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Councilor News and Committee Alerts

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Message From the Office of the Secretary

As previously communicated, the Council Policy Committee (CPC) met and voted to conduct the spring 2022 meeting of the ACS Council by virtual means only on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 8:00 am PT. Although there will not be an in-person component to the Council meeting in San Diego, our office has secured a meeting space for Councilors to participate virtually, however, the space is limited. Further guidance will be shared soon for those Councilors wishing to utilize this space. Please note that all individuals attending the meeting in San Diego must register. **This is to ensure the safety of all participants, as ACS will be ensuring that only those individuals who are vaccinated are able to register.** Please note that even if your total participation in San Diego is to just attend your respective committee/governance events and not the technical sessions, you still must register. The registration fee in this case is complimentary. More information regarding registration will be forthcoming when registration opens on January 10, 2022.

From the recent meetings of the Council Policy Committee and the Committee on Committees, the following actions, recommendations, and deadlines are noted:

- ConC voted to recommend that Society Committees choose their own format for conducting their meetings in conjunction with the ACS Spring 2022 Meeting; however, if a committee decides to have an in-person component to their meeting, they should conduct it according to parameters that ConC shared with all Committee Chairs and Staff Liaisons.
- CPC voted to suspend the requirement that Committees must hold an Open Meeting. Each committee could hold an Open Meeting should they choose to do so.
- CPC voted to suspend the requirement that all Society Committees must report orally to Council at least once per year, and to allow only those committees who have action coming before Council to report orally. Council will still hear reports from Officers (Presidential Succession, Board Chair & CEO), Elected Committees, and again, those committees with action items coming before Council.
- Council agenda written reports for those committees reporting in writing at this Council meeting are due **Monday, January 24th**. The Council agenda is expected to be posted to the Council webpage www.acs.org/councilors on or about Wednesday, February 9th.
- As CPC has done for their past three virtual meetings, all Council oral reports will be reviewed by CPC members outside of the actual CPC meeting. In other words, there be no separate subcommittee meetings to hear committee chairs read their oral reports. Committees with action items before Council must meet by **Wednesday, March 16th**.
- Council oral reports to be read at Council must be submitted no later than 9:00 am PT on **Friday, March 18th**. CPC will review the reports and send any suggested changes back to the committee by **Sunday, March 20th**. Final oral reports to be read at Council are due by 9:00 am PT on **Tuesday, March 22nd**.

In the coming weeks we will continue to reach out to Committee Chairs reporting to Council and Councilors to organize a Presenter Rehearsal and two mock Council meetings. It is our goal to conduct a hybrid meeting of Council in the Fall of 2022, with a test during the Spring 2022 Meeting. More information will be coming to your attention from emails coming from secretary@acs.org.

ACS Spring 2022 Housing and Registration

Housing

Please note that the early open period ('VIP') for housing was eliminated in 2019. All housing should now be booked through the regular housing site, which is now open and will close Friday,

February 25, 2022.

ACS has contracted a wide selection of hotel rooms in San Diego, CA with competitive rates. ConferenceDirect is the official ACS Housing Services Provider for the meeting. ACS does not endorse booking hotel reservations through any other sources. Attendees who stay at a hotel booked through the ACS Housing Services Provider will receive complimentary internet access in the hotel guest rooms.

Reservations can be made in the following ways:

- Online at: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/acs-meetings/hotel-travel/hotel.html>
- By Telephone: Call ConferenceDirect at 844-293-7040 US Toll-Free or +1-704-837-4855 (International) 8:30 AM – 9:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

The ACS Governance meetings will be held at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel. The Council Meeting will be held by virtual means only on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Technical sessions will take place at the San Diego Marriott Marquis, Omni San Diego Hotel, Hilton San Diego Bayfront, and the San Diego Convention Center. The Exposition, Registration and the ACS Career Navigator Live will also be located in the San Diego Convention Center.

Registration

Registration will open to all on Monday, January 10, 2022.

The schedule builder with the final program for ACS Spring 2022 Meeting will be available in mid-January on the [ACS meetings website](#).

