



## Councilor News and Committee Alerts

December 2023

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### Report of ACS President Judy Giordan

Working together...accomplishes a lot!



It's amazing how time flies! We are at the beginning of the 2023 Holiday Season, and I am at the end of my ACS Presidential Year! The ACS Council has gotten a lot done this year! From passing the petition for international representation on the Board, which was ratified overwhelmingly by ACS members, to ensuring Councilors have a policy for conduct, to sharing your thoughts on the future of equitable representation on Council – concepts which can act as the basis for next steps – Councilors are working to ensure ACS, chemistry, and chemists stay strong and inclusive into the future.

Thank you for the honor of presiding over Council and for always having trust in science and scientists!

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**Report of ACS Immediate Past President Angela K. Wilson**  
A Fond Farewell

The end of the year is a season of gratitude and appreciation. As my time in the ACS presidential succession is coming to a close, I look back over the past three years with thanks and appreciation to all of you - for the opportunity to visit with your sections, divisions, and committees virtually, particularly as we went through the pandemic, and later in person. As leaders of ACS, you are key to keeping the chemical sciences community together and moving forward. I have enjoyed working with you and wish you the very best in the new year. Thank you.



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## Report of ACS Chair of the Board Paul W. Jagodzinski



When I joined the ACS Board of Directors in 2015, I promised to focus on strategies that would position ACS for the future. Little did I know that this work would take place during a significant societal shift that included a global pandemic, declining confidence in institutions, systems, and structures, and a broad-based call for cultural and organizational change. Our efforts to adapt to these shifts spanned the entire organization. We continued our progress towards integrating **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR)** in everything we do through the establishment of the Office of DEIR, and the expansion of our goals to include Goal 5 - Embrace and Advance Inclusion in Chemistry.

We will welcome our first international district director to the Board of Directors in 2025. The Board of Directors appreciates your overwhelming support, and that of our members. We are excited to have stronger global insight and perspective as we shape ACS strategy for the future. In 2021, we committed \$50 million dollars to the [ACS Strategic Initiatives](#), which are making global impact towards enabling a sustainable future, fostering a skilled technical workforce, accelerating digital research data products, and accelerating collaboration through the development and growth of new resources for the life sciences..

As we move forward, we must embrace change to remain relevant in an ever-evolving world. ACS has positioned itself to meet these challenges, recognizing that our organization's evolution is vital to attracting and retaining members, but even more importantly, ensuring the health of the chemistry enterprise. To our current and future leaders, please accept my heartfelt thanks, as I complete my time on the Board, for the work you have done, and the work I know you are committed to doing in the future. There is great value in all we do for ACS. I am confident that through our collective efforts, we will continue to modernize, innovate, and advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and all its people.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

December 1-2, 2023

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on December 1-2, 2023, in Washington, D.C. They considered several key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions. The Board opened its session with a reflection on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR).

**Board Elections**

The Board held elections to determine its chair and members of its Executive Committee for 2024. As a result, Wayne E. Jones, Jr. was elected to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for 2024. Carolyn Ribes, Katherine L. Lee, and Lisa Houston were selected to serve terms on the Executive Committee.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

The Board received an extensive report from the CEO on issues relating to ACS Sustainability Strategic Initiative, DC buildings, Future of Meetings, Mergers & Acquisitions, Social Issue Response, ACS Office of Development goals and targets, ACS Financials, Audit Committee Charter/Duties amendments, and other ACS activities.

**Board Committees and Working Groups**

The Board received and discussed reports from its committees on Executive Compensation, Strategic Planning, Professional and Member Relations, and Budget and Finance, as well as the Working Group on Structure and Representation and the CPC Future Council Representation Task Force. Several of these committees requested and obtained Board action on one or more items, as follows:

- The Board received an extensive briefing and approved several recommendations from its Committee on Executive Compensation regarding compensation and goals for ACS executives. The compensation of the Society's executive staff continues to be reviewed regularly by the Board.
- Upon recommendation of the Board Committee on Strategic Planning, the ACS Board of Directors approved updates to the ACS Strategic Plan. The plan will be posted at <http://strategy.acs.org/>.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve:
  - The 2024 Operating Budget with a Net Contribution from Operations of \$43.1 million.
  - The 2024 Capital Budget of \$38.0 million.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board approved ACS Nominees for the 2024 Grand Prix de la Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie, and the National Medals of Science and Technology and



Innovation. They also approved a slate of Nominees for the inaugural ACS Prism Award.

- The Board Working Group on Structure and Representation provided their final report, sharing the completion of their efforts to standardize terms on Board-related committees and add international representation to the Board.
- The CPC Future Council Representation Task Force shared an update on their efforts to add international representation to Council via a Petition that will be before Council for consideration in the Spring.

### **Other Society Business**

By consent, the Board approved the Volunteer and Participant Code of Conduct Policy, which broadens the scope of applicability of the current policy; a technical correction on committee reporting in Standing Rule II, Sec. 5., g., and ratified interim actions.

As is customary, the Board heard reports from the Presidential Succession on their current and planned activities for 2023 and 2024. Specifically, it approved additional (equivalent to rollover) funds in the 2024 Immediate Past President budget to support 2024 HBCU Initiatives.

Finally, the Board adopted a resolution in memory of past ACS Board Chair and President Paul H.L. Walter.

