logo concepts and accompanying color schemes. CPC members provided extensive feedback to Ms. White regarding the logo concepts, color schemes, and expectations for what a successful rebrand should aspire to achieve.

### 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 Incentive Allotment. The schedule of governance activities for the spring 2026 meeting that will be held in Atlanta was announced as follows:

Board of Directors Open Meeting:	Sunday, March 22
Council Policy Committee Meeting:	Monday, March 23
Council Meeting:	Wednesday, March 25

### New Business

Vice-Chair Grandbois acknowledged the service of CPC member Anne Gaffney, whose term on the committee ends on December 31, 2025.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m. ET.

Kimberly A. Knight  
Secretary

REPORT OF ACTIONS, COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE

Since the meeting of the Council on August 20, 2025, the Council Policy Committee (CPC) has taken the following actions:

CPC 1-2025: VOTED to elect Matthew Grandbois as Vice-Chair of the Council Policy Committee for 2026.

At its January 26, 2026 meeting, CPC:

VOTED to approve the minutes of the CPC meeting, August 18, 2025.

VOTED to approve the strategic plan developed at the November 2025 retreat.

VOTED to discharge the Strategic Planning Task Force, with thanks.

VOTED to discharge the Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning, with thanks, contingent upon the creation of a new subcommittee encompassing the same duties.

VOTED to create a standing Subcommittee on Engagement, whose duties shall include those formerly held by the Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning.

VOTED to create a Caucus Task Force.

VOTED to create a Council Size and Composition Task Force.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

On September 4, 2025, the ACS Board of Directors approved several actions previously endorsed by Council on August 20, 2025, including the petitions to establish the Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists (CALC); realign the Committee on Publications; amend the name and duties of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications; and amend the duties of the Committee on International Activities.

The Committee on Committees (ConC) unanimously approved the petition to amend the name and duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance during its December meeting. ConC will seek Council approval for this recommendation at the spring meeting in Atlanta, GA. The ultimate adoption of this recommendation is contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.

Additionally, ConC will also seek Council approval on a recommendation for the continuation of the Committees on Analytical Reagents, Chemists with Disabilities, Constitution and Bylaws, Divisional Activities, Environment and Sustainability, and Local Section Activities.

ConC submitted its 2026 recommendations for committee chairs, members, associates, and consultants for consideration. We are delighted to announce that ACS President Rigoberto Hernandez and ACS Board Chair Wayne Jones have approved the committee appointments for 2026. Volunteers completing their service on ACS committees have received a thank you letter acknowledging their term end. Terms for newly appointed and reappointed volunteers began January 1.

The ConC Leadership Development Subcommittee held a virtual new chairs training session on January 8 to help new chairs and staff liaisons better understand their committee budgets and key reporting requirements. ConC also conducted its annual in-person training, as part of the ACS Leadership Institute®, from January 30 to February 1 in Atlanta, GA. Ten new chairs, along with their staff and assistant staff liaisons, participated in these sessions.

As part of its transparency efforts, ConC hosted a webinar on February 10, *What's New for ACS Committees in 2026!*, highlighting key initiatives and priorities across ACS committees.

The online preference form for 2027 committee assignments will be open March 2–July 6, 2026, at <http://www.cmtc.acs.org> for committee assignments in 2027. Members interested in serving on an ACS committee should complete the form to indicate their preferences and background. Preferences should be submitted only if you can commit to active participation in meetings, either in person or virtually. Your ACS membership must be in good standing to serve on an ACS committee.

Councilors and other interested ACS members are invited to attend ConC's virtual open meeting on March 4 from 1:00-2:00 pm ET to offer their views on any topics on the agenda, or other matters of interest. Please contact [secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org) to register.

At its virtual closed executive meetings in March, ConC will receive reports and consider recommendations from its subcommittees on leadership development; committee systems and structure; inclusion and belonging; and the committee appointment systems improvement working group. ConC will also begin developing committee chair recommendations for all Society Committees for 2027.

ConC will also participate in the 2026 New Councilor Orientation on March 21, followed by a networking reception, and will host a chair–staff liaison session on March 23 and “Committee Row” during Sci-Mix later that evening.

Brian Mathes, Chair

**ORIGINAL**

**FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance**  
(AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES)

**Standing Rule II, Sec. 4, b, (2); 7**

**Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, b, (2)**

**Petition**

We, the voting members of the American Chemical Society's Committee on Budget and Finance, hereby petition to amend the SOCIETY's Standing Rules as follows (additions **underlined**; deletions ~~struck through~~):

**STANDING RULE II**

**Council Executive Function**

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**Sec. 4.**

**Society Committees**

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**b. Society Committees Reporting to the Council and the Board of Directors**

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(2) Committee on **Fiscal Affairs** ~~Budget and Finance~~

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**Sec. 7.**

**Dues**

a. At its spring meeting, the Council may set the dues and benefits packages for the succeeding year using procedures and policies (such as the Schedule of Dues and Benefits) developed by the Committee on Membership Affairs and approved by the Council. The dues and benefits packages as presented by the Committee on Membership Affairs in consultation with the Committee on ~~Budget and Finance~~ **Fiscal Affairs** shall be voted on by Council without modification. Should the Council not act, the dues and benefits packages shall default to the last approved version. The dues and benefits packages so determined shall be announced to the membership by the Treasurer of the SOCIETY in the official organ of the SOCIETY six months before the effective date of each change.

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c. An allocation from general SOCIETY revenues shall cover the printing and distribution cost of copies for all MEMBERS and Society Affiliates of the editorial portion of the official organ of the SOCIETY. The allocation shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, on recommendation of the ~~Society~~ Committee on **Fiscal Affairs** ~~Budget and Finance~~.

**STANDING RULE VIII**

**Duties of Committees**

**Section 1.**

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**b. Duties of Committees that Report to both the Council and the Board of Directors**

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**(2) Committee on ~~Budget and Finance~~ Fiscal Affairs**

The duties of this committee shall include the following, *inter alia*:

**(a) Provide financial stewardship guidance to component groups** ~~serve as the committee responsible for financial oversight of the SOCIETY, as described elsewhere in the Standing Rules;~~

**(b) Provide feedback and fiscal recommendations on new SOCIETY programs that would help ACS achieve its strategic goals** ~~act for the Board of Directors to undertake specific action delegated to the committee as delineated in the Regulations of the Board of Directors;~~

**(c) Serve as a trusted multi-channel connection for communication related to the SOCIETY's finances and** ~~assist the Treasurer of the SOCIETY in the review and preparation of budgets;~~

**(d) Review the potential financial impact of proposals presented to Council for consideration and action.** ~~study and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on the allocation of funds to the various areas of activity of the SOCIETY;~~

~~(e) receive and review requests for funding of new and unbudgeted items, recommend approval or disapproval of the requests, and suggest and identify sources of funds if the request is to be approved; and~~

~~(f) monitor the rate of all expenditures in order to identify any emerging problems.~~

**Explanation**

The Society has experienced positive growth in the last 24 years. Revenues have more than doubled to almost \$780M in 2024 (from \$320M in 2000). Net from Operations has increased eightfold to \$56.5M (from \$7.5M). And international headcount is 20 times greater. The Society is active in 56 jurisdictions around the world and sources 65% of its revenues outside North America. This growth has also come with added complexity and compliance.

As a result of the growth and complexity, the Board of Directors and Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) seek to evolve the committee structure to support ACS' financial health. The proposed change would establish a Board Finance Committee with fiduciary responsibility and enterprise-level focus.

In parallel, B&F would be renamed the Committee on Fiscal Affairs and would enhance their focus on governance engagement and support. B&F had lengthy discussions at the spring 2025 meeting, including breakout groups and further refined the outputs at an in-person meeting in June 2025. B&F voted to adopt the amended duties in August 2025. The duties are aligned around four pillars as noted below:

**Governance Support**

- Provide financial stewardship guidance to component groups.

**ACS Community Focused Strategic Advancement**

- Provide feedback and fiscal recommendations on new Society Programs that would help ACS achieve its strategic goals.

**Communication Channel**

- Serve as a trusted multi-channel for communication related to the Society's finances.

**Financial Impact Assessment**

- Review the potential financial impact of proposals presented to Council for consideration and action.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) is focused on providing transparent information about the committee and its processes while ensuring it carries out its duties on behalf of the Society and its members. N&E encourages all ACS members to visit [www.acs.org/elections](http://www.acs.org/elections) to [meet candidates](#), [submit nominations](#) and learn more about [ACS service and voter eligibility](#).

N&E is excited to share that we are continuing to improve operational efficiency and maximize transparent election resources. While there should be minimal noticeable impact to your election experiences, we will be offering updated instructions, training, and resources. We will also be making changes to the 2026 President-Elect and Board of Director campaign communication process to ensure that all candidates have equitable access to email communication. Over the coming months, we are planning to reimagine our governance elections web presence and other communications processes.

N&E conducted a strategic planning retreat (SPR) on January 29, held in conjunction with the ACS Leadership Institute in Atlanta, GA. We sincerely appreciate the thoughtful feedback provided by many candidates, Councilors, the Board of Directors, and committee members, which played an important role in shaping our discussions. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of the SPR and future plans in more detail at the upcoming Council meeting.

The committee extends its heartfelt gratitude to Councilors, governance volunteers and ACS members for their nominations for Zone Councilors, elected committee and Board members. N&E cherishes your nominations, which are carefully reviewed and considered by N&E during the slate development process. Please continue to share your suggestions of qualified members as potential candidates for ACS elected offices using the [ACS Nominations Intake Form](#).

