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## Councilor News and Committee Alerts

December 2022

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### Report of ACS President Angela K. Wilson



It has been an honor and privilege to be ACS President. The biggest highlight of the year has been interacting with you and our many volunteers. Your dedication to ACS is clear, and helps to drive the Society and the chemical sciences forward. This year, you have been a part of Council history – our very first hybrid Council Meeting. And, thanks to you and the incredible ACS staff, the meeting went extraordinarily well, and provides us with much flexibility for the future.

Our increased connectivity opens up new doors for our committees, local sections, and division colleagues, enabling greater global engagement.

As we wrap up the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development, I encourage you to check out and share the many programs that ACS has launched, and will continue to launch towards a [sustainable future](#).

I wish all of you the very best as we move into the [transformational age of chemistry](#). And, as always, I welcome your comments and suggestions at [a.wilson@acs.org](mailto:a.wilson@acs.org)

**Angela K. Wilson, ACS President**

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### Report of ACS Immediate Past President H. N. Cheng



As the year is coming to an end, I would like to thank my ACS fellow members and staff for their help, collaboration, and input during the past three years. As many of you know, my platform was Growth, Collaboration and Advocacy.

In order to grow the chemistry enterprise, I believe we need to foster innovation, promote sustainability and green chemistry, support industrial engagement and entrepreneurship, and encourage collaborations.

To these ends, I co-organized three symposia on innovation, endorsed six more symposia, started the ACS webinars series (with ACS Committee on Science) on Frontier Fridays, and gave 23 talks on innovation. In sustainability, I co-organized five symposia, endorsed five more symposia, gave 27 talks, wrote many articles, and edited a two-volume ACS book. To promote industrial engagement and entrepreneurship, I co-organized two symposia, initiated (with SCHB and BMGT) a series of eight ACS webinars on how to start and manage a business, and convened a Presidential-Staff working group on industrial engagement.

During the pandemic, I could not travel, so I did a large number of Zoom meetings, including several interactions with international groups. As the pandemic subsided in 2022, I traveled quite a bit, including talks at two regional meetings, three local sections, three universities, AISES Conference, ACS Safety Summit, Dow Collegeville research facility, Summit of Americas International Chapters and Student Chapters, and Conference of Latin American Chemical Societies (CLAQ) in Brazil. I appreciated the interactions and valued the input I received from ACS members, staff, and students. For more detailed information on my activities, please visit my website: <https://hncheng-acs.org/>

**H. N. Cheng, ACS Immediate Past President**

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

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on December 2-3, 2022, in Washington, D.C. They considered several key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions.



### **Board Elections**

The Board held elections to determine its Chair and members of its Executive Committee for 2023. As a result, Paul W. Jagodzinski was elected to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for 2023. Wayne Jones, Carolyn Ribes, and Lisa Houston were selected to serve terms on the Executive Committee.

### **Board Actions**

The Board approved the following:

- **Updates to the ACS Strategic Plan.** The plan will be posted at <http://strategy.acs.org/>
- **Finance related items:**
  - The 2023 Operating Budget
  - The 2023 Capital Budget
  - Several recommendations from the Financial Planning Conference conducted in September 2022 to strengthen and update financial guidelines.
  - Several recommendations related to operations and facilities.
- **ACS nominees for the following awards:**
  - 2023 National Medal of Science
  - 2023 National Inventors Hall of Fame

Additional actions and more details are available in my full report.

**Paul W. Jagodzinski, Chair, ACS Board of Directors**

**READ FULL REPORT**

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## **International Representation on the ACS Board of Directors**

***Paul W. Jagodzinski, Chair, ACS Board of Directors***

The current Board of Directors is comprised of 15 members, including the Presidential Succession, six District Directors geographically based on the US and Canada, and six Directors-at-Large elected by Council. With the sustained growth of international members, the Board of Directors recognized a gap in international representation.



Our motivation is to respect the voices of all members and demonstrate equity with respect to voting in Society elections. Therefore, the Board launched a Working Group on Structure and Representation to develop recommendations. I am pleased to share that, after consulting with leaders from the Council Policy Committee\*, the Committee on Nominations & Elections\*, and the Committee on International Activities\*, the "Petition to Add International Representation on the Board of Directors" was endorsed by the Board of Directors and has been submitted.