Committee on Committees (ConC) 2022 Census

Emilio Xavier Esposito, Chair, ConC Subcommittee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Respect

In 2016 and 2019, the Committee on Committees (ConC) conducted demographic surveys of all the Society Committees. The surveys provided valuable information about the composition of the Council-related Committees and a way to measure ACS' Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR) initiatives.

The *Petition to Harmonize Committee Structures, Processes, and Terms* has removed some systematic barriers that once prevented or limited engagement opportunities and unintentionally excluded members and some demographic groups to serve on governance committees. Even with the passing of the petition, ConC understands the Society has a very long way to go when it comes to diversifying our committee system.

After a reflective year, ConC's Subcommittee on DEIR acknowledges that the demographic survey is, in effect, a national governance committee census. In order to continue to monitor our DEIR efforts, ConC has determined that the census best serves the Society when administered every other year. Thus, starting in 2022, the ConC National Committee Census will continue the effort started in 2016.

The 2022 ConC National Committee Census will open in February 2022 and close the week after the ACS Spring 2022 Meeting. ConC will present the results of the census during the ACS Fall 2022 Meeting. Please feel free to contact me at emilio.esposito@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns about the 2022 Committee Census.



Embracing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect - Let's Get Involved

Arlene A. Garrison, Chair, Senior Chemists Committee

In response to suggestions from its 2020 webinar “Senior Chemists Action Agenda to Address Systemic Racism”, the SCC initiated new opportunities to advance the ACS strategic goal and Core Value on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect. In May, SCC collaborated with the Office of Philanthropy and released its **“Campaign to Support the ACS Scholars Program”** to a broader audience of ACS members. Under the ACS Scholars Program, African American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian students enrolled in chemical science programs are eligible to compete to receive up to \$5,000/year in renewable college scholarships. Many of the 3,500 participants in this program now have leading roles in industry, academia, and government like former ACS Scholar **Chyree Batton**, a chemist at SC Johnson. Please support tomorrow’s chemistry leaders. [DONATE!](#)

SCC has partnered with the ACS National Chemistry Week team and the ACS Education Division on a “Great Connections” program established to develop activities for kids to get them “chemistry friendly” and to inspire underrepresented students in grades 3-5 to pursue science. A [Slow the Glow video](#) was created and posted on the ACS website along with downloadable materials for doing a hands-on activity.



TO THE NEW 2022 ACS COUNCILORS & ALTERNATE COUNCILORS

Join us for an Orientation & Committee Networking Virtual Event on March 11

The ACS Council Policy Committee is hosting its **2022 New Councilor Orientation Virtual Program** for all newly elected Councilors and Alternate Councilors on **Friday, March 11 from 4:00-5:00 p.m., ET with a special networking session with Committee Chairs and Mentors to follow from 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

This program provides an excellent opportunity for you to meet with other ACS leaders, establish mentoring relationships, and learn more about the Society and how to get involved with ACS committees.

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If you are a newly elected Councilor or an Alternate Councilor, **please place this important date on your calendars and let us know if you are able to attend the orientation program by sending an email to cpc@acs.org.**

A **Pre-National Meeting Webinar for New Councilors is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET**. More information on this program is forthcoming. You should place this on your schedule as well. The **Mentorship Program for New Councilors** will continue in 2022, so please let us know if you would like to have a mentor assigned to offer guidance to you in your new role as Councilor and/or Alternative Councilor.

2021 Recognition of Committee Service

Diane Krone, Chair, Committee on Committees (ConC)

As you will recall in March of this year, the ACS Council and Board of Directors approved the *Petition to Harmonize Committee Structures, Processes, and Terms*. Committee terms are now consistent for all Society Committees: three-year terms with a two-term maximum for committee members.

With the petition, a transition plan was approved that would minimize the impact on committees of the sudden loss of committee members. Also, an amendment to the petition was adopted allowing for exemptions from the term limits where individuals played a critical role in the committee operations. In preparing their committee recommendations, the Committee on Committees (ConC) couldn't assume that the recommendations for term exemptions would be approved by the appointing officers at the end of this year.