During its fall 2025 meeting, the N&E developed slates of potential candidates for President-Elect (2027); Director-at-Large (2027-2029); and Directors from Districts III and VI (2027-2029). The primary elections of Director candidates for District III and District VI are underway, ending February 20. The down-select election of two President-Elect candidates, from a field of four nominees, will be conducted at the spring Council meeting on March 25, 2026. The results of both elections will be announced at the spring Council meeting. In January, we welcomed many new members to the committee thanks to Council's support of expanding N&E's size to 19 Councilors. As we look to the future, we welcome the diverse perspectives that these new members bring and are glad to have the extra support as we prepare ten slates.

N&E will host an in-person, moderated President-Elect Town Hall at the spring 2026 meeting in Atlanta, GA. Please consider joining us to hear from the nominees prior to the Council vote on Sunday, March 22, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. ET at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park in Grand Ballroom E. Questions may be [submitted in advance](#) or during the event.

N&E values the participation of all ACS members in the Society's elections and encourages continued engagement. Members may submit nominations for Zone Councilors, elected committee members, President-Elect, and Board positions at [nominations.acs.org](http://nominations.acs.org) or email [nomelect@acs.org](mailto:nomelect@acs.org). We greatly appreciate the willingness of ACS members to volunteer, run in elections, and if elected, provide leadership for our society.

Kevin J. Edgar, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In fulfillment of its duties and responsibilities to the Society, the ACS Joint Board-Council Committee on International Activities (IAC) works to enhance opportunities for our global members and oversee the International Chemical Sciences Chapter (ICSC) program. The committee continues to support the creation of new International Chemical Sciences Chapters throughout the world, including the unanimous provisional approval of one new ICSC in Sri Lanka. The committee is seeking further approval to officially charter the Sri Lanka ICSC through a vote of the ACS Council and Board of Directors in spring 2026. At the fall 2025 Council meeting, the IAC received approval from Council via a majority vote to establish one new ICSC in Guatemala. IAC is also working closely with the Council Policy Committee (CPC) to onboard new Zone Councilors.

So far in 2026, the IAC has held regional calls for its ICSCs to offer support and guidance for completing 2025 annual reports in full and on time. The committee has awarded the 2026 Global Innovation Imperatives (GII) Grant to the United Arab Emirates ICSC in the amount of \$25,000. In January 2026, the committee facilitated the inaugural international track at the ACS Leadership Institute for International Chapter Leaders.

Michael B. McGinnis, Chair

**FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Petition to Charter an International Chemical Sciences Chapter**

One legal application has been received for the formation of a new International Chemical Sciences Chapter (ICSC) to be known as the Sri Lanka International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

The Sri Lanka International Chemical Sciences Chapter will consist of the territory of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and is not part of any other Chapter or Local Section of the Society. At the time the application was received, there were 86 dues-paying ACS members and 181 Community Associates residing in the territory.

The petition was initiated and signed by 25 ACS members in good standing and residing in the territory. The application meets all of the requirements of Bylaw VI of the Society, and includes a statement that the applicants are familiar with and will abide by all governing documents of the Society including specifically Standing Rule VII, Sec. 3, c, which states that the Chapter and its officers as representatives of the Chapter shall not engage in political activity, including lobbying, shall avoid any activities that may adversely affect the interests and/or public and professional image of the Society, and shall assure that all activities of the Chapter shall be open to all members of the Society. The application includes a proposed budget for the operation of the Chapter, which includes allotment of funds from the Society. The petition has been reviewed by the ACS Society Committee on International Activities (IAC). This action seeks the approval of the Council and is contingent on the approval from the ACS Board of Directors, after which, the Chapter will begin operation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS

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.

This past November, MAC participated in a facilitated Strategic Planning Update session that aligned with the midpoint of the committee's current Strategic Plan, chartered in 2024. MAC agreed that the three preexisting strategic goals remain relevant to the Society's mission, but that the key strategies within each goal would be amended to better align with the committee's efforts around improved Member and Community Engagement. MAC has placed significant emphasis on strengthening our internal and external partnerships streamlining and tailoring communications to individuals and segments within the ACS Community, and improving on member experience and customer journeys, all while reinforcing our need to make data-driven decisions.

Two guiding principles are focused on our student and early-career member engagement strategy and retaining members who are approaching a transition period in their lives. MAC continues to receive feedback from, and collaborate with, our colleagues within the student community and volunteer leader structures that have a focus on students and early-career professionals. We will test an extension of the "recent graduate" discount and identifying key value-drivers for this audience, such as ACS career services, student chapters/communities, networking and mentorship opportunities, and opportunities to present research. MAC is evaluating other transition periods such as career changes (for example, promotion and retirement) and other life events to proactively present these members with streamlined and relevant value drivers.

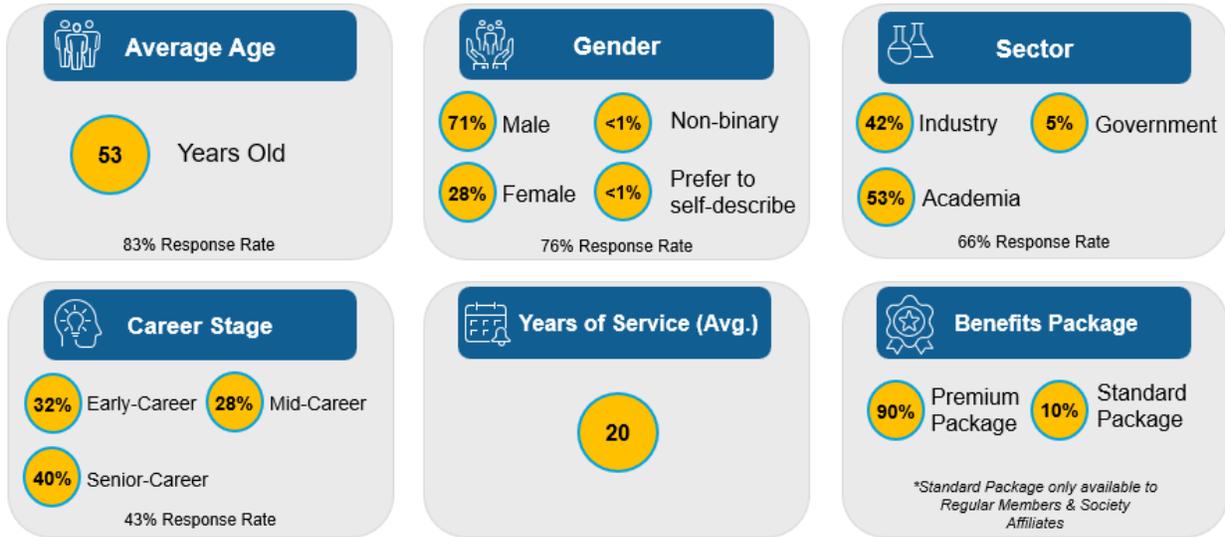
As part of MAC's effort to focus on member engagement and in conjunction with ACS's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026, MAC requests Council's partnership in transforming our aspirations into reality by supporting our long-term vision of increasing our Member and Society Affiliate count to 150,000. Council can provide ongoing support by enabling MAC and ACS staff to efficiently use resources available within the parameters of our governing documents to achieve this goal. Council is reminded of the Membership Referral program launched in 2025 that provides an easy, incentivized, online way for Members and Society Affiliates to onboard new members at a discount. Peer-to-peer relationship-building and connection remains one of the most impactful ways to gain members to a Society and can more efficiently connect new members with the resources they need from career or leadership development opportunities to authoring support.

As of December 31, 2025, the total ACS Community including Members, Student Members, Society Affiliates, and Community Associates was 262,119. This number compares favorably to the Community count one year ago (234,432).

Category	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2025
Members	99,997	99,999
Society Affiliates	2,454	1,966
Community Associates	131,981	160,154
Total	234,432	262,119

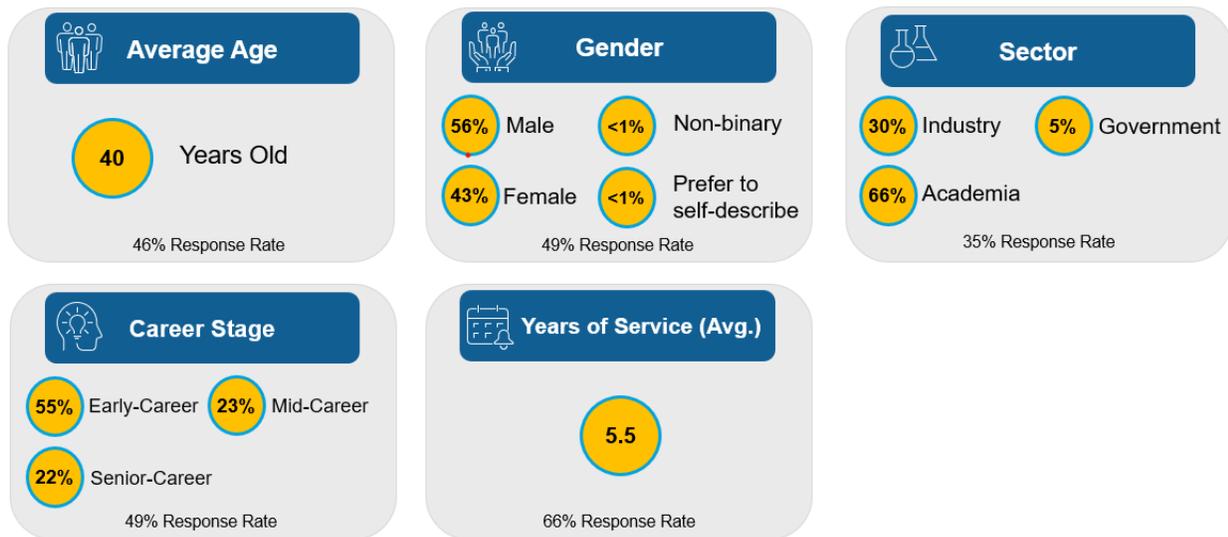
The following infographics provide a snapshot of the average ACS Member and Community Associate. These, and other metrics including profiles and personas of specific member segments including undergraduate/graduate students and early-career professionals, will help better position the Society for long-term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

<b>Average Annual Retention Rate</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Undergraduates	39.8%	40.6%
Graduates	56.1%	55.4%
All Members and Society Affiliates	56.4%	63.9%

Represents the twelve-month average. Excludes Community Associates.

