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Councilor News and Committee Alerts

ACS Fall 2021

August 22 - 26, 2021

Welcome from ACS President H. N. Cheng



Welcome Meeting Attendees to the ACS Fall 2021 Meeting!

Whether you are attending this meeting in-person or virtually, I want to offer my best wishes as we safely return to a pre-pandemic normal. Regardless of how you participate, ACS continues to provide the latest scientific content through our various symposia, workshops, posters and papers.

I wish to thank the Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group, as well as all of our symposium and program chairs who have made tremendous efforts in organizing this hybrid meeting, a first for ACS. I encourage you to make the most of this meeting and find new ways to network and collaborate with colleagues.

On a personal note, there are several Presidential, and President Recommended symposia that I highly encourage you to attend. They range from themes of industrial innovation to sustainable chemistry and more.

Please also make time for the Opening Session on Sunday, August 22nd as a distinguished panel of researchers presents on the meeting theme of the Resilience of Chemistry. The Kavli Lectures, always a highlight of ACS meetings will be held on Monday August 23rd and Tuesday August 24th. Please look for these, and so many more opportunities to learn, share and network throughout the hybrid meeting.

As we transition into our first hybrid meeting, I do hope to see many of you – either in-person or by computer. Please continue to keep safe and follow all appropriate guidelines. Thank you, and take care.

Fall 2021 Governance Meetings

Council Policy Committee

Open Forum (Virtual)

**Monday, August 23,
11:30 a.m. ET**

Council Meeting (Virtual)

**Wednesday, August 25,
11:00 a.m. ET**

(Councilors login at 10 a.m.)

ACS Board of Directors Open Meeting (Hybrid Event)

Sydney Marcus Hall

Georgia World Congress Center

Monday, August 23, 2021 4 – 5 p.m. (ET)

***“Attracting and Retaining Volunteers at the Grassroots:
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect”***

Guest Panelists

**Pamela Leggett-Robinson,
Ph.D.**
Executive Director,
PLR Consulting

Tyler Kinner
Research Scientist II
Georgia Tech Research
Institute

Ajay Mallia, Ph. D.
Associate Professor of
Chemistry
Georgia Gwinnett College
School of Science and
Technology

Moderator

Rajendrani Mukhopadhyay
ACS Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Respect

Councilor and Officer Caucus Schedule

News from the Younger Chemists Committee (YCC)

Dr. Kristin Nuzzio, Chair

Since the spring National meeting, the YCC continued to make progress towards our 2021 goals. At the end of April, the YCC and the Senior Chemists Committee (SCC) launched a co-mentoring program between members and associates of the committees. Mentors and mentees were paired based on a detailed questionnaire taking into account professional interests and ACS experiences. Some of the anticipated objectives for the program include knowledge sharing about career pathways, opportunities for involvement in ACS governance, and best practices using communication tools.

Several YCC members are in the process of reviewing our 2018 Strategic Plan to measure progress against our three goals of: advocating for younger chemists' needs, concerns, and contributions; providing tools and support to younger chemists for diverse career opportunities and development; and fostering and connecting communities of younger chemists around the world. We are aiming to hold another Strategic Planning Retreat in 2022.

The YCC hosted a virtual Committee meeting on Saturday, August 14. During the meeting, the Committee hosted several ACS speakers as well as participated in subcommittee rotation sessions to promote collaboration between teams. A social for members of the Committee followed. Several YCC members will also be attending the Atlanta National meeting in-person. Please feel free to reach out during the meeting to learn more about our activities.

During the Atlanta National meeting, the YCC is sponsoring the popular symposium "How to Get Your First Industrial Job." We are also co-sponsoring a symposium with the Division of Professional Relations (PROF), "Underrepresented PhD Representation in the Private Sector & The Role of Industry in Closing the Demographic Gap." Also in August, the YCC is collaborating with the International Younger Chemists Network (IYCN) to host an interactive workshop on soft skills for younger chemists at the virtual 2021 IUPAC World Chemistry Congress and Canadian Chemistry Conference & Exposition. We are also looking forward to the virtual Networking with Chemistry Professionals event organized with the SCC, featuring SCC and YCC panelists in academia, industry, and government, on September 12. The YCC regularly updates our Facebook ([ycc.acs](https://www.facebook.com/ycc.acs)), Twitter ([@ycc_acs](https://twitter.com/ycc_acs)), and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ycc-acs) social media accounts. Please also check out our website (<https://acsycc.org/>) to stay up-to-date on our activities.