The working group looks forward to receiving your input on the petition and will provide multiple venues for feedback.

#### **What's Next?**

- After review and incorporation of feedback, the petition to amend the Constitution will be up for consideration at the Spring Council Meeting and for action at the Fall Council Meeting.

#### **How Can I Get Involved?**

- Read the petition in the [2023 March Council Agenda](#) to learn more (coming Feb 15).
- Share your thoughts, feedback, and interest to be more involved with the working group by contacting: [secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org)

\*Elected by the ACS Council

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## **2022 Recognition of Committee Service**

***Diane Krone, Chair, Committee on Committees***

Last 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.

I am pleased to announce the 2023 Society Committee recommendations have been approved by the 2023 ACS President Judy Giordan and ACS Board Chair Paul Jagodzinski, and everyone completing service on their assigned committee has been notified.

[Click here](#) for the list of committee members who will have served the statutory limit on their ACS governance committee at the end of 2022.

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## 2023 Chairs Appointed for Society Committees

Acting on the recommendation for the Committee on Committees (ConC), ACS President-Elect Judy Giordan and ACS Board Chair Paul W. Jagodzinski have appointed or reappointed chairs for the Society Committees, effective January 1, 2023. Congratulations!

### Analytical Reagents

Tom Tyner

### Education

Michael Adams

### Patents and Related Matters

Carlyn A. Burton

### Budget and Finance

Natalie Lafranzo

### Environmental Improvement

Elise B. Fox

### Professional Training

Cora MacBeth

### Chemical Safety

Samuella Sigmann

### Ethics

Patricia Mabrouk

### Project SEED

T. Angele Kwimi

### Chemistry and Public Affairs

Michael Hurrey

### International Activities

Sergio C. Nanita

### Public Relations and Communications

Preston J. MacDougall

### Chemists with Disabilities

Michelle R. Cummings

### Local Section Activities

Beth A. Lorschach

### Publications

Christopher K. Ober

### Committee on Committees

Diane Krone

### Meetings and Expositions

Amber S. Hinkle

### Science

Matthew A. Fisher

### Community Activities

Lori R. Stepan

### Membership Affairs

Laura Sremaniak

### Senior Chemists

Robert A. Yokley

### Constitution and Bylaws

Keith Vitense

### Minority Affairs

Reni Joseph

### Technician Affairs

Erin M. Dotlich

### Council Policy

Judy Giordan

### Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols

Hayley Brown

### Women Chemists

Amy M. Balija

### Divisional Activities

Sheila Murphy

### Nominations and Elections

Julie Smist

### Younger Chemists

Katherine Johnson

### Economic and Professional Affairs

John Gavenonis

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## New Councilor Orientation

*Donna Friedman, Vice-Chair, Council Policy Committee*



The ACS Council Policy Committee is hosting its 2023 New Councilor Orientation Program for all newly elected Councilors and Alternate Councilors on Saturday, March 25 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. ET in Indianapolis, IN. 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 you 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 let us know if you are planning to attend. Additional logistical information is forthcoming.

An ACS Spring Meeting Webinar for New Councilors is scheduled for Thursday, February 9 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 Indianapolis meeting. Registration details will be sent to you via email. Please include this informative event on your schedule as well.

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## ACS Spring 2023 Meeting



The ACS Spring 2023 Hybrid meeting will take place March 26-30, 2023. The ACS Council Meeting will be held in a hybrid format and will begin at 8 a.m. E.T. Detailed instructions for registration and reimbursement for governance attendees will be provided in early January.

**For more information, please visit the [ACS Spring 2023 Meeting Page](#).**

*Safety is a core value of the American Chemical Society. Please visit our FAQ's to learn more about our COVID-19 policies and other safety related recommendations for the meeting.*

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## neXus Regional Meeting Grants

*Sponsored with funding from 2023 ACS President Judy Giordan*



Regional meetings provide an ideal opportunity to bring together members from industry, academe, start-ups and national labs with students and practicing chemical professionals aligned with a scientific/commercial challenge pertinent to your Region! The 2022 neXus program was so successful we are running it again for 2023!

