



Councilor News and Committee Alerts

Fall 2022



Report on the Status of the Chief Executive Officer Search

Paul W. Jagodzinski, Chair, ACS Board of Directors

We're searching for a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Earlier this year Tom Connelly informed the ACS Board of Directors that he plans to retire at the end of the calendar year 2022.

Tom joined ACS as the CEO in February 2015 and will complete 8 years in that role at the end of 2022. He has provided significant leadership guided by dedication to our Mission, Vision and Core Values, carefully considered decisions, and concern for members, volunteers, staff and friends of ACS.

Tom has helped guide our Society through unprecedented challenges during the last several years. ACS is stronger than it has ever been and I thank Tom, on behalf of all of us, for his leadership.

The Board has been busy with the preliminary stages of the search for ACS' next CEO. A subset of the Board reviewed the existing position description and modified it for this search to emphasize the complexity of ACS (member needs, shared governance, international businesses in publications and CAS) and our Mission, Vision and Core Values.

Through an open search process a different subset of the Board selected a search firm to assist us with the search. *Korn Ferry International* was selected. Korn Ferry has assisted us in the past and understands the many facets that make up ACS. In addition to advertising the position, they will reach out to an extensive network of organizations and individuals to solicit recommendations and applications from highly qualified individuals. This process is already underway.

As I'm sure you realize, confidentiality is an essential component of a search at the CEO level. For that reason, I am only at liberty to share an overview of the process we are following and will only be able to provide limited updates as we progress forward. Do know that I will provide as much information as possible.

With the need for confidentiality in mind, here is our target timeline. During early October, a subset of Board and Executive Leadership Team (ELT) members will review resumes and develop a list of semifinalists. During mid to late October, interviews of these semifinalists will allow a different subset of Board and ELT members to develop a list of finalists. During early November, interviews with and extensive vetting of these individuals will allow us to identify the person who will be offered the position. Shortly after these interviews we plan to identify the individual who will join us on January 1, 2023 as our next CEO. Should this *tentative schedule* not be met, Tom has agreed to continue in his role temporarily, but the Board is committed to meeting the January 1, 2023 deadline.

Many groups and individuals who would like to contribute to the search process have contacted me. The commitment to the future success of ACS is widespread and heartfelt. Unfortunately, it's not possible to include everyone in the search process.

Instead, the Board and ELT, who work most closely with the CEO, will represent the various stakeholders. These 23 individuals are committed to a fair, open, inclusive and comprehensive search process. However, there is something that everyone can do to help. Please make our search widely known among your friends and networks and encourage qualified candidates to apply. The best person for our position may be perfectly happy in their current position and not aware of the opportunity. You can help!

Recruiting and hiring the next CEO is the most important service to ACS that the Board will engage in during the remainder of this year. We understand and embrace this responsibility.

Due to the importance of protecting the confidentiality of the people who apply, there will be limited official communication about the details of the search as we move through the process. I will keep you as informed as possible, but the next official communication may be the announcement of our next CEO.

Thanks for all you do for ACS. We're all in this together!

Vaccination Requirements for Attending ACS Fall 2022

Hybrid Council Meeting Admission

In order to obtain admission to the Hybrid Council meeting on August 24, 2022, you must submit your Councilor Credential card, properly completed, to secretary@acs.org before August 1, 2022. You should have received this card in a communication from secretary@acs.org on Friday, July 15th.

Hybrid Council Technical Requirements

For Councilors attending in-person:

- All Councilors must bring their own device on which to vote. These include smartphones, tablets or laptops.
- Any internet web browser other than Internet Explorer will work.

For Councilors attending virtually:

- Recommended browsers are Firefox, Microsoft Edge, and Google Chrome. Apple Safari is not supported.

Hybrid Council Instructional Webinar

To access the Instructional Webinar, please navigate to the [Council](#) website for the recording of this webinar from July 20th.

You will also find the Council Agenda, Councilor Caucus information, a flyer on the Director-at-Large Town Hall, and a schedule of all Fall 2022 Governance meetings.

Fall 2022 Governance Meetings

Please refer to the [Governance page](#) as your resource to see when committees, caucuses, and Council will be holding their meetings. Please note that all meeting times are listed in Central Time (CT). Should you wish to add your Governance meeting (no committee activities, please), contact secretary@acs.org.

Governance Office

Should you have any questions or [need assistance from the Office of the Secretary](#), we will be staffing an office at the Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk Hotel, Michigan Room, Meeting Room Level 2 from Friday, August 19 - Wednesday, August 24.