Presidential Symposia and Presidential Recommended Symposia

New CCPA-CEI ChemLuminary Award Announcement

Dr. Chris Avery, Chair, Committee on Environmental Improvement

Dr. Kevin Kuhn, Chair, Committee on Chemistry & Public Affairs

There's a new ChemLuminary Award coming in 2022, and the Committee on Environmental Improvement (CEI) and the Committee on Chemistry & Public Affairs (CCPA) would like Councilors' help in spreading the news. CEI and CCPA have created a jointly-administered ChemLuminary Award to encourage local sections and divisions to engage in projects that leverage ACS policy statements connected to sustainability. ACS units have the remainder of 2021 to organize and execute activities that will be eligible for consideration for the 2022 prize.

The new CCPA-CEI ChemLuminary Award for Outstanding Promotion of the Society's Sustainability Position Statements will recognize a local section, technical division, international chapter, student

chapter or regional meeting for an outstanding activity to advocate for, to promote, or to develop awareness of the Society's Sustainability Position Statements and the role or influence of chemistry on their implementation.

The inaugural award will recognize an ACS unit for advocacy activities occurring in 2021 that promote one of the [ACS sustainability policy statements](#).

"Given the shared priorities and goals of our two committees, the decision to collaborate on an award that recognizes ACS units for advocacy efforts that promote chemistry's role in sustainability was a no-brainer," says Dr. Chris Avery, CEI chair.

"We want to encourage ACS members to talk to policymakers about sustainability, and how chemistry plays a role," says Dr. Kevin Kuhn, CCPA chair. "ACS has a rich set of tools to support ACS members with advocacy -- www.acs.org/advocacy is a good starting point."

CCPA's mission is to "increase ACS member engagement and effectiveness in impacting public policy." CEI's mission is to "Advance sustainability thinking and practice across ACS and society for the benefit of earth and its people," and a committee's goal is to "Engage networks of chemists and stakeholders to advance sustainability education and communication."

Self-nominations for the new CCPA-CEI ChemLuminary award for activities occurring in 2021 will be asked the following questions:

- Which of the ACS position statements on sustainability is/are being addressed?
- Who is the target group engaged to advocate for or make aware of this position statement, e.g., government, public decision maker, academia, industry, NGO, or other related group(s)?
- What action(s) were taken or activities completed to make the targeted group or chemistry community aware of the position statement and its implications? Please include planning, presentation, and attendance of the targeted group.
- How has the role/influence of chemistry in furthering sustainability been promoted to the targeted group and/or the chemistry community in order to implement this position statement?
- What are the expected outcomes from, and the broader impacts of, the activity you described?

ACS groups considering advocacy activities are encouraged to reach out to the chairs of the two committees, who can connect them to further information and resources, at cei@acs.org.

ACS Councilors are asked to share the news of this new ChemLuminary award for sustainability advocacy with local sections, divisions and other ACS units.



Networking with Chemistry Professionals & Undergraduates

Ice Cream Virtual Event

Come Join Us and Receive a Special Treat!

The Senior Chemists Committee is partnering with the Younger Chemists Committee, the Undergraduates Program Advisory Board, and the ACS Business Development and Management Division to host this fall's "Networking with Chemistry Professionals & Undergraduates Ice Cream Virtual Event" on Sunday, September 12 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT. Panelists for the event are Kelley Cafilin, Lead Analytical Chemist in the Explosives Research Branch at the United States Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center; Tejas Shah, Research Investigator at Corteva Agriscience; Barry Streusand, Owner of Applied Analytical, Inc. and former Professor at Texas State University; and Dominique Williams, Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Richmond. Professionals in industry, academia, government, small businesses, and non-profit are welcome to join us for this engaging event. Come share your expertise and experiences with undergraduates, graduates, and younger professionals. For more information on how to get involved, please send an email to seniorchemists@acs.org. [Registration for the event is free](#) – the first 25 registrants will receive a treat!