## **2024 Chairs Appointed for Society Committees**

The following committee volunteers will serve as Chair of their assigned Council-related Committee beginning January 1, 2024. Please join us in congratulating and wishing them the best of luck in this key assignment.

Analytical Reagents  
Tom Tyner

Budget and Finance  
Natalie LaFranzo

Chemical Safety  
Samuella Sigmann

Chemistry and Public  
Affairs  
Mick Hurrey

Chemists with Disabilities  
Partha Basu

Community Activities  
Lori Stepan

Committee on  
Committees  
Brian Mathes

Constitution and Bylaws  
Keith Vitense

Council Policy Committee  
Mary Carroll

Divisional Activities  
Sheila Murphy

Economic and  
Professional Affairs  
John Gavenonis

Education  
Michael Adams

Environment and  
Sustainability  
Steven Moss

Ethics  
Glenn Larkin

International Activities  
Michael McGinnis

Local Section Activities  
Beth Lorschach

Meetings and Expositions  
Amber Hinkle

Membership Affairs  
Laura Sremaniak

Minority Affairs  
Comfort Boateng

Nominations and  
Elections  
Kevin Edgar

Nomenclature,  
Terminology and  
Symbols  
Hayley Brown

Patents and Related  
Matters  
Justin Krieger

Professional Training  
Cora MacBeth

Project SEED  
T. Angele Kwimi

Publications  
PENDING

Public Relations and  
Communications  
Scott Goode

Science  
Matt Fisher

Senior Chemists  
Robert Yokley

Technician Affairs  
Erin Dotlich

Women Chemists  
Lorena Tribe

Younger Chemists  
Katie Johnson

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## Save the Dates! New Councilor Orientation Program & Committee Reception



**2024 New Councilor Orientation Program**

**Saturday, March 16 | 3 - 6PM  
New Orleans, LA**

ACS The ACS Council Policy Committee is hosting its **2024 New Councilor Orientation Program** for all newly elected Councilors and Alternate Councilors on **Saturday, March 16 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. CT in New Orleans, LA. A special networking reception with Committee Chairs and mentors will follow from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** This program provides an excellent opportunity for new Councilors and Alternate Councilors to meet with other ACS leaders, establish mentoring relationships, and learn more about the Society and how to get involved with ACS committees. Special remarks will be given by the ACS President and other leaders. If you are a newly elected Councilor or an Alternate Councilor, **please place this important date on your calendar and [RSVP](#) to let us know if you are planning to attend.** Additional logistical information is forthcoming.

An **ACS Spring Meeting Webinar for New Councilors and Alternate Councilors** is **scheduled for Thursday, February 8 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET.** The webinar will provide you with information on your role in Governance as you plan for the New Orleans meeting. Registration details will be sent to you via email. Please include this informative event on your schedule as well.

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## Dates and Deadlines for Spring Council Meeting

Please be aware of the following deadlines and dates as the ACS Spring 2024 Council meeting approaches:

- **Wednesday, January 24:** deadline for written reports and petitions for the Council agenda. All committees with action pending before Council are required to report orally, but must still submit a written report by this deadline.
- **Wednesday, February 7:** the Council Agenda posts at [www.acs.org/councilors](http://www.acs.org/councilors).
- **Thursday, March 14 (12:00 PM CT):** deadline for committees with action pending before Council to meet.
- **Friday, March 15 (12:00 PM CT):** written scripts of oral reports to Council and accompanying visuals due to [secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org). Revisions suggested by CPC will be returned to the committee chair and staff liaison no later than Sunday, March 17.
- **Monday, March 18 (10:00 – 10:30 AM CT):** CPC open forum for Councilors.
- **Monday, March 18 (2:00 PM CT):** final versions of oral reports and visuals due to [secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org)
- **Wednesday, March 20 (8:00 AM CT):** Council meeting will be held in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format.

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## ACS Spring and Fall Meetings

### Many Flavors of Chemistry

ACS Spring 2024

March 17 – 21 | New Orleans, LA

Council: Wednesday, March 20

### Elevating Chemistry

ACS Fall 2024

August 18 - 22 | Denver, CO

Council: Wednesday, August 21

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## ACS Salutes to Excellence Award

This program gives ACS members an opportunity to underscore outstanding accomplishments, achievements, or service for individuals who have made a positive impact in their local community, via their creation or participation in chemistry outreach events and programs. A local section chair or designee can request up to 5 free plaques to present to any individual or organization it deems worthy of this recognition (cannot be a local section member). Please visit the [Salutes to Excellence page](#) for more detailed information.

If you have any questions about recognition programs, please feel free to contact [outreach@acs.org](mailto:outreach@acs.org).

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## The DEIR reception is transforming into the DEIR Networking Breakfast!

Please save the date! The Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect's reception at ACS Spring is now the DEIR Networking Breakfast. It will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 8 a.m. immediately preceding the Presidential Showcase: Diversity Networking Breakfast Featuring Scientists from AISES, NOBCCHE, and SACNAS on Driving Scientific Advancement. Everyone is invited to start your day with the Office of DEIR and inspiring scientists from our partner organizations. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

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## Leadership Workshops in New Orleans

Attending the 2024 Spring Meeting? Sign up for a leadership workshop during [registration](#).

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