

ACS Committee on Chemistry & Public Affairs
Saturday, March 21, 2020
12:00 – 2:00 pm (EDT)
Philadelphia, PA [VIRTUAL]

CCPA Members in Attendance: Kevin Kuhn (Chair), Luke Achenie, Alvin Bopp, Susan Butts, Eun-Woo Chang, Deborah Cook, Louise Criscenti, Jay Dias, Michael Hurrey, Zafra Lerman, Emily Lewis, Michael Meador, James Moran, Barbara Moriarty, Laura Pence, Amy Ripka, Peter Rusch, Joseph Sabol, Robert Sindelar, Jozef Stec, Heidi Vollmer-Snarr, Jonathan Wilker, Matthew Windsor, Donald Wink

CCPA Visitors: N/A

CCPA Staff Liaisons: Caroline Trupp Gil, Karen Garcia, Will Hartwig, Leila Duman

Chair's Report & Introductions

The CCPA meeting called to order over GoToMeeting at 12:05 pm ET. Kevin Kuhn provided introductory and organizing remarks.

- Welcome of new CCPA members: Louise Criscenti, Mike Meador, Laura Pence
- Introduction of CCPA members in attendance
- The new CCPA Chair Kevin Kuhn welcomed all members of the Committee and encouraged feedback about the Committee's work and future directions, including the strategic plan.

The minutes from CCPA meeting in San Diego, CA held on August 24th, 2019 were unanimously approved.

Staff Reports

Will Hartwig, Karen Garcia, Leila Duman, and Caroline Trupp Gil provided updates on ACS External Affairs & Communications activity in legislative, agency, and member involvement areas.

- 2020 ACS Public Policy Agenda was outlined.
- Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board – at least one new Board member is needed to replace Dr. Kristen Kulinowski. Dr. Katherine Lemos's nomination is being held up in the Senate Energy & Public Works committee.
- Helium availability continues to be an issue. ACS continues with stakeholder outreach meetings.
- Federal Affairs update included Fiscal Year 2021 President's Budget Request. Proposed budget cuts that are unlikely to pass through the congressional appropriations process.
- Congressional Chemistry Caucus currently includes 12 Senators and 64 Representatives. The annual exposition and reception hosted over 700 attendees.
- Member Engagement update included Act4Chemistry update (12,174 members, 11 action alerts in 2019). Four advocacy workshops were conducted in 2019.
- International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT) engendered strong ACS member engagement with policy makers. CCPA member Heidi Vollmer-Snarr incorporated a member advocacy / public policy unit into her undergraduate research class, utilizing ACS tools.
- ACS staff is developing a Advocacy Academy – a practical on-line course composed of four modules, anticipated to be launched Summer 2020. Staff requested CCPA members to serve as beta testers and provide feedback before official launch.
- Executive Branch Meetings, Nominations, and Collaborations were also summarized
- Staff briefed committee members on PCAST's new Joint Committee on Research Environment (JCORE), created to deal with U.S. government concerns associated with exploitations of U.S. science by other governments. CCPA member feedback was requested.

Policy Statement Writing Group Reports

CCPA members are leading two working groups tasked with updating the ACS policy statements on S&T Funding and U.S. Business Climate.

- S&T Funding Policy Statement – the writing team is holding weekly phone calls to update this statement.
- U.S. Business Climate – the writing team visited Washington DC to gather information and meet with various stakeholder groups in order to gather insights needed to make the statement consistent and relevant to the contemporary situation.

Working Groups Reports

- a) **Philadelphia Programing and Beyond** – Joe Sabol along with Mick Hurrey prepared program for that meeting; however, the meeting was canceled. There is a working idea for session “Healthcare and Policy” for the Fall 2020 meeting in San Francisco. The Spring 2021 program in San Antonio might pertain to issues pertinent to immigration.
- b) **ACS Fellows Nominations for CCPA** – Mick Hurrey indicated that the CCPA nomination will be completed on time for the April 1st deadline. Former CCPA Chair Ray Forslund is the CCPA nominee.
- c) **CCPA Chemluminary Awards** – Jozef Stec thanked the ACS Staff for sending two announcements (12/16/19 and 01/14/20) about the CCPA ChemLuminary award. Currently, self-nominations are submitted to ACS staff and those documents will be shared with the working group in due course.
- d) **ACS Committee Liaisons** - Heidi Vollmer-Snarr presented documents pertinent to committee liaison duties.
- e) **ACS Award for Public Service** - Caroline Trupp Gil welcomed suggestions for individuals suitable to be nominated for this award. CCPA will consider whether to make recommendations to the ACS Board of Directors at the Fall CCPA meeting.

With no further business, CCPA Chair Kevin Kuhn adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.