

Committee on Nominations and Elections
Oral Report to Council
San Diego, California – August 28, 2019

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of Council:

The results of this morning's election are as follows and the numerical results will be announced in the Councilor Talking Points and in the spring Philadelphia Council agenda book:

The five candidates elected to the Committee on Committees for a 2020-2022 term are Lisa M. Balbes, D. Richard Cobb, Emilio X. Esposito, Jason E. Ritchie, and Stephanie J. Watson for three-year terms (2020-2022).

The four candidates elected to the Council Policy Committee for 2020-2022 are Anne M. Gaffney, Lydia E. M. Hines, Will E. Lynch, and Sally B. Peters for three-year terms (2020-2022), and Dee Ann Casteel for a one-year term (2020).

The five candidates elected to the Committee on Nominations & Elections for 2020-2022 are Michelle V. Buchannan, Charles E. Cannon, Alan A. Hazari, Amber S. Hinkle, and Thomas H. Lane for three-year terms (2020-2022).

If possible, the newly elected members of N&E should meet briefly at the conclusion of the Council meeting at the N&E table in the back of the room.

We received positive feedback from those who attended the Director-at-Large Town Hall Meeting last Sunday. We appreciate those who participated. For all Town Hall Meetings, suggestions for improvement or questions can be submitted to nomelect@acs.org.

Ballots for the 2019 fall national election will be distributed starting on September 30, with a voting deadline four weeks later, on October 25. All candidates will be notified of the election results on October 29. During the week of September 4 (next week), Survey & Ballot Systems, the ACS election vendor, will send all members eligible to vote, and with an email address on file, a notice with the option to request a paper ballot. Those members who do not have an email address on file will be sent a paper ballot with the option to vote electronically. Three email reminders will also be sent during the voting period to those who have not voted as of the reminder dates.

The candidates who will appear on the ballot for the 2019 national election for President-Elect, 2020, are H. N. Cheng and Carol A. Duane.

For Directors-at-Large (2020-2022), the candidates are Harmon B. Abrahamson, G. Bryan Balazs, D. Richard Cobb, and Dorothy J. Phillips.

For District II Director (2020-2022), the candidates are Christina C. Bodurow, Dawn Mason, and Ellene Tratras Contis.

For District IV Director (2020-2022), the candidates are Rigoberto Hernandez and Lisa Houston.

All ACS members are encouraged to vote for President-Elect and the Constitutional Amendment, Councilors are to vote for Directors-at-Large, and members of the appropriate districts vote for District Directors. You can view candidate information at acs.org/elections.

In its executive session, N&E developed slates of potential nominees for President-Elect 2021, the Directors of Districts III and VI for 2021-2023, and a slate of potential candidates for Directors-at-Large for 2021-2023. The pertinent biographical information for candidates will appear in the Council agenda for the ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia next March, and will be posted on acs.org/elections.

N&E subcommittees reported on the following key topics:

N&E is striving to become better informed on the relevant aspects of diversity, inclusion and respect as they apply to the elections process. Additionally, it will modify its certification process for nominees and candidate's requiring agreement to abide by the standards of behavior found in the ACS codes of conduct.

The committee will develop new ways to engage with potential candidates regarding opportunities to serve in ACS governance, for example at the annual Leadership Institute.

Council's attention is now directed to page 71 of the agenda. N&E is responsible for reviewing annually the distribution of member population within the six electoral Districts, as defined by the official membership count, to assure that the Districts have equitable voting representation, according to Bylaw V, Sec. 4 a.

Based on the 2018 year-end official local section member count, District III is out of compliance because its membership is under the minimum permissible range. To bring the district back into compliance, N&E voted to recommend to Council that the Pittsburgh Local Section be transferred from District II to District III.

Madam President, (CPC concurs), and I so move.

N&E is always interested in receiving names of qualified members to serve in nationally elected offices. Please submit your suggested names on the form located on page [47](#) of the Council agenda to any N&E member, or you can send them to nomelect@acs.org. These forms are also available at the N&E tables as you exit the Council meeting.

Please remember to turn off your clicker and return it to the check-in desk when leaving the Council meeting. Members of N&E are stationed near the exits to collect your clicker as you depart the Council floor.

Madam President, this concludes my report.

Amber Hinkle, Chair