ConC chose to suspend the practice of listing the names in the Council agenda of those committee members who are terming off (statutory limit) their assigned committee, along with the reading of the names during the virtual Fall Council Meeting. They agreed instead to recognize these individuals in the December issue of *Council News/Committee Alerts*.

I am pleased to announce all the Society Committee recommendations have been approved by the 2022 ACS President Angela Wilson and ACS Board Chair Paul Jagodzinski, and everyone completing service on their assigned committee has been notified.

Below is the list of the following committee members who will have served the statutory limit on their ACS governance committee at the end of 2021.

On behalf of ConC, thank you for your service, and very best wishes for continued success in all your future endeavors - personal, professional, and those with the ACS.

Mary E. Anderson Membership Affairs	Kathleen Gibboney Budget and Finance	Shelli R. McAlpine International Activities	Susan M. Shih Education
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Renee S. Cole Women Chemists	Kirk P. Hunter Chemical Safety	Daniel Rabinovich Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols	Frank J. Torre Meetings and Expositions
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Amina K. El- Ashmawy Public Relations and Communications	Patrick J. Knerr Ethics	Joseph E. Sabol Chemistry and Public Affairs	Jonathan J. Wilker Chemistry and Public Affairs
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John Engelman Local Section Activities	Karlo M. Lopez Ethics	Jamie Schwarzbach Younger Chemsits	Matthew A. Windsor Chemistry and Public Affairs
Susan R. Fahrenholtz Senior Chemists	Alex M. Madonik Community Activities		Marinda Li Wu Budget and Finance
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Kathleen Gibboney Budget and Finance			

Committee on Chemical Safety Update

Kirk Hunter, Chair

Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) continues to advance its mission to provide collaborative leadership and resources to advance chemical safety.

The three CCS subcommittees—Education, Partnerships, and Emerging Issues—are responding to the ongoing need for authoritative guidance and current safety resources. Recent projects include the reports [“Safe Transportation Recommendations for Chemicals Used in Demonstrations or Educational Activities”](#) and [“Recommendation for Sharing, Cleaning, and Disinfecting Safety Goggles and Glasses”](#) and [expanded guidelines for safe handling of low-solubility ultrafine particles in the lab.](#)

Collaborative projects also include the new videos “Why Should We Do Laboratory Risk Assessments?” “Working in the Lab Alone? ... What IF...,” and “Quality Data for Safety Experiments.” The large number of views indicates that the community is using these videos. Additional videos will be added in the near future to the [ACS Chemical Safety channel on YouTube.](#)

A recent collaborative effort among educators and safety professionals produced a new, free online chemical safety course titled “Foundations of Chemical Safety and Risk Management.” Since its launch in February 2021, over 2,000 individuals from all over the world have registered for the course. This self-directed, 17-unit course introduces the basics of risk management and US federal regulations along with the underlying chemical principles that must be considered. The course may be accessed through the [ACS Center for Lab Safety.](#)

In summer 2022, another safety summit will convene that will focus on the skills and knowledge industrial employers expect of PhD graduates. To help provide insights into employer expectations, a survey will be distributed later this fall. The goal of this collaborative effort of educators, industry, and ACS staff is to assist graduate PhD programs in improving safety education practices so that their students are better prepared for the workplace.

Having a safe work environment requires everyone to contribute fully in order for it to be successful. All cultures, ethnicities, and gender identities must be included in the collaboration so that it is effective. Diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect (DEIR) issues are not unique to one segment of the chemical enterprise. However, DEIR issues must be considered to create and maintain a positive safety culture in the laboratory. The CCS has assembled task force to study this important issue.

As much as possible, CCS wants engage with chemists outside the U.S. to support their efforts in advancing chemical safety education. After two successful collaborations resulting in translating [Safety in Academic Chemistry Laboratory \(SACL\)](#) booklet into [Arabic](#) and creating [a website with resources translated into Spanish](#), CCS started a new collaboration with a faculty member in the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil to translate into Portuguese.

For questions or further information, please contact Marta Gmurczyk at safety@acs.org.



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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Here are the most requested email contacts for ACS offices. To contact other offices, first dial (800) 227-5558 and ask for operator assistance, or visit www.acs.org.

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