Council Special Discussion: ACS for the Future

Please note that at Hybrid Council, there will be a Council Special Discussion focusing on ACS for the Future. We welcome the advice and input of Councilors on how to enhance the ACS experience and impact the future of the Society. Your ideas can be tactical or strategic on how to identify new opportunities and what strategies to pursue for implementation. We ask that issues of dues, meeting costs and meeting locations not be part of this discussion, as those are all under the purview of various committees. Please bring your ideas to Council, and share with your colleagues. When calling on Councilors, every attempt will be made to alternate between those participating virtually and those in-person.

News from the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC)

Sheila Murphy, Chair

The Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) is presenting for Council action in Chicago a petition to amend Standing Rule VII, Sec.2.

A review of the Standing Rules pertinent to the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) revealed a lack of clarity regarding the assistance DAC can provide Divisions in certain circumstances. DAC is seeking to amend the duties of the Committee on Divisional Activities within the standing rules to provide the Committee on Divisional Activities with the authority to support Divisions with lapsed leadership by taking action on their behalf, including appointing an interim executive committee, and/or facilitating a Division's election and make recommendations to Council concerning combining or dissolving Divisions. This change will align DAC with what the Local Section Activities Committee can do for local sections.

[Read More >>](#)

ACS Presidential Events

Join the ACS Board in Chicago as they hold a conversation with author, attorney, and diversity & inclusion expert, Hannibal Johnson, on Diversifying Leadership at Every Level

When: August 21, 2022, 12:00 - 1:00 pm CT

In-Person: Skyline Ballroom W375C,
McCormick Place West (Boxed lunches will be provided)

Virtual: Accessible through the national meeting platform

Questions: secretary@acs.org



Join Us in Person or Virtually for the Director-at-Large Hybrid Town Hall



Milagros Delgado

Malika Jeffries-El

Will E. Lynch

Ellene Tratras Contis

When: August 21, 2022, 4:30 – 5:30 pm CT

In-Person: Sheraton Grand Chicago - Sheraton Ballroom V

Virtually:



Questions: nomelect@acs.org



Join ACS President-Elect Judy Giordan and ACS Board Chair Paul Jagodzinski
for
"It's About Trust – in Science and Scientists"

Monday, August 22
3:00-4:00 PM CT
Expo Theater, Hall F1

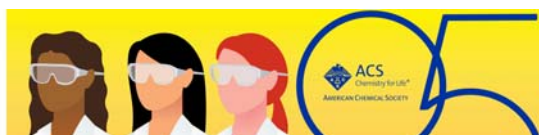


Join us and popular science communicators from social media for this kick-off event about working to ensure that ACS members are a *trusted* voice for science and scientists and equipped with the tools to advocate for this trust with *all* people.

Join us for a reception immediately following this event from 4:00-5:00 PM in Hall F1, Glass Alcove – accessible from the main event is being held.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Respect Reception

Join us at the ACS Diversity Reception honoring the American Indian Science and Engineering Society's (AISES) in celebration of their 45th Anniversary on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at the Sheraton Grand Chicago: Riverwalk B from 5-7pm. Event registration is not required. See you there!





The ACS Women Chemists Committee (WCC) is commemorating its 95th Anniversary this year! Several local sections, international chapters, and student chapters have joined the celebration to highlight women chemists, including Brazosport, Nigeria, Malaysia, Queen's University, and Oxford University. WCC will continue spotlighting women chemists at the ACS Fall 2022 Meeting in Chicago. We hope you will join the celebration by attending symposia and other events that are scheduled both in-person and hybrid. Check out the [WCC Roadmap](#) for more details. The "WCC Chemical Enterprise Networking Breakfast" will be held on Monday, August 22 at 7:30 am CT at the Sheraton Grand Chicago, Sheraton Ballroom IV. The "WCC Luncheon-Celebrating 95 Years" will be on Tuesday, August 23 at 12:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Jackson Park/CC10 and will feature ACS President Angela Wilson as the keynote speaker. [Tickets are available for purchase](#). Special recognition will be given to our Merck Award, Overcoming Challenges Award, and Priscilla Carney Jones Scholarship winners. Our open meeting, entitled "Just Cocktails," will be on Tuesday, August 23 at 5:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Jackson Park/CC10. Hybrid symposia include the Merck Research Award, Past WCC Winners in Organic and medicinal Chemistry, Celebrating 95 Years of the Women Chemists Committee, and Celebrating 10 Years of the Rising Star Award. We hope to see you in Chicago!