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

<b>Market Test Category</b>	<b>Offer and Conditions</b>	<b>2025 Year-End</b>
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, Pubs, Education/Events).	4,342
Introductory Acquisition National Dues Discounts	Discounted membership to non-members through targeted marketing outreach and/or event engagements.	4,228
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	138
Targeted Renewal National Dues Discounts	Discount efforts to encourage member retention and renewal, through targeted campaigns and/or at events	500

In 2026, MAC is also evaluating the efficacy of providing a Lifetime Membership category. This project will require significant infrastructure development and will be piloted to a group of current members that are identified as the best potential audience for such a dues option. Discussions are underway to establish a project plan and timeline. Our goal is to launch this test in 2026.

MAC humbly requests the support of Council in voting to approve the proposed 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits. MAC is pleased to report that there are no changes in the proposed 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits as compared to the existing 2026 Schedule.

Councilors, members and associates of ACS committees are invited to attend MAC's open meeting taking place on Sunday, March 22 to hear more details about membership data, working groups' activities, and updates to MAC's vision for ACS 150 and beyond.

Finally, MAC wants to remind 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 personal incentive to join. Resources to assist you in this endeavor are found within the ACS Membership Recruitment and Engagement Toolkit: [Committee on Membership Affairs - American Chemical Society \(acs.org\)](#). 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](mailto:mac@acs.org). Thank you for all that you do for our Society.

Jennifer McCulley, Chair

## 2027 SCHEDULE OF DUES AND BENEFITS

### I. DUES AND BENEFITS PACKAGES

1. The SOCIETY strives to provide continued and sustainable growth through regular reassessment of its dues and benefits packages for members, Society Affiliates, and Community Associates as defined in the Standing Rules. These dues and benefits packages are established and updated based on the professional and personal benefits they provide to individuals at different stages in their careers and as their roles in the global chemistry enterprise evolve. (6/12/25)

2. Annually, the Committee on Membership Affairs shall assess benefits, propose dues commensurate with the benefits packages, and submit its recommendations to the Committee on Budget and Finance, which shall conduct an analysis of the proposed dues and benefits packages to determine the financial impact on the SOCIETY. After review by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the recommendation for dues and benefits and a statement of financial impact by the Committee on Budget and Finance shall be submitted by the Committee on Membership Affairs to Council for action at its spring meeting. Members are welcome to submit comments to the Committee on Membership Affairs for consideration when developing benefits and dues packages. (6/12/25)

3. Dues will be based on the fair-market value of each benefits package as outlined below. Changes in the base dues rate from one year to the next may not exceed \$10 or 10 percent, whichever amount is greater. (5/31/24)

4. Should the Council not act to replace the proposed dues and benefits packages as submitted, the dues and benefits shall default to the last approved version. (5/31/24)

5. This Schedule is not applicable to Corporation Associates. (5/31/24)

### II. BASE DUES

The base dues rate shall be \$160. (3/23/22)

### III. BENEFITS PACKAGES

#### 1. Premium Package

The Premium Package contains the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY. (3/23/22)

#### 2. Standard Package

The Standard Package contains the full range of privileges and benefits as offered by the SOCIETY except that it does not provide: (5/31/24)

a. Any ACS Publications or author benefits including but not limited to universal publications accesses and reduced subscription rates as approved by the Board of Directors. (3/23/22)

b. Any Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) benefits including but not limited to complimentary search activities. (3/23/22)

c. Discounted registration rates for ACS meetings, workshops, LinkedIn Learning access, and continuing education courses. (5/31/24)

d. Access to the ACS webinar recording library. (3/23/22)

e. Access to the print edition of the official organ of the SOCIETY; however, digital access is available. (5/31/24)

#### 3. Basic Package

The Basic Package is a free package, which shall include only the privileges and benefits described below: (6/12/25)

a. Receipt of SOCIETY newsletters. (3/23/22)

b. Receipt of weekly, abbreviated digests of the official organ of the SOCIETY. (3/23/22)

c. Five downloadable articles from the official organ of the SOCIETY. (5/31/24)

d. Access to ACS Link. (5/31/24)

e. Access to discounts on personal services offered by external SOCIETY partners, except for discounts to the group insurance rates in the ACS Member Insurance Program. (5/31/24)

### IV. DUES RATES

#### 1. MEMBERS

a. The dues for a MEMBER selecting the **Premium Package** shall be the base dues rate unless the MEMBER opts to use any of the following applicable statuses: (5/31/24)

(1) **Retired.** A MEMBER who has either (1) accumulated at least twenty-five years of paid membership prior to January 1, 1986, and is retired from full-time professional employment or (2) has accumulated at least thirty years of paid membership and is retired from full-time professional employment shall, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, be entitled to receive the **Premium Package** at a rate of one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate for each year beginning on the MEMBER's anniversary date. (6/12/25)

(2) **Emeritus.** A MEMBER who has accumulated at least thirty-five years of paid membership and who is retired from full-time professional employment shall, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, be entitled to receive the **Premium Package** and pay no membership dues. (6/12/25)

(3) **Graduate Student.** A MEMBER who is a graduate student shall be entitled to the **Premium Package** at a rate of eleven thirty-seconds (11/32) of the base dues rate with digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY so long as the individual is engaged in full-time graduate work. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. "Full-time" represents any combination of course work, research work, and teaching that the institution considers a full-time load. (6/12/25)

b. The dues for a MEMBER selecting the **Standard Package** shall be one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate. (5/31/24)

c. A MEMBER who selects the **Premium** or **Standard Package** is eligible for those discounts and waivers

as outlined elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)

## 2. STUDENT MEMBERS

a. A STUDENT MEMBER, upon affirmation to the Chief Executive Officer of qualification for such status, shall be entitled to receive the **Premium Package** at a rate of five thirty-seconds (5/32) of the base dues rate with digital access to the official organ of the SOCIETY. The dues so determined shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. (6/12/25)

b. A STUDENT MEMBER is eligible for those discounts and waivers as outlined elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)

## 3. Society Affiliates

a. A Society Affiliate, an individual who is not eligible to be a member of the SOCIETY in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents, may select the **Premium Package** at the base dues rate or the **Standard Package** at one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate, and shall retain affiliate status only so long as payment is made of such dues. (5/31/24)

b. A Society Affiliate is eligible for those discounts and waivers as outlined elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)

## 4. Community Associates

a. A Community Associate shall only have access to the **Basic Package**, a free package, and its benefits. (6/12/25)

b. A Community Associate may not concurrently receive other benefits described elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits. (5/31/24)

c. A Community Associate shall not be eligible for any of the discounts or waivers described elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits (5/31/24)

## V. DISCOUNTS, VARIATIONS, AND WAIVERS\*

1. **Multi-year Benefits Packages.** A member or Society Affiliate not requesting any of the discounts provided elsewhere in this Schedule of Dues and Benefits may elect a dues period of one year, two years, or three years. The dues rate for two- year or three-year periods shall be two times or three times, respectively, the full annual dues rate established for the first year of the period. (5/31/24)

2. **Emerging Economy Discount.** A member or Society Affiliate residing in a country with an emerging economy (as defined by the World Bank) is eligible for an annual dues discount. This discount is based on the World Bank country classification and reviewed annually: 50% dues reduction for members or Society Affiliates in upper-middle income countries, 66% dues reduction for members or Society Affiliates in lower-middle income countries, and 75% dues reduction for members or Society Affiliates in low-income countries. This discount will be applied automatically based on the address of the member and may be continued indefinitely as long as the individual continues to reside in a country with an emerging economy, and the relevant World Bank country classification does not change. (5/31/24)

3. **New Graduate Discount.** An individual graduating with an associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctoral degree in a chemical science or in a related field of natural science, engineering, technology, or science education from an appropriately accredited educational institution, or one acceptable to the Committee on Membership Affairs, may apply for a 50% discount of the base dues rate for the Premium Package, to begin at any time up to one year from the date of graduation. (6/12/25)

4. **National Service Discount.** A member or Society Affiliate who is serving actively in the Armed Forces of the United States of America or in another area of national service on temporary full-time duty of not less than one year nor more than four years may, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer with affirmation of such status, be entitled to a discount of one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate for each year of such service beginning on the individual's anniversary date. (5/31/24)

5. **Family Care Provider Discount.** After at least one year of paid dues, a member or Society Affiliate who has elected to discontinue full-time professional employment or full-time course work because of long-term obligations as a family-care provider, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, shall be entitled to a discount of one-half (1/2) of the base dues rate assessed at the time of the request. Such discount shall commence on the individual's anniversary date and may be continued for up to an additional two years so long as this status is affirmed annually. This provision may be invoked again only after a period of full-time professional employment or full-time course work. (5/31/24)