Women Chemists Committee

Dr. Amy M. Baliya, Chair

The Women Chemists Committee (WCC) is a passionate group of individuals that endeavor to increase engagement and retention of women, advocate and educate with the Society on issues of importance to women, enhance leadership and career opportunities for women, and highlight contributions of women. At the Fall meeting, the WCC is sponsoring symposia focused on celebrating the winners of the WCC Merck Research Award, bringing to light issues on sexual harassment, and highlighting the struggles women focused during 2020. We hope that you can join us in these important issues. Additional information regarding the symposium can be found below.

Programming at Fall Meeting

Merck Research Award Symposium (Sunday, August 22nd: 10:30 am-12:20 pm & 2:00-3:50 pm Zoom Room 44): The WCC Merck Research Award recognizes eight female-identified individuals and persons assigned female at birth in their 3rd and 4th year of graduate school. Awardees of this highly competitive award will present their research at a WCC/Merck half-day symposium held on August 22nd. Listed below are the current winners:

Green Ahn, Stanford University
Stanna Dorn, Indiana University, Bloomington
Morgan Gibbs, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Beryl Li, Princeton University
Nandhini Rajagopal, Syracuse University
Alexa Torelli, University of Toronto
Daisy Unsihuay, Purdue University
Victoria Yan, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Sexual Harassment in Science: Continuing the Conversation (Monday, August 23rd: 10:30 am-12:30 pm & 2:00-4:20 pm, Zoom Rooms 46 and 44, respectively): In August 2018, C&E News and the WCC organized the "Science of Sexual Harassment" symposium which examined the psychology of sexual harassment and what can be done to stop it. On August 23rd, the WCC is hosting a virtual follow-up symposium focused on the sociology and psychology of sexual harassment and how organizations are responding to sexual harassment. A town hall meeting will follow centered on how professional societies and other leaders should mitigate sexual harassment.

Resilience (of Women) in Chemistry (Monday, August 23rd: 4:30-6:50 pm, 7:00-9:20 pm, Zoom Rooms 45 and 30, respectively, Tuesday, August 24th: 8:00-10:00 am & 10:30 am-1:10 pm Georgia World Congress Center B211-B212 & 2:00-4:05 pm Zoom Room 43): In March, the WCC in co-organized an ACS webinar entitled Resilience of Women in Chemistry. This webinar focused on how women of different backgrounds overcame barriers during to the COVID-19 pandemic. On August 23rd and 24th, the WCC continues this conversation with a symposium focused on providing participants insights into the sources of their resilience during 2020.

Follow our Facebook page (ACS Women Chemists Committee) and Twitter (@AcsWcc) for other ways WCC is following its mission to attract, retain, develop, promote, and advocate for women to positively impact diversity, equity and inclusion in the Society and the profession.

2022 Society Committee Chair Appointments and Reappointments Announced

Acting on the recommendation of the Committee of Committees (ConC), ACS President-Elect Angela Wilson has appointed or reappointed chairs for the 2022 Society Committees, effective January 1, 2022. Remaining chairs will be appointed in December.

Analytical Reagents (reappointment)

Tom Tyner

Meetings and Expositions (reappointed)

Rick Ewing

Constitution and Bylaws (appointment)

Keith Vitense

Membership Affairs (appointment)

Laura Sremaniak

Divisional Activities (appointment)

Sheila Murphy

Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols (appointment)

Tad Whiteside

Economic and Professional Affairs (reappointment)

Eric Bruton

Project SEED (reappointment)

Bryan W. Boudouris

Ethics (reappointment)

William W. Leong

Technician Affairs (appointment)

Erin Dotlich

Local Section Activities (reappointment)

W. Matthew Reichert

Ethics ChemLuminary Award

**Dr. Ronald P. D'Amelia, Ethics Committee Member,
Coordinator for the Ethics ChemLuminary Award**

The Ethics Committee wants to promote visibility of the Ethics ChemLuminary Award with all Local Sections with the hope of increasing the number of nominations we receive each year and increase the amount of local section programming involving ethics.