20th Anniversary ACS Presidential LGBTQ+ Reception



Tuesday, August 23, 6:00-8:00 PM (CDT)
Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk Hotel
Mayfair

Open to all registered attendees

Sponsored by:

ACS President-Elect Judy Giordan
ACS Immediate Past President H.N. Cheng
ACS Division of Professional Relations



ACS 2022 ACS Fellows Ceremony and Reception – Hybrid Ceremony
Sheraton Grand Chicago, Chicago Ballroom VI/VII
Monday, August 22, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm CT

The American Chemical Society (ACS) will honor the 2022 class of ACS Fellows on Monday, August 22 at 2:00 PM with a reception following at 3:00 PM. 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 2022](#) meeting. For more information, contact fellows@acs.org. The ceremony will include closed captioning.

2022 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Respect Educational Resource Guide

The Office of DEIR is proud to announce the release of our new [2022 DEIR Educational Resource Guide](#). The Guide contains a non-exhaustive list of resources meant to provide further enrichment and education on common DEIR topics and terms, such as allyship, microaggressions, unconscious bias, and more. It is meant as a starting point for those interested in learning more about DEIR issues. To learn more about the Office of DEIR [check out our website](#) or contact us at diversity@acs.org.



NATIONAL AWARDS

Nominations Sought for 2024 American Chemical Society National Awards

The American Chemical Society Awards program aims "to encourage the advancement of chemistry in all its branches, the promotion of research in chemical science and industry, [and] the improvement of the qualifications and usefulness of chemists." The continuing excellence of the ACS awards program requires that a number of highly qualified chemistry professionals be nominated and that great care be taken in preparing the nominations.

[Nominating Procedure for ACS National Awards](#)

Nominations for the [national awards administered by ACS to be presented in 2024](#) are being solicited.

Nominations should be submitted online at www.nominate.acs.org. Information about nomination submissions and detailed descriptions of the awards are available online at www.acs.org/nationalawards.

Any individual may submit one nomination or one support letter for each award, unless that individual is a member of the selection committee for the same award or a current member of the ACS Board of Directors, in which case they cannot submit a nomination for that award. However, selection committee members may submit nominations or support letters for other awards. Nominators do not need to be members of ACS.

Nominations and inquiries concerning awards should be directed to the National Awards Office at awards@acs.org. The deadline for submission of all nominating materials for the 2024 ACS national awards is Nov. 1. Earlier submission is encouraged.

News from the Committee on Membership Affairs: Town Hall Meeting on Membership Transformation

Laura Sremaniak, Chair

As you know, in 2021 ACS Council voted and approved a new and improved ACS membership model that includes more flexible choices for all ACS members. We are excited to announce that the implementation of those changes is underway.

In consultation with ACS governance and staff, we have rolled out changes in how we handle lapsed memberships. Starting in April 2022, members who do not pay their dues are automatically moved to the Community Associate category after 60 days. The Community Associate category does not provide "Member" status and does not include the right to vote. It does, however, provide a vastly improved and streamlined experience for restoring a small handful of benefits for these individuals, and provides ACS a means to keep in contact for much longer. Best of all, we have a simplified upgrade process that lets them self-serve to reactivate their memberships and receive a complete 12-month term.

With the launch of the new membership packages and the opportunities this provides the ACS community, we have a planned series of communications and training rolling out in the coming weeks to further explain the membership changes, impacts, and status in depth and respond to any and all additional questions from our members. You may also consider registering and attending an upcoming [Town Hall meeting](#) and visiting our [FAQ](#) for additional details. For additional questions not already covered, please send your inquiry to componentsupport@acs.org.

Thank you for your service and all that you do for our members.

News from the Committee on Technician Affairs

Erin M. Dotlich, Chair

In April, the Committee on Technician Affairs completed its Strategic Planning Retreat and put together a roadmap of goals and strategies. In summary, we will be focusing on these goals over the next one to three years:

1. Creating, identifying and disseminating tools for professional development
2. Highlighting the accomplishments of CTPs through awards and recognition
3. Outreach to stakeholders inside and outside ACS