6. **Disability Waiver.** A member or Society Affiliate who has a long-term disability may be granted a dues waiver. To be eligible for a waiver, the individual must have paid dues for at least one year and furnish proof of the disability. The request for a waiver shall be made to the Chief Executive Officer annually upon receipt of the dues statement. The Committee on Membership Affairs, acting for the Council, shall resolve any appeal from adverse action on a disability waiver request. (5/31/24)

7. **Unemployed Waiver.** After at least one year of paid dues, a member or Society Affiliate who is unemployed and is seeking full-time professional employment, upon request to the Chief Executive Officer and affirmation of such status, shall be entitled to an annual waiver of the base dues rate assessed at the time of the request. Such annual waiver shall commence on the individual's anniversary date and may be renewed each year for a total not to exceed three years so long as this status is reaffirmed each year. This provision may be invoked again only after a period of full-time professional employment. (5/31/24)

8. **Joint Memberships with Partner Organizations.** Members in good standing with SOCIETY partner organizations may receive discounts on SOCIETY dues assessed when selecting the Standard or Premium Package. Discounts may be available to MEMBERS, STUDENT MEMBERS, and Society Affiliates. These discounts do not apply to Local Section and Division dues. (6/12/25)

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\*Discounts may not be available in certain locations and are subject to other exclusions. Eligibility for discounts may vary, and additional terms and conditions may apply. (6/12/25)

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The January 1, 2026, edition of the ACS Governing Documents is available at [www.acs.org/govdocs](http://www.acs.org/govdocs) along with a detailed summary of changes.

To date in 2026, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) has issued certified bylaws to one unit, the Rock River Section.

In 2025, C&B issued 28 certified bylaws to 12 Local Sections: Central New York, East Texas, Florida, Green Mountain, Huron Valley, Joliet, New York, Ole Miss, Pittsburgh, Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley, and Southern Indiana; six Divisions: Agrochemicals (AGRO), Chemistry and the Law (CHAL), Energy and Fuels (ENFL), Inorganic Chemistry (INOR), Rubber (RUBB), and Small Chemical Businesses (SCHB); and 10 International Chemical Sciences Chapters: Australia, Bangladesh, East and Northeast India, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Nigeria, Northeast China, Shanghai, and West India. Certified bylaws are available online at [www.acs.org/govdocs](http://www.acs.org/govdocs) (click on unit bylaws).

To update your unit's current bylaws, C&B recommends that you use either the model bylaws templates or the questions document; 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](http://www.acs.org/govdocs). Contact C&B at [bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org) for assistance in updating your unit's bylaws.

The proposed 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits as well as the following petition to amend the Standing Rules will be up for **action** by Council at the spring 2026 meeting: Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Chief Executive Officer ([bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org)) by **May 6** to be included in the Council agenda for the fall 2026 meeting in Chicago, IL. However, C&B recommends that all draft petitions be sent to C&B at least two months before this deadline to ensure petition requirements are met and that the wording is in accordance with the ACS Governing Documents.

ACS members are invited to attend C&B's combined open/executive meeting on Sunday, March 22, from 1:30-2:00 pm ET. C&B will provide a brief status report, as well as respond to any questions. ACS members may also contact C&B directly at [bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org).

John E. Adams, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) will meet on Saturday, March 21, 2026. At that meeting, staff will review the Society's year-end 2025 financial performance.

The Society ended 2025 with a net contribution from operations of \$50.7 million, based on revenues of \$796.9 million and expenses of \$746.2 million. This result was \$8.8 million favorable to the 2025 approved budget and \$2.0 million lower than the prior year. Favorable operating results were driven by continued growth within the Information Services divisions and sustained expense discipline across Society Programs.

ACS ended the year in compliance with all five Board-established financial guidelines. The Society's overall financial position strengthened, with unrestricted net assets increasing by \$172.3 million in 2025, reaching \$1,074.2 million at year-end – up from \$901.9 million as of December 31, 2024. The year-over-year increase was driven by net gains from the Investment Portfolio and Foreign Exchange hedges (\$151.0 million) and the net gains from Operations (\$50.7 million), partially offset by net losses in all other areas (-\$29.3 million). The Society's unrestricted investment portfolio (General Fund) closed the year at \$1,056.5 million.

The *Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance* was voted on and approved by B&F at its November 20, 2025, meeting and will be up for action by Council at the spring 2026 meeting.

B&F will meet next on Saturday, August 22, 2026, where it will receive an update on the Society's 2026 year-to-date financial performance.

Paul W. Jagodzinski, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIVISIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) is pleased to celebrate 150 years of the American Chemical Society with all of its members. Divisions remain a core part of the Society and have served members for more than 108 years. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the history of Divisions—beginning in 1908 with five Divisions and growing to 32 just over 100 years later—which stands as a symbol of our Society’s growth.

DAC, in collaboration with the Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E), is also pleased to inform Council of the sunset of the Future of Meetings Working Group established by the Board of Directors. The work of this group resulted in a significant increase in joint divisional and committee programming, session attendance, and interdisciplinary community programming. These successes would not have been possible without the support and participation of our Divisions and programming entities across ACS. DAC remains committed to continued collaboration with M&E and other committees and Divisions to further enhance the meeting experience for our members.

Our Grants and Recognition Subcommittee has also commemorated the ACS sesquicentennial by providing additional funding to support divisional activities that celebrate the history of ACS while looking toward the future. These programs began at the spring meeting in Atlanta, GA and will continue through the fall meeting in Chicago, IL. We hope to see you at some of these events.

The Divisional Operations Subcommittee continues to collaborate with several committees to advocate for and support divisional infrastructure. One way this support has been strengthened is through the launch of an online Shareable Practices portal as part of the Division Officers’ Toolkit. This portal highlights successful practices from Divisions that others may learn from and adopt. In addition, DAC continues to work with the Committee on Communicating Chemistry to support divisional efforts to enhance their online presence, including websites and social media practices.

Finally, we are pleased to highlight the formation of a new subcommittee within DAC: the Membership Engagement Subcommittee. This group will focus on identifying opportunities to increase divisional membership and member engagement. Its efforts will include identifying division member benefits, addressing barriers to membership growth, developing communication strategies that convey divisional value, and recognizing the contributions of members and leaders. We look forward to sharing the successes of this subcommittee at the next meeting of Council.

Jarrold Cohen, Chair

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF LGBTQ+ CHEMISTS

Since its establishment in January, the Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists (CALC) was populated with 15 members.

CALC will hold its first meeting on Saturday, March 21, which will focus on acquainting members with ACS structure and governance as well as team building. The committee will meet again following the spring 2026 meeting for a strategic planning retreat on June 6-7, 2026.

The committee will be participating in Committee Row at Sci-Mix on Monday, March 23 from 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Members from CALC will take part in a short panel discussion from 11:05 am – 11:45 am on Tuesday, March 24 as part of the ACS Pride Graduate Research Symposium. In addition, the Chair will be available for introductions and questions during the Presidential LGBTQ+ Chemists and Allies Reception on Tuesday, March 24 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Questions or comments can also be sent to our staff liaison at [v\\_fuentes@acs.org](mailto:v_fuentes@acs.org).

Samuel A. Brunclik, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHEMICAL SAFETY

### **Strategic Plan Updated**

The Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) updated its strategic plan in July 2025. The new plan focuses on strengthening the processes that support the committee's mission of Championing Safety through Collaboration, Resource Development, and Education, with an increased emphasis on data-informed decision-making and a more strategic use of communication channels to maximize impact and reach. These processes are designed to improve the committee's ability to identify critical safety issues, develop resources to address them, and deliver them broadly through continued, mutually beneficial collaboration.

### **Launch of the ACS Safety Network**

Early in 2025, ACS staff, in coordination with the chairs of CCS and the Division of Chemical Health and Safety, initiated regular meetings with representatives from safety-focused groups across the Society: ACS Office of Safety Programs, ACS Chemical Health & Safety (ACS Journal), the Committee on Corporation Associates Safety Engagement Subcommittee, and the Division of Chemical Education Safety Committee. These meetings quickly demonstrated the value of consistent communication, alignment of priorities, and coordination among ACS entities engaged in chemical safety. Consistent with our strategic plan's emphasis on building and sustaining greater collaboration with the rest of the ACS safety community, CCS helped guide the evolution of these productive interactions into a more structured framework. In August, participants developed a charter and appointed a chair, formally establishing the [ACS Safety Network](#). The Network provides a mechanism to increase the collective impact of participating entities through coordinated messaging and joint safety initiatives. The Network's first project was to write an editorial for ACS Chemical Health & Safety that described the safety ecosystem at ACS. This article appears in the first issue of 2026 ([Chemical Safety Ecosystem of the American Chemical Society: A Primer | ACS Chemical Health & Safety](#)). The Safety Network is currently focused on developing a symposium for the fall meeting titled "Celebrating 150 Years of ACS: Shaping Safer Science for All." The program will examine historical chemical accidents, regulatory advocacy, and safety education initiatives, alongside essential guidance, resources, and strategic partnerships shaped by ACS.

### **Joint Project with the Committee on Analytical Reagents (CAR) Completed on Schedule**

A two-year collaborative project between CCS and CAR to add safety information to ACS reagent chemical monographs was successfully completed in December when the last of the updated monographs was published. You can see an example of the new monograph design at this link: [Acetone](#).

CCS thanks Councilors for their support and invites them to send questions or comments to [safety@acs.org](mailto:safety@acs.org).