Help us get out the word to regional meeting planning teams! neXus grants support mechanisms to bring together academia, industry, the venture community, and governmental labs to cross-interact and network to collaborate aligned with a regionally relevant market/technical problem. [Apply for a neXus Regional Meeting Grant here!!](#)

**WHY neXus and WHY NOW?** neXus Regional Meeting Grants can provide up to \$2000 per 2023 regional meeting!

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## New Award Promotes ACS Sustainability Advocacy

*Kevin Kuhn, Chair, Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs*

Consider making advocacy part of your local section's sustainability efforts! To encourage ACS members to get involved in sustainability policy issues, the ACS Committees on Environmental Improvement (CEI) and Chemistry & Public Affairs (CCPA) have created a jointly-administered ACS ChemLuminary Award.

The new [CCPA-CEI ChemLuminary Award for Outstanding Promotion of the Society's Sustainability Position Statements](#) will recognize a local section or other ACS unit for an outstanding activity to advocate for, promote, or develop awareness of the [Society's policy statements related to environmental and sustainability issues](#). Has your local section done government affairs advocacy in 2022 that fits the bill? Self-nominate for the new award!

[LEARN MORE](#)

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## ACS Link for Connections and Collaborations

*H. N. Cheng, ACS Immediate Past President*



ACS members may be interested in a new benefit, a virtual networking tool, called “[ACS Link](#).” This service gives you an easy way to connect with the ACS community online, and the opportunity to ask questions or provide answers, while expanding your professional network.

ACS Link leverages the global ACS community, using artificial intelligence and digitization to help connect you one-to-one about science, career paths, business development, collaborations, and more. An earlier version has been piloted at the ACS Spring 2022 in Chicago this past August. I have used this tool and found it to be helpful.

Check it out at [www.acs.org/ACSLink](http://www.acs.org/ACSLink)

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## ACS Global Leaders Take on Regional Training, Collaboration for 2023 and Beyond

***Sergio C. Nanita, Chair, Committee on International Activities***

ACS International Chapters and International Student Chapter leaders from across the Americas took part in a regional leadership exercise November 11-13 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Three ICSC's and 19 student chapters participated in the summit. The summit, organized by the Committee on International Activities (IAC) featured three days of networking, training, and regional planning for ACS activities across the Americas.



The event also featured speakers from ACS Publications, CAS, and H.N. Cheng. At the end of the event, the group had proposals for collaborative regional events that could take place in 2023-2024 including chemistry hackathons, traveling workshops on professional development, and a potential ACS Chapters symposium at a future CLAQ event. Summits are designed to replicate the ACS Leadership Institute for ACS leaders outside of the U.S.

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## Senior Chemists Committee Highlights

***Robert A. Yokley, Chair, Senior Chemists Committee***

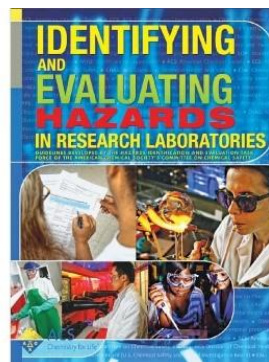
The Senior Chemists Committee (SCC) held a strategic planning retreat on August 25-26 and updated its vision and goals for the next few years. The SCC breakfast held in Chicago was well-received with Dr. Jacob Bean as keynote speaker, presenting on “The Atmospheres of Extrasolar Planets as Revealed by the James Webb Space Telescope”. The SCC held a successful “Networking with Chemistry Professionals & Students Virtual Event” in September – the next event will be in-person in Indianapolis. The SCC Newsletter was released in November and featured articles on estate planning, chiles, and more! If you missed it, read it [here](#).

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## Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) News

***Samuella B. Sigmann, Chair, Committee on Chemical Safety***

In October, the 2022 Presidential Safety Summit focused on safety competencies for Ph.Ds. onboarding in industry. A CCS Task Force is completing work on a document that articulates how Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR) concerns can translate into unsafe working conditions in laboratories. CCS Safety Advisory Panel began revision planning on their risk assessment guidance document and [website](#).