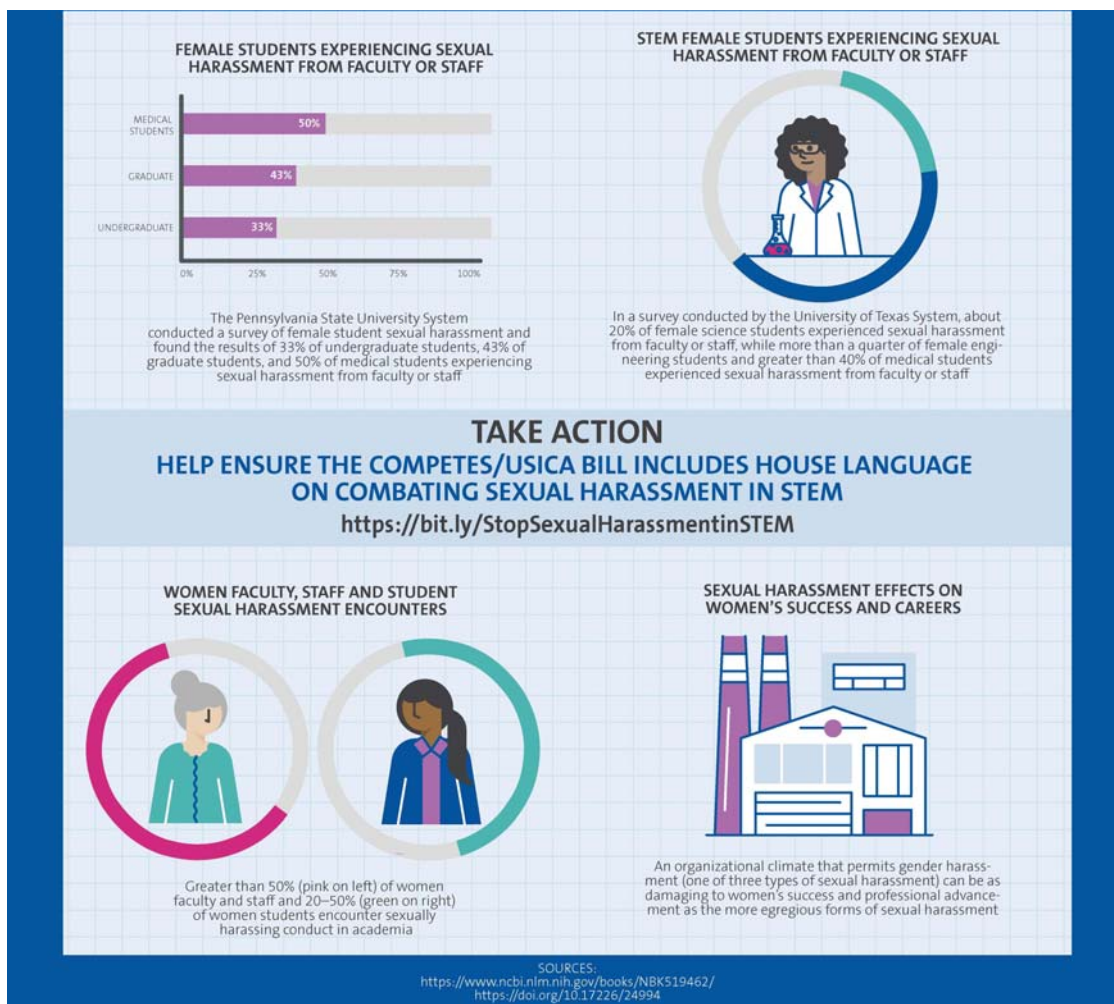
Our first goal will be championed by the CTA's Professional Development Subcommittee. This subcommittee will work alongside other ACS committees to plan for future professional development programs and events. It will also identify and advertise existing professional development tools and create packets for mentors and mentees. This subcommittee recently completed a "Mentee Playbook" which is currently being reviewed for ACS website publication soon. Please keep an eye out for this in the near future.

The CTA's Awards Subcommittee will champion our second goal. While only 3% of chemists hold a PhD, most recognition programs and awards are presented to those at the PhD level-this is something we are looking to address. The committee is actively working on developing a pilot regional CTP award and disseminating details about our awards and recipients through more platforms. We will also be simplifying and improving our existing awards processes by the end of 2022. The CTA Awards Committee currently coordinates two established awards focused on the efforts of non-PhD holding chemists:

1. The CTA/Younger Chemists Committee [Leadership Development Award](#). This award provides funding for ACS members under 35 years of age to travel to and participate in the annual ACS Leadership Institute. The award helps recipients develop leadership skills, gain knowledge, and share best practices through networking with other ACS leaders, governance, and staff members.
2. [National Chemical Technician Award](#) which honors excellence and professionalism among technicians, operators, analysts, and other applied chemical technology professionals.