Randall L. Heald, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHEMISTRY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA) continues to advise ACS governance on public policy matters affecting the chemical sciences and to support ACS members' engagement in advocacy and policy leadership. Since the fall 2025 national meeting, the committee has focused on strengthening policy infrastructure, sustaining member engagement between meetings, and advancing priorities associated with the final year of the 2022–2025 Strategic Plan.

### **Activities Since the Fall 2025 National Meeting**

*Member Engagement Subcommittee.* This subcommittee has focused on sustaining engagement between national meetings by planning and delivering webinars for ACS policy-facing committees, with topics including the federal science and technology budget, the Vision for American Science and Technology report, and the economic impact of federal investments in research and development; they continue to strengthen post-training pathways and identify tools and practices that can be shared with Local Sections and regional meetings to translate member interest into action.

*Policy Subcommittee.* This subcommittee advanced the Peer-Review policy statement for approval, provided input on CEPA's Non-Discrimination Employment statement revisions, and endorsed a policy statement writing group style guide to improve clarity for general audiences. The subcommittee also identified upcoming ACS statements for review (A Competitive US Business Climate; Science and Technology in the Budget) and began planning writing groups.

*Public Policy Fellowship Subcommittee.* The subcommittee has continued with an emphasis on improving access to clear information about the public policy fellowship program and strengthening outward-facing outreach materials. The subcommittee has also drawn on reflections and reports shared by fellows during committee programming, including lessons on how congressional offices operate, how a legislator's priorities shape decision-making, and how fellows adapt their communication from academic writing to policy-facing products for broader audiences; fellows also encouraged members to engage through tools such as the ACS Chemistry Advocacy Workshop and district-level interactions with representatives.

### **Looking Ahead: 2026 Priorities**

In 2026, CCPA will focus on completing remaining objectives of the committee's 2022–2025 Strategic Plan by strengthening sustainable member engagement pathways, advancing policy statement and subject-matter-expert infrastructure, and deepening the public policy fellowship ecosystem. CCPA will begin developing a new three-year strategic plan at the fall 2026 national meeting in Chicago.

Our ongoing activities reflect the growing ecosystem of science-informed advocacy within ACS and continued commitment to developing chemists as policy leaders across all sectors and identities.

*Coaching.* At the ACS spring 2026 meeting, CCPA members will again assist ACS staff and policy fellowship alumni in "Speak Simply" coaching sessions. Piloted at the fall 2025 meeting to help ACS members prepare for legislative conversations, the "Speaking Simply" coaching sessions help ACS members develop the tools and know-how to successfully advocate for science to policymakers.

*Training.* To offer an opportunity for chemistry students to learn about the federal policy-making process, network with policy professionals, and collaborate with other students engaged with science policy, ACS is sponsoring two students (undergraduate or graduate) to participate in the 2025 AAAS Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering (CASE) Workshop. CCPA will assist in selecting the finalists. The workshop will be held April 12-15 in Washington, DC.

*Impact.* In 2025, the science community saw extensive budget cuts, grant cancellations, and uncertainty about the future of federally funded scientific research. ACS members stepped up and advocated for science. In late January 2026, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, a new budget for the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science, and the National Institutes for Health (NIH) for fiscal year 2026. While this minibus had an overall reduction for federally funded research compared to prior year levels, it was nowhere near the historic reductions proposed by the federal administration last spring. Some agencies received an increase in funding, suggesting a renewed understanding of the importance of developing sectors that align with ACS policy statements and impact the everyday American.

Advocacy efforts of scientists like you across the nation played a key role in reducing cuts to research funding. Thanks to ACS members advocacy via the Act4Chemistry, nearly 7,000 emails were sent to Congress on a variety of topics, including the need to protect science research and development funding. This tool supported more than 400 members of Congress hearing from ACS members. There are 535 members in the U.S. House and Senate suggesting that more than 75% of House and Senate members heard from ACS members in 2025. Our collective advocacy continues to crystallize the future of chemistry.

Ann Kimble-Hill, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHEMISTS WITH DISABILITIES

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

The committee will host an online closed session meeting on February 21, 2026, and will meet in a hybrid open session in Atlanta, GA on March 21, 2026.

CWD has a newly established Patricia Redden Award for Making Chemistry Accessible for All (<https://www.acs.org/funding/awards/pat-redden-award.html>), which is sponsored by Merck Research Laboratories. This award has an annual deadline of January 30 and will be presented for the first time at the Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA) Luncheon on March 23, 2026, in Atlanta. Two CWD Student Travel Award recipients will also be recognized in Atlanta.

CWD has started implementing their new strategic plan, which is organized around three goals:

- **Goal 1: Awareness and Inclusion.** Promote and facilitate awareness and belonging for persons with disabilities and their contributions to the chemistry enterprise.
- **Goal 2: Connect & Collaborate.** Enhance communication with ACS and external stakeholders to foster collaboration.
- **Goal 3: Accessibility.** Develop resources and policies to improve accessibility across the chemistry community.

The committee had a strong presence at several recent conferences. At Pacifichem 2025, CWD member Mona Minkara was featured as a plenary speaker, and Chair Partha Basu presented about accessibility for persons with disabilities in the chemical sciences. In addition, at the 2025 Western Regional Meeting, Maria Dulay presented universal design approaches to professional skills education in chemistry.

External collaborations: To propose an external collaboration, please email [CWD@acs.org](mailto:CWD@acs.org).

Partha Basu, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) oversees, implements, and evaluates, the ACS portfolio of career-related programs, products, and services to address members' needs. CEPA monitors and evaluates the current state of employment for ACS members, sharing this data broadly to enable ACS and members to make informed professional and career decisions, with a Vision and Mission focused on fulfilling professional lives for our members.

Last year, CEPA successfully completed its Strategic Plan that was assembled in 2022 and launched in 2023. The committee utilized its Strategic Plan Dashboard to track strategy progress, which provided line-of-site accountability and an easy mechanism for volunteer work stream leaders to request support and assistance, facilitated by an open culture built on trust and enabling CEPA member success. Upon completing all nine Strategic Plan work streams, CEPA began preparing for its next Strategic Planning Retreat, which took place in conjunction with the ACS Leadership Institute in January 2026.

At the fall meeting, the ACS Research & Decision Support Team updated CEPA about the ACS Salary Calculator (for which CEPA has purview). The automated salary calculator has been down since Q3 2023. CEPA members asked questions and provided recommendations for the next iteration of this tool, which currently has no timeline.

An exciting development at the fall 2025 meeting was the formal launch of the new CEPA Subcommittee on Communications, Marketing, and Engagement (SCME), which will act as a unified CEPA voice for more streamlined communications with ACS committees, staff, and other stakeholders. At the fall meeting, Council voted in favor of CEPA's motion to approve the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Professional Employment Guidelines in the year of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Changes include a revised foreword acknowledging this document's context in a global Society and a new section focused on Voluntary Separation. You can read more about the history of the Professional Employment Guidelines and their importance to ACS members in CEPA's recent [C&EN Comment](#).

The ACS Career Fair, to which CEPA has purview, had an especially productive 2025. The spring and fall meetings together delivered 880 in-person career consultations (the most ever in a single year), and 71 Career Pathways Workshops (CPWs) with a total of 2,113 attendees. The Career Fair also featured an on-site professional photographer taking headshots, an immigration attorney conducting individual consultations, a networking area with games/activities, and the opportunity to meet with some of the top chemistry employers.

CEPA continues to oversee the success and growth of ACS Virtual Career Services. The prior year, 2025, featured 12 Virtual Office Hours (VOH) events with 2,123 attendees (+38% increase over 2024), 12 Career Pathways Workshops with 1,947 attendees (+35% growth over 2024), and 874 Virtual Career Consultations (+48% growth over 2024).

In 2025, CEPA partnered with the ACS India marketing, membership, and meetings teams to deliver the first ACS Career Fair outside of the United States. This event took place at the Global Scientific Conference in Mumbai, India in October 2025. CEPA, in partnership with ACS staff, developed and offered six workshops with a total of 222 attendees. We were also fortunate to have three of our Indian ACS Career Consultants on-site conducting (a total of 130) consultations. The Career Fair also included two professional photographers who took headshots for 316 attendees.

CEPA continues to develop its roster of ACS Career Consultants, the program has over 100 consultants, including 10 international consultants total in China, India, Nigeria, and Singapore. At the end of 2025, CEPA, in partnership with ACS staff, launched its new self-paced training (*ACS Career Consulting: A Toolkit for Success*). This comprehensive training course will serve to onboard new consultants but also has information and resources to benefit even our most seasoned consultants. All ACS Career Consultants will take this training course by the end of March 2026.

This year will be one of change, with a new Committee Chair, new Subcommittee Chairs for all four of our subcommittees, six new committee associates, and a new Strategic Plan. We look forward to building on CEPA's successful past in 2026.

Councilors and Local Section officers who are seeking career resources support should contact [careers@acs.org](mailto:careers@acs.org) to discuss potential resources.

Bhaskar Venepalli, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

This report updates Council on the Committee on Education's (SOCED's) progress in implementing the actions to which it agreed in fall 2025 and highlights significant accomplishments of the Society's education programs.

The committee is committed to ensuring that SOCED and ACS Education activities reflect the Society's core values and advance the 2025-2029 ACS Strategic Plan.

SOCED's three subcommittees, along with a collection of advisory boards and working groups, are engaging a range of experts and stakeholders from across the education community, developing interactions and collaborations in pursuit of the SOCED vision, mission and goals.