All ChemLuminary award nominations should be submitted by Local Sections via the Annual Report. The nominations are due by February 15th of each calendar year. The self-nomination must demonstrate the innovative aspects of the activity. Information about the ethics event/activity must include the following in the self-nomination process: attendance, impact on the local ACS members, joint planning with other groups (if any) and the overall success of the event. Examples of previous award winners include an inclusive process to develop a local-section-specific conduct policy to clarify expectations of members' professional behavior and a public museum exhibit about unintended consequences of chemical innovations. Other examples can be found on our webpage: <https://acsethics.org/awards>.

Keynote Events: Opening Session and Kavli Lecture Series

Welcome to the Future

Brian Mathes, MAC Chair

The Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC) is thrilled that after nearly 3 years of hard work, the journey to provide a modern membership experience will be realized on Jan. 1, 2022. If you haven't already, I encourage you to take a look at my [more expansive write up](#) of the upcoming changes in the July 26th edition of C&EN. I also ask that you bookmark acs.org/newchoices for your reference on all things transformation and find answers to some of the questions you may have.

As change champions, our work is not yet done as we approach our launch date next year. It is incumbent on us as leaders to educate ourselves and those in our divisions, sections, and network about what's to come for the ACS and membership.

As you will find in the C&EN Comment, I will be hosting a few Town Halls via webinar this month as part of my personal effort to inform all existing members of the changes coming in January, and to help sort out any questions, concerns, or misunderstandings one may have. In addition, I will also host a webinar focused on component group impacts and FAQs after the meeting in Atlanta. If you are unable to join, these webinars will be recorded and posted in your [ACS toolkit](#) for reference. Also in the toolkit, you will find an archive of resources including the Schedule of Membership FAQ and a copy of my C&EN Comment.

In the meantime, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help facilitate a greater understanding of these upcoming changes. I encourage you to share the C&EN Comment, the link to the website, and town hall invites. Please let me know if any questions come up that have not yet been answered. I am available for upcoming committee meetings, virtual meetings (on Zoom or any other platform), phone calls, and any other forum to answer questions.

I would like to thank the countless champions who have partnered, supported, advocated, and challenged us on this journey. This transformation positions ACS to cultivate a stronger and more engaged community of chemists and allied professionals unsurpassed by other scientific organizations in vibrancy, scale, and diversity.

If you have any feedback prior to the town hall webinars or would like to set up a separate discussion, please do not hesitate to contact me by sending an email to mac@acs.org. If you prefer to submit feedback anonymously, MAC has a Suggestion Ox inbox available at tinyurl.com/MemAffairs. Submissions are 100% anonymous. I look forward to connecting with you soon.



Call for Nominations | 2023 ACS National Awards

Nominations for [2023 ACS National Awards](https://www.acs.org/nationalawards) are now open: with awards across dozens of technical fields, doctoral research, chemical education, commercialization of new products, service to the Society, and more, there's an award for every field of chemistry! We encourage you to nominate individuals from groups not commonly named as recipients of ACS awards such as women, underrepresented groups, and chemists from industry and the national laboratories. For a detailed description of all the national awards and how to submit a nomination, please visit www.acs.org/nationalawards.



The Senior Chemists Committee will again host the SCC Coffee Social Hour Virtual Event on Tuesday, August 31 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. EDT in partnership with the ACS Office of Philanthropy and ACS Webinars. The theme is "The Post-COVID Chemistry Economy & DEIR Program Updates." William Carroll, Jr., Founder of Carroll Applied Science, LLC and Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Indiana University will present the keynote. Rajendrani Mukhopadhyay, Vice President of the ACS Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR) will present on ACS DEIR efforts; and Isiah Warner, Professor at Louisiana State University will present on SCC DEIR initiatives – including its campaign to support the [ACS Scholars Program](https://www.acs.org/scholars). ACS Scholars Alumna Trinity Horton Hale, who is now Director for Celanese's Engineered Materials Division Project Management Organization, will share briefly about how the program positively impacted her life and career trajectory. We cordially invite you to attend.