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## Live Sessions on Microaggressions for 2023

***ACS Office of DEIR***



Microaggressions are seemingly small statements or behaviors that can have a huge negative impact on your group's DEIR efforts. However, it can be challenging to navigate those discussions in a non-confrontational way.

The course, Transforming Microaggressions into Microinclusions, is continuing in 2023. Register to learn more about what microaggressions are, how they can undermine inclusion efforts, and how to address them in real-time. There will be 9 two-hour sessions held virtually between January and May.

**REGISTER TODAY**

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## Review of Society Committees

*Diane Krone, Chair, Committee on Committees*

As reported to Council in August, the Committee on Committees (ConC) voted to approve the hiring of McKinley Advisors as the external consultant to conduct a review of the Society Committees to recommend whether committees should be disbanded, created, combined (clustered around themes), or remain the same.

It is the goal of ConC be transparent throughout this process and therefore, I would like to update you on the progress of the review.

A steering committee consisting of representatives from ConC, the ACS Board of Directors, and the Council Policy Committee will be working with the McKinley team to oversee and supply guidance throughout this project.

It is our hope that at the completion of this review, ACS will have clear and actionable recommendations that support the following ideal future:

- The portfolio of ACS committees and related governance processes reflect the current and anticipated needs of the Society.
- ACS committees effectively collaborate to advance the mission and vision of the Society.
- The membership and leadership of ACS committees more accurately reflect the Society's current and anticipated membership demographics.
- ACS committees provide meaningful experiences to individuals, and value to their respective employers.
- ACS committees provide meaningful contributions that advance the work of the Board and Council.

An overview of the tasks that will be taking place include:

- **November – December:** Interviews with Committees
- **November – February:** Benchmarking
- **Mid December – Mid March:** Design and execute an electronic survey
- **March – April:** Focus group meetings
- **April – May:** Analysis and initial concept development
- **Mid May – Early June:** Delivery of final recommendations

If you have any questions, please contact me at [kroned@comcast.net](mailto:kroned@comcast.net). Thank you in advance for your assistance with this very important project.

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## News from the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC)

*Sheila Murphy, Chair, Committee on Divisional Activities*

The Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) congratulates division recipients of three successful \$30,000 Convergent Chemistry Communities (CCC) Grants and looks forward to hearing about their exciting community activities in the coming year. DAC encourages divisions to send at least one representative (usually Chair-Elect) to the [Leadership Institute's](#) Division Track on January 20 – 22 to network with fellow officers, explore opportunities and debate strategies to minimize challenges. Now just three months away we look forward to the spring 2023, “Crossroads of Chemistry”, Indianapolis IN, March 26 – 30 meeting and all its activities - until then, have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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## Empowering & Highlighting Women Chemists for 95 Years

**Amy Baliya, Chair, Women Chemists Committee**

The [Women Chemists Committee \(WCC\)](#) is ending its 95th anniversary after hosting multiple events throughout the year. The “95th Anniversary Celebration of the WCC” grants given to local sections, student chapters and international chapters to celebrate women chemists was a success, with 14 groups participating.



WCC hosted social and programming events at regional meetings and sponsored a virtual Women Chemists in Color Networking Event in October with over 125 attendees. Future events include “Celebrating Scientific Research of Entrepreneurs and Lessons Learned From Successful Innovative Women” symposium at the 2023 Spring ACS meeting and an ACS webinar on March 1, 2023.

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## Nominations Open for ACS Fellows

**ACS Awards Office**

The American Chemical Society Fellows Program recognizes members of the ACS for Excellence and Leadership in both of two areas: (1) science, the profession, education, and/or management, and (2) volunteer service in the ACS Community. We look forward to receiving your nominations and the opportunity to recognize chemical professionals who are making an impact.



**Nominations are open for 2023 ACS Fellows. Nominations will be accepted online at [www.nominatefellow.acs.org](http://www.nominatefellow.acs.org) until April 1, 2023 (11:59 PDT).**

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