*SOCED Vision:* Advancing chemistry education for all

*SOCED Mission:* Develop and implement policies, resources and programs that advance chemistry education for all

*SOCED Goal 1:* Foster a culture of innovation and integrity in chemistry teaching, learning, assessment, and mentored research

*SOCED Goal 2:* Advance inclusive excellence for all learners and educators

*SOCED Goal 3:* Support and recognize chemistry educators and mentors

Online teaching and technology, emergent pedagogies, and educator evaluation practices are among the topics being addressed in the initial set of strategies.

### **Supporting Excellence in Education**

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

The web version of the newly revised [ACS Guidelines and Recommendations for Teaching Middle and High School Chemistry](#), is now available online.

The Supporting Excellence in Education subcommittee also recognizes high-quality educational outreach via two ChemLuminary awards, for outreach involving students in grades K-8 and 9-12. SOCED was proud to present these two awards to Local Sections of the ACS.

### **Science Education Policy**

SOCED is also charged with developing reports and recommendations to the Board and Council on Society policies related to chemical education. SOCED completed revision of the ACS Science Education Policy statement, with SOCED recommending the revised statement to the Board Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations (PA&PR), as a public policy position of the Society.

### **Student Communities**

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

- The [US National Chemistry Olympiad](#) program launched a new online registration platform for the 2026 USNCO Program.
- The [ACS Graduate Student Organizations](#) (GSO) program, launched in 2020, has 45 GSOs.
- There are now over 199 [ACS International Student Chapters](#) chartered in 40 countries.
- Reports for 2024-2025 activities were received from 375 domestic and international student chapters and GSOs, and digital badges were made available to all [award-winning ACS Student Chapters](#).

- The [ChemLuminary Award](#) for Fostering Interactions between International Chapters & International Student Chapters, first awarded in 2021, continues to be jointly awarded by SOCED and the Committee on International Activities.
- In 2025, 224 [mini-grants](#) supported ACS Student Chapter and GSO engagement.

ACS's ongoing commitment to graduate students and postdoctoral scholars was highlighted in "ACS Support for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars," an ACS Comment published in the September 1, 2025, issue of *Chemical & Engineering News*.

Councilors and ACS spring 2026 attendees are encouraged to attend the ACS Student Chapter Awards ceremony, to be held on Sunday, March 22, as well as the Undergraduate Research Poster Sessions, the Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholars Reception, and other [student programming](#).

Collaborative activities continue to enhance progress towards fulfilling the educational goals of ACS and SOCED. Through the Spark Grant Program, SOCED collaborated with the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities to create Braille periodic tables at the Member Lounge during the ACS fall 2025 meeting. A partnership with the Committee on Younger Chemists facilitated the involvement of 14 undergraduate students in the 2026 ACS Leadership Institute.

Questions and suggestions regarding SOCED activities, current and potential, can be sent to [education@acs.org](mailto:education@acs.org).

Tyler Kinner, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The ACS Committee on Ethics (ETHX) continues to build strong momentum advancing its mission of *Empowering Trust, Honesty, and Integrity in Chemistry and Society*. In 2024 and 2025, ETHX implemented its new strategic plan, restructured operations, expanded cross-committee partnerships, and are excited to kick-off the year of 2026 celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### *Key Activities and Operations*

ETHX aligned its workflow with the ACS Future of Meetings initiative, enabling more flexible hybrid participation. The fall 2025 meeting series included hybrid executive and closed sessions and a well-attended virtual open meeting. ETHX also relies on an ACS-supported Microsoft Teams site to centralize collaboration and archival materials.

### *Strategic Plan Progress*

ETHX continues to implement its 2024 Strategic Plan, supported by a project tracking matrix. Current goals align with the ACS's 2025 Strategic Plan and require no modification.

### *Subcommittee Highlights*

1. Awards Subcommittee: Conferred 12 undergraduate awards for Excellence in Chemical Safety and Ethics; developing three new awards for 2026.
2. Communications Subcommittee: Pursuing newsletters, articles, and cross-committee messaging.
3. History Subcommittee: Completed archival interviews, developed the monograph 'From Archives to Actions,' and is preparing content for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
4. Programming Subcommittee: Delivered workshops, webinars, and two symposia at the ACS fall meeting in 2025; developing undergraduate ethics modules.
5. Opportunity & Engagement Subcommittee: Leading a member sentiment survey, developing a white paper linking opportunity and engagement to professionalism, and collaborating with other ACS committees.
6. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Planning a year-long celebration including a potential keynote by Alan Lightman, trivia events, and coordinated national activities.

### *External Engagement & Policy Contributions*

ETHX contributed to the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA's) revision of Professional Employment Guidelines, supported ACS responses to federal ethics-related requests for information, and discussed implications of the Executive Order on Gold Standard Science.

### *Outlook*

ETHX enters 2026 with strong engagement and expanding collaborations. The committee is well-positioned to lead conversations on scientific integrity, strengthen professional conduct resources, and elevate ethics across ACS.

ACS members are invited to attend the ETHX virtual open meeting on Tuesday, March 31 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm ET. ACS members may contact ETHX directly for registration information at [ETHX@acs.org](mailto:ETHX@acs.org).

Glenn M. Larkin, Chair

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL SECTION ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) hosted the Local Section Track of the ACS Leadership Institute (LI) in Atlanta, GA on January 30 - February 1, 2026. A total of 138 delegates representing 95 Local Sections were registered. The Local Section track was highly interactive and designed to promote networking and explore opportunities for collaboration and joint programming. The slide decks and materials from the Local Section Track can be found at <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/officer-toolkit/leadership-skills.html>.

LSAC conducted a Strategic Planning Retreat on October 25-26, 2025, in Washington DC. At the Strategic Planning Retreat, participants drafted new mission and vision statements and identified four new goals and associated strategies. The draft Strategic Plan will be reviewed and ratified by LSAC during its committee meeting on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Once approved, the new strategic plan will be posted on [acs.org](https://www.acs.org).

The Penn-Ohio Border Local Section was dissolved effective December 31, 2025. This action follows the Council vote at the ACS spring 2025 meeting to dissolve the Local Section. All members residing in the former Local Section territory were notified and have been reassigned to the Akron or Pittsburgh Local Sections.

Per the Petition for Changes in Local Section Territory, (approved at the ACS Fall 2025 Council meeting) all previously unassigned territory within the United States was assigned to Local Sections effective January 1, 2026. Changes in Local Section membership arising from the petition are reflected in the January 2026 eRosters. An electronic map showing new Local Section boundaries will be available later this year.

LSAC will host the Local Section Showcase on Monday, March 23, 2026, during Sci-Mix. This event will provide ACS Local Sections in District IV with an opportunity to highlight their events and activities and connect the value of being engaged with ACS through Local Sections. LSAC will also participate in this event to promote its mission of providing opportunities, resources, and networks to partner with and serve our diverse communities.

All interested Local Section members are welcome to attend the Committee on Community Activities and LSAC Open Meeting from 2:00 - 3:00 pm on Tuesday, March 23, 2026. The open meeting will be held in the International Ballroom at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park. A reception for Local Section Officers and Community Activity Coordinators will follow from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

LSAC will offer the following grant programs for 2026:

	<b>Submission Deadline</b>
Spring Innovative Project Grants (IPG)	January 15
LS Member Engagement and Enhancement (LS MEET) Grants	May 31
Fall Innovative Project Grants (IPG)	June 30
Inclusion and Belonging Grants	September 15
Science Café Mini-Grants	September 30
Strategic Planning Retreat Grants	November 1
Leadership Institute Travel Stipends	December 15

Questions or concerns may be directed to [lsac@acs.org](mailto:lsac@acs.org).

Luke Roberson, Chair

## 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's 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

### **ACS Fall 2025**

New for 2025 – ACS Open Board Session and ChemLuminary Awards. At the 2025 ACS ChemLuminary Awards, committees honored the best examples of programming, outreach, and operations from ACS Local Sections, Divisions, regional meetings, and International Chapters. Celebrations continued with the extended ACS Connect Reception immediately following the awards program.

The Kavli Foundation Emerging Leader in Chemistry Lecture was presented by Dr. Sahika Inal, Associate Professor of Bioengineering at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology.

The Fred Kavli Innovations in Chemistry Lecture was presented by Prof. Sir Cato T. Laurencin of the University of Connecticut, U.S.

#### Highlights:

- ACS Kids Zone: Future chemists amazed themselves and their parents at the ACS Kids Zone as they investigated, experimented, and learned about the joys of chemistry.
- ACS Connect Reception was held, with 16 Divisions participating, and over 3,000 attendees joining to network

- First Time Attendee Orientations (webinar and in-person session) were held successfully as well to help participants make the most of their meeting experience
- The ACS booth continued to be a strong attribution on the Expo Floor
- Activations such as mini-golf and a wellness lounge were hosted by ACS on the Expo Floor
- VIP Expo Networking Breakfast was piloted as a unique opportunity, bringing together exhibitors with key decision-makers and industry leaders.
- Continued offering a second expo theater to accommodate the increased interest in hosting sessions in the Expo.
- Continued to reduce hotel usage for sessions to optimize the footprint
- Integrated poster session pilot continued
- The ACS Fellows Program recognized and honored the 2025 Class of Fellows, celebrating 36 members for their outstanding achievements in and contributions to the chemistry profession and for their equally exemplary service to the Society.



ACS Fall 2025, Washington, D.C. (EPNAC.com)



ACS Kids Zone (EPNAC.com)

Numbers of Note
10,739 In-Person Attendees
1,042 Virtual Participants
2,279 International Attendees
3,907 First-Time Registrants
1,735 Memberships Purchased

### ACS Spring 2026 – March 22-26, 2026

Whether attending in-person, digitally, or a combination of the two, M&E is ready for you to engage with the science community. Here, in Atlanta, the committee expects to welcome presenters, attendees and exhibitors to share science, and network. Additionally, new Emerging Economies registration pricing is available for both in-person and digital attendance.