Register Today



ACS Combined 2020 and 2021 ACS Fellows Ceremony and Reception – Hybrid Ceremony

Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atrium Ballroom

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 3:30 – 5:00 PM EDT

The American Chemical Society (ACS) will honor the 2020 and 2021 classes of ACS Fellows during the first-ever hybrid Fellows Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, August 24.

The ceremony will recognize members of ACS for outstanding achievements in and contributions to science, the profession and the Society.

Registration to join the ACS Fellows Ceremony in-person and virtually is free but required by registering for ACS Fall 2021 Meeting. For more information, contact fellows@acs.org. The ceremony will include closed captioning.



Come Join Us for the ACS Strategy Café for Councilors

The ACS Council Policy Committee, in collaboration with the Board Committee on Strategic Planning, will host a STRATEGY CAFÉ during the ACS Fall 2021 Meeting that is open for all Councilors to attend. The event will be held virtually on Tuesday, August 24 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. EDT. Come join us, connect with other ACS leaders, and share your thoughts on “[Change Drivers](#)” that impact the strategic direction of the Society. [REGISTER HERE](#) to attend. If you have any questions regarding the event, please send an email to cpc@acs.org.



NATIONAL AWARDS

ACS 2021 National Award Recipients and Recognition – Hybrid Ceremony and Reception

Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atrium Ballroom

Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 7:00 – 9:00 PM EDT

Come celebrate the 2021 ACS National Award recipients during the first-ever hybrid National Awards Ceremony on Sunday, August 22 at 7:00 PM EDT as we honor their accomplishments!

The 85th Awards Ceremony will feature the 2021 Priestley Medalist, Dr. A. Paul Alivisatos, Samsung Distinguished Professor of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, University of California, Berkeley, as the keynote speaker who will bring to you the 2021 award address “The growth of the nanocrystal—a little coming-of-age story.”

The ceremony will recognize 70 recipients of 59 national awards and sponsor representatives.

Registration to join in-person and virtually is free but required by registering for [ACS Fall 2021 Meeting](#). For more information, contact awards@acs.org. The ceremony will include closed captioning and a reception at 6:30 PM EDT.





MEETINGS & EVENTS

KIDS ZONE

A HANDS-ON SCIENCE EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021 | 11 AM - 2 PM

#ACSKidsZone | www.acs.org/kidszone

GEORGIA AQUARIUM
OCEANS BALLROOM ENTRANCE
225 BAKER ST NW, ATLANTA, GA 30313

Bring your family to the **American Chemical Society Kids Zone – A Presidential Outreach Event** to learn how chemists are catalysts for positive scientific and social change through hands-on activities, giveaways, issues of the ACS kids' publication, a chemistry play, and more!

This free event includes free admission to the Georgia Aquarium. Registration is required. Visit www.acs.org/kidszone for more info.

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Tips for Successful Virtual Meetings

Virtual meetings are the new normal. And with people starting to ask whether remote work arrangements might continue well into the future, it's important to take steps to enhance the video experience of meetings. ACS Web and Research Representative Courtney Swecker offers these tips to make your next video-assisted call a success:

- **Get the lighting right.** Make sure you're positioned for ample and balanced lighting.
- **Choose the right background.** Avoid a cluttered environment to help keep the meeting distraction-free. Check ahead to see if the videoconferencing platform has alternate backgrounds to select from.
- **Do a sound check.** Test your microphone and speakers before joining a virtual meeting. When you're the presenter, a dry run is essential.
- **Convey the right body language.** Remember to sit up straight, just as you would in an in-person meeting.
- **Get close, but not too close.** Place your computer at the distance, where your shoulders or torso are visible.
- **Play to the camera.** Put the camera at eye level and look directly into your computer's camera.
- **Maintain interaction.** Keep the attention of your meeting attendees with interactive features like polling, multiple choice questions and breakout rooms.
- **Say your acknowledgements at the finish.** If hosting the meeting, take a moment to thank everyone for their time and attendance. Wrap up by acknowledging those who helped with the meeting or presented.

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