At present, registrants represent 70 countries outside of the U.S. The meeting will offer original programming hosted by 30 Divisions and 11 committees.

A total of 11,083 papers were accepted, including 6,047 in-person oral presentations and 897 digital oral presentations, and 4,139 poster presentations, which include 981 SciMix presentations. Program chairs collaborated to develop 159 joint sessions during the spring 2026 meeting.

The ACS Spring 2026 Digital Meeting offers live virtual sessions and continues to target the broader global audience. The digital meeting will ensure a diverse lineup of speakers, with representation across gender, geography, career stages, and institutional backgrounds. Virtual sessions will offer programming in global time zones along with local in-person meeting times. In-person attendees will have full access to all digital meeting sessions, and the Open Board Meeting and Priestley Medalist Address (opening plenary) and Kavli will continue to be broadcast on the digital meeting platform. The digital meeting will be comprised of the following content areas:

1. Global Virtual Symposia
2. Virtual Graduate Students Symposia in Asia-Pacific Region
3. Division/Committee Technical Sessions
4. Professional Development

All digital meeting presenters have the same benefits and access to features as any other symposium that is part of the meeting.

Digital meeting sessions will be scheduled from Sunday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm- 7:00 pm (current in-person time zone). Additional sessions will be scheduled in India and China Standard Time Zones in addition to other time zones. The virtual platform will close on March 26, 2026.

Included among a long list of highlights is the 2026 Open Board Session and Priestley Medal Address held on Sunday, March 22 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm as our new opening plenary. Dr. Jennifer A. Doudna is the recipient of the 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, alongside collaborator Emmanuelle Charpentier. She is currently an investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, professor of molecular and cell biology and chemistry at UC Berkeley, and founder of the Innovative Genomics Institute. Dr. Doudna will be recognized for “outstanding discoveries on ribozyme function, Dicer and double-stranded RNA processing and CRISPR gene editing, and for impactful international science leadership.” Dr. Doudna will be officially honored as the 2026 Priestley Medalist on Tuesday, March 24 during the ACS National Awards Banquet and Ceremony at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

#### **Highlights:**

- Kavli Lectures
  - The Kavli Foundation Emerging Leader in Chemistry Lecture will be presented by Dr. Rachel Carter. The Fred Kavli Innovations in Chemistry Lecture will be presented by Prof. Mouni Bawendi of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- ACS150 Anniversary Keynote Address, held on Wednesday, March 25 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm.
  - Dr. Omar Yaghi will deliver the keynote address for ACS Spring 2026 on “Organic Chemistry and AI for Our Planet”
- Continuing pilot of Buyer Power Hour (Invite Only)
- ACS National Awards Banquet on Tuesday, March 24 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis
- ACS 150th Anniversary Community Service Project on Saturday, March 21
- SciMix, Monday March 23
- First Time Attendee Orientation on Sunday, March 22
- Enhancements and Upgrades for Spring 2026 – Available for purchase through registration (online or onsite)
  - Atlanta Trolley Tour, Saturday, March 21
  - Sound Bath on Monday, March 23

- Registration Refund Program - An optional program that offers a full refund of registration fees if an attendee cannot participate due to a covered reason. Priced at 7% of the total registration cost, it provides comprehensive protection for the attendee's entire investment, with coverage beginning at the time of registration and continuing until the event starts.
- Atom Cafe Access (one-day or three-days)
- Convention Center Food and Beverage Concession Vouchers
- Guest Access for Connect Happy Hour
- Additional drink tickets for Connect Happy Hour and SciMix
- Additional tickets for Connect Happy Hour
- Expo Only passes (one-day or three-days)

### ACS Fall 2026

Plans are in full swing. ACS Fall 2026 will be held digitally and in-person in Chicago, IL, August 23-27. The fall meeting will continue to pilot the new programming format (no technical sessions on Sunday as we continue to optimize our footprint). The deadline to submit an abstract is March 30, 2026, and presenters will receive acceptance notices in May. Registration will also open in May. ACS will continue to host the ACS Open Board Session and ChemLuminary Awards on Sunday, August 23, as the opening plenary with an extended Welcome Reception, and will include an ACS 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JACS Symposium, Green Chemistry Challenge Awards, the Heroes of Chemistry Awards as part of the fall 2026 program.

### Regional Meetings

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

### Regional Meeting Organizer Training – February 26-Virtual from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

Members of the subcommittee are participating in planning and will take part as presenters for the virtual Regional Meeting Organizer training. Members of each ACS region will be in attendance and will be provided with training on regional meeting planning timelines, committee forming and communication, ACS support, ACS committee support, ACS governance support, networking and idea-sharing, and trips and tricks from previous regional meeting organizers.

Currently Planned 2026 Regional Meetings:

Meeting	Dates	Location	Local Section Host(s)
<a href="#">Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM)</a>	May 17-19	Hershey, PA	Susquehanna Valley
Northwest Regional Meeting	June 28-July 1	Boise, ID	Snake River
Midwest Regional Meeting (MWRM)	October 25-27	Manhattan, KS	Kansas State University
Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS)	November 4-7	Memphis, TN	Memphis
Southwest Regional Meeting	November 8-11	Fort Worth, TX	Dallas-Fort Worth
Central Regional Meeting	November 15-17	Convington, KY	Cincinnati

Events staff also support a wide array of specialty events. Highlights include:

**Pacificchem 2025: December 15-20, 2025, Honolulu, HI**

Pacificchem 2025 welcomed 10,040 attendees from 68 countries, with 40% from Japan, 26% from the U.S., and 5% from Canada. Notably, 6,462 were first-time participants, and 8,904 represented academia. The program featured 975 oral sessions, delivering 6,920 presentations, alongside 3,171 posters. Attendees immersed themselves in cutting-edge scientific sessions and dynamic Q&A, connected in the Village with societies, sponsors, and peers, explored innovation showcases and solution-focused demos, and engaged in poster sessions and plenaries spanning materials, analytical, inorganic, biological, and computational chemistry. Early career and student programming fostered mentorship and networking, while outreach and sustainability initiatives underscored our shared commitment to global impact. We gratefully acknowledge the Pacificchem sponsoring societies for making this global gathering possible: American Chemical Society (ACS), Chemical Society of Japan (CSJ), Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC), Chinese Chemical Society (CCS), Korean Chemical Society (KCS), New Zealand Institute of Chemistry (NZIC), and Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI).

**ABCCChem 2026: December 6–9, 2026, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

Conference Theme: Chemistry for Global Impact: Strategic Partnerships for Sustainable Innovation

Managing Societies include:

- Brazilian Chemical Society - Sociedade Brasileira de Química - SBQ
- The South African Chemical Institute
- Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC)
- European Chemical Society (EuChemS)
- Federation of African Society of Chemistry
- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Sociedad Quimica de Mexico (SQM)
- Federacion Latinoamericana de Asociaciones Quimicas (FLAQ)

Topic Areas:

- Green Chemistry and Sustainable Innovation
- Chemical Education and Professional Outreach
- Technology-Driven Research
- Health and Medicine for All
- Emerging Research in Chemical Disciplines

Varnika Roy, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINORITY AFFAIRS

The Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA) is dedicated to fostering a diverse chemistry community grounded in inclusion and belonging by supporting underrepresented groups, strengthening ACS programming, and serving as a resource to advance inclusive excellence across the chemical sciences.

As of January 2026, CMA is composed of 24 members and associates serving across four subcommittees: Programming and Events, Membership Engagement, Communication, and Awards and Recognition. These subcommittees provide the operational foundation for the committee's programming, outreach, and partnerships across the Society.

A central priority for CMA in 2026 is strategic planning. The committee will convene its strategic planning retreat on March 21, 2026, in Atlanta, Georgia. The retreat will focus on assessing current activities, refining strategic priorities, strengthening cross-committee collaboration, and aligning CMA's work with ACS's goals. Outcomes from this retreat will inform CMA's direction and guide its efforts moving forward.

During the spring 2026 ACS meeting, CMA will host two signature events that highlight inclusive pathways and community-driven success in the chemical sciences. On Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 PM, CMA will present the symposium "*Success Stories From Across the Bridge: The Pivotal Role of Bridge Programs.*" This session will feature Bridge Program alumni and program creators sharing research accomplishments and personal growth stories that demonstrate how academic preparation, mentorship, and community support foster scientific excellence. On Monday, March 23 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM EST, CMA will host its Spring 2026 Luncheon at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park in Grand Ballroom E, featuring Dr. Angel Martí as the luncheon speaker.

As CMA moves forward in 2026, the committee remains focused on implementing priorities identified through strategic planning, supporting ACS-wide initiatives, and serving as a trusted resource to the Council and the Board. The committee also remains committed to collaboration with Society committees, Divisions, and Local Sections to broaden participation, elevate diverse perspectives, and foster environments in which all members feel welcomed and supported. CMA looks forward to continued engagement with Council and to furthering its mission to ensure that the chemical enterprise benefits from the full breadth of talent and experiences within the ACS community.

Comfort Boateng, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMENCLATURE, TERMINOLOGY AND SYMBOLS

The Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols (NTS) continues to advance its vision of promoting a common language for chemistry and its mission to educate, facilitate, and advocate for the effective use of chemical representations. The committee's work this cycle has centered on expanding high-impact educational resources, strengthening cross-division collaborations, and advancing initiatives that improve communication and accessibility within the chemistry community.

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### Strategic Project Highlights

#### 1. Advancing K–12 Education Resources

NTS continues its collaboration with the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT) to develop a multi-resource chemical representation teaching kit for K–12 educators. The project focuses on ionic bonding—a topic of shared interest to both NTS and AACT—and is structured as a puzzle-based matching activity with introductory and wrap-up components that follow the AACT resource template.

A distinctive feature of this project is its design across **all four AACT grade bands**, enabling students to revisit and reinforce ionic bonding concepts throughout their K–12 progression. Draft versions for each grade level are nearing completion, with a full first draft anticipated by 2Q2026. Following internal review, the goal is to publish the resource on the AACT website and assess its usage and impact.

#### 2. Symposium Collaboration with HIST

NTS has partnered with the Division of the History of Chemistry (HIST) to organize a **History of Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols** symposium at the spring 2026 national meeting. This initiative supports broader community engagement and enriches the historical and scholarly context surrounding chemical language. The collaboration reflects continuing efforts to highlight the evolution and significance of chemical representation systems.

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### Ongoing Strategic Goals

#### Education

Continued development of K–16 resources supporting standardized nomenclature, terminology, and symbols, with emphasis on expanding accessible and classroom-ready materials.

#### Facilitation

Ongoing collaborations with external partners to enhance chemical communication, including accessibility-focused efforts and resource development.

#### Advocacy

Sustained engagement with IUPAC and related bodies to provide feedback on nomenclature proposals and contribute to the evolution and adoption of chemical language standards.

Ivona Macor, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Consistent with its mission to advance and support innovation and continuous improvement in education and training, the ACS Committee on Professional Training (CPT) is dedicated to ensuring that ACS-approved bachelor's degree programs provide students with the tools they need for success. There are currently 697 ACS-approved institutions in the U.S. with five additional programs in the queue to be approved. The ACS Global Recognition Program continues to grow, with a total of 11 recognized institutions across the world.

### **New Reporting Forms for 2026**

ACS has successfully launched new reporting forms for 2026, marking a significant step in improving the efficiency and depth of the ACS approval process. The Chemistry Program Approval and Reporting System (CPARS) was upgraded and the forms specifically designed to streamline the collection of institutional data that meet the ACS Guidelines.

A key enhancement to the periodic report form is the shift in focus from primarily quantitative metrics to a more comprehensive qualitative assessment of the program. While quantitative data remains important, the new periodic report places greater emphasis on capturing the quality of student experiences, pedagogy, and departmental efforts in areas like the development of laboratory and professional skills and proficiencies.

To facilitate easier reporting for institutions, the new form utilizes a pre-populated database of courses and faculty. This database was compiled and rigorously validated by the participating institutions themselves prior to its integration into the reporting tool. By leveraging this validated data, we have significantly reduced the administrative burden on departments, allowing them to focus their reporting efforts on providing the necessary qualitative context and narrative that supports their ongoing commitment to educational excellence. This integration of pre-validated institutional data and the focus on qualitative information are central to CPT's goal of ensuring an equitable and thorough program review.

### **Development of Assessment Rubrics for Program Approval**

In the January executive session, members of CPT focused significant effort on developing comprehensive assessment rubrics that were designed to standardize the evaluation of periodic reports. These rubrics were meticulously structured to be directly and explicitly mapped to the criteria outlined in the ACS Guidelines. The focus on aligning the rubrics to the guidelines provides a consistent, objective, and transparent mechanism for program review.

### **Updates to Guidelines**

Members of CPT revised the Macromolecular, Supramolecular, and Nano/Mesoscale Materials (MSN) guidelines during the fall 2025 ACS meeting. The resulting Nano-, Meso-, and Extended Systems (NMES) guidelines emphasize exposing students to the concept of scale in chemistry and how these systems, including polymers, differ from small molecule systems.

The new NMES guidelines require ten hours of *non-biological* content, which can be delivered either in a dedicated course or distributed across the courses. This content must cover at least one of the following two categories:

- Nano- and mesoscale systems (e.g., nanoparticles and supramolecular aggregates)
- Extended scale systems (e.g., polymers and extended inorganic systems)

This represents a slight change from the previous MSN guidelines. Programs are expected to implement these revised guidelines starting in 2027.

**Global Recognition Program**

The ACS Global Recognition Program continues to grow, with 4 new institutions across multiple continents added in 2025, bringing the total number to 11 at the time of this report. This program recognizes institutions outside of the U.S. that are meeting the ACS Global Guidelines and is directly in line with the Society's renewed mission to empower a global community. Global recognition, like ACS approval, ensures that undergraduate chemistry programs globally provide students with the tools they need for success.

Ashley Mahoney, Chair  
Kevin Shaughnessy, Vice-Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CHEMISTS

The Committee on Senior Chemists (SCC) remains deeply committed to advancing its vision of “Senior Chemists Giving Back” and its mission of “Serving People through Senior Chemists’ Knowledge and Experience.” Throughout the past year, the committee has continued to expand its engagement with senior chemists across the ACS community. In 2025, the SCC funded senior-chemist-focused events at six ACS regional meetings, helping foster meaningful interactions, social opportunities, and knowledge-sharing among members.

In addition to regional meeting support, the committee awarded mini grants to five Local Sections to fund activities that meaningfully included and benefited senior chemists. These grants continue to serve as an important mechanism for encouraging local involvement within ACS. Additional details about the SCC Local Section grant program can be found at [www.acs.org/seniorchemists](http://www.acs.org/seniorchemists). Looking ahead, applications for the 2026 cycle of mini grants will open on February 15 and will close on May 31.

The committee also hosted its hybrid fall meeting in Washington on Monday, August 18, offering members an accessible opportunity to connect and participate. The SCC Breakfast, held the following Tuesday morning, featured an engaging and timely presentation by Dr. Paulo Costa, titled “Cybersecurity in the Age of Targeted Threats: How Senior Professionals Can Stay Safe and Lead with Confidence.” This session provided practical insights tailored to the needs and experiences of senior ACS members. Additionally, the SCC staffed a table on Committee Row in the Exhibition Hall, offering an excellent venue to introduce ACS members to the committee’s initiatives and resources.

During the ChemLuminary Awards ceremony on August 17 in Washington, the SCC was pleased to recognize outstanding contributions from Local Sections. The Indiana Local Section received the award for Best Continuing Senior Chemists Activity, while the Puget Sound Local Section was honored for Best New Senior Chemists Activity. These awards highlight exemplary leadership and creativity in engaging senior chemists and enhancing the ACS member experience.

Finally, the committee is pleased to announce that the spring edition of the Senior Chemists Newsletter will be released on March 15, 2026. This publication will continue to share updates, feature member spotlights, and provide information on upcoming programs and opportunities for involvement.

Frank Romano, Chair

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN CHEMISTS

Recognizing excellence in research, leadership, and service will be a focus for the Committee on Women Chemists (WCC) this year as we continue to highlight the work of women chemists via our awards program, ACS national awards, and events hosted by our Local Section and regional meeting partners.

WCC hosted its **Women Chemists of Color Fall Webinar “The Power of Connections to Help Overcome Challenges”** on November 19 featuring speakers Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Dean of the Graduate School of the College of Pharmacy and Health Science at Wayne State University, and Kimberly Agnew-Heard, Director of Regulatory Affairs at Altria Client Services and ACS Director, District II. They discussed how to overcome challenges through powerful human connections from both academia and industry perspectives.

WCC partnered with the ACS regional meeting organizers and cosponsored events in 2025 at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, the Central Regional Meeting, the Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting, the Great Lakes Regional Meeting, and the Southeastern and Southwest Regional Meeting. WCC also cosponsored events for the Chicago, Lehigh Valley, Northeastern, Pittsburgh, Portland, and Virginia Local Sections, as well as the University of Calabar International Student Chapter in Nigeria.

Once again, WCC joined the **IUPAC Global Women’s Breakfast** celebration this year with the theme “Many Voices, One Science”. Events were held on February 10 and women chemists from several Local Sections and International Chemical Science Chapters joined the global celebration and created short videos to help promote the events.

On Sunday, during the ACS Spring 2026 meeting, WCC will host the **Narrating Knowledge: Redefining Chemistry through Innovative Media symposium**. The program is cosponsored by ACS President-Elect Christina Bodurow.

WCC will host its **Women in the Chemical Enterprise Breakfast** featuring Maxine Cain, Founder & President of STEM Atlanta Women, Inc. on Monday, March 23. On the same day, the **2026 WCC Rising Star Award** winners will present their research and accomplishments during an award symposium. The Rising Star Award recognizes up to 10 outstanding individuals approaching mid-level careers who have demonstrated outstanding promise for contributions to their respective fields. The **Pfizer Emergent Leader Award** will be presented to eight individuals in their second year and above in their graduate studies and postdoctoral researchers. The winners will present their research during an award symposium that will be held in the afternoon. The **Women Chemists of Color “Sweet Treats” networking event** will also be held that afternoon with Jean Tom, winner of the ACS 2026 Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences, as the featured speaker. Tom will speak on “Role Models, Mentorship, and Community: Advancing Women in Chemical Sciences.”

The “**WCC/Lilly Emerging Talent Award**” winners will present their work at a poster session immediately preceding the WCC luncheon on Tuesday, March 24. The **WCC Luncheon** will feature the 2026 Garvan-Olin Medal winner, Ah-Hyung “Alissa” Park as the keynote speaker. Park is a Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and the Ronald and Valerie Sugar Dean of the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering. Later that evening, WCC is hosting its ‘**Just Cocktails’ Reception and Open Meeting**. Members of governance are encouraged to attend.

Indu Kheterpal, Chair