The CTA's Stakeholder Outreach Subcommittee will support our third goal. This group is currently working to better understand the demographic data and needs of CTPs and their employers to use in making more data-driven decisions for things such as programming and professional development events. The subcommittee is also working towards a new branding campaign to make us an even more recognizable committee. Our strategy on, and developing templates for, local section outreach activities will help sections create nomination-worthy events for the CTA's ChemLuminary award for "Best Event or Activity Organized by, or benefiting, the Applied Chemical Technology Professional Community". This ChemLuminary recognizes an outstanding event or activity organized by or benefiting the CTP community.

I look forward to providing updates on the CTA's strategic plan progress during our committee meetings at the ACS national meetings. Please consider attending our open meeting during the upcoming 2022 Fall National Meeting on August 21. We also invite you to attend our ticketed, joint recognition luncheon (a shared effort with the Committee on Corporate Associates) on August 22.



TAKE ACTION: Ask Congress to Combat Sexual Harassment in STEM

ACS is currently advocating for provisions to combat sexual harassment in STEM research environments within the Senate U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (USICA) and the House America COMPETES Act (COMPETES), and we need your help. The House COMPETES bill has more comprehensive and meaningful language that takes steps toward explicitly prohibiting individuals with past or ongoing complaints, incidents, or record of harassment or discrimination from receiving federal research dollars. It also authorizes \$17 million to implement policies and programming resulting from interagency working groups. Incorporating the House language would be a significant step beyond what is currently required in the Senate USICA draft.

As Congress negotiates the final bill language, we ask you to follow the link and request that your Congress people support the inclusion of the House's language focused on combating sexual harassment in the final bill: <https://bit.ly/StopSexualHarassmentinSTEM>

Committee on Ethics: Ethics ChemLuminary Award

William W. Leong, Chair, Ronald P. D'Amelia, Coordinator for the Ethics ChemLuminary Award

The Ethics Committee wants to promote visibility of the Ethic 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](#).



Deadline Extended: WCC Local Sections, Student Chapters, and International Chapters!

The ACS Women Chemists Committee invites you to be part of its “[95th Anniversary Celebration of the WCC](#)” by hosting an event to commemorate this special occasion and the work of women chemists around the world. To help with the event, WCC is offering a limited number of grants (up to \$100) for any local section, student chapter, or international chapter that wish to host an event. Feel free to include the WCC 95th Anniversary graphic with your invite. The deadline for applying and hosting an event has been extended to November 1, 2022. [Apply today!](#)

Constitution & Bylaws: Updated ACS Governing Documents

The June 1, 2022 edition of the ACS Governing Documents is available at <http://www.acs.org/govdocs>. Changes were made per the Schedule of Membership and the following petitions: Petition to Amend the Use of Dues; and Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities.

The petition deadline to amend the Constitution and Bylaws is December 7, 2022 (16 weeks before the March 29, 2023, spring Council meeting).

Changes were made to the model bylaws template, which can be found at <http://www.acs.org/govdocs>. All Local Sections, Divisions, and International Chemical Sciences Chapters, please check when your unit's bylaws were last updated. If provisions in the unit's current bylaws are no longer applicable or needs to be changed, it's time to consider updating the bylaws. Please contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) at bylaws@acs.org if you have any questions or comments, or would like our assistance in helping you to update your bylaws.



Save The Date – ABCChem 2022

December 13-16, 2022

Mark your calendars to participate in the Atlantic Basin Conference on Chemistry (ABCChem 2022) in Marrakech, Morocco, from December 13-16, 2022. The conference theme is “Linking the World Through Chemistry”. Details on the conference, Call for Symposia, and more will be made available in the coming months at www.abcchem.org.



Tips for Successful Virtual Meetings

By Angie Abraham

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.
- **Evaluate and enhance.** Record your session and review later to identify areas of improvement.
- **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.

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED ACS OFFICES

Unless otherwise noted, first dial (800) 227-5558. When prompted, dial the extension given below. To contact other offices, dial the 800 number and ask for operator assistance, or visit the ACS website at www.acs.org.

Career Services

CareerNavigator@acs.org

Individual Giving

Ext. 4094

donate@acs.org

Corporate and Foundation Giving

partnership@acs.org

Divisions

division@acs.org

Education

education@acs.org

Gifts and Other Products

help@acs.org

National Chemistry Week

outreach@acs.org

Public Affairs

externalaffairs@acs.org

Local Sections

olsa@acs.org

Meetings, National

nationalmeetings@acs.org

Meetings, Regional

reglmtgs@acs.org

Membership

service@acs.org

Secretary

secretary@acs.org, president@acs.org

Regional Meetings

ACS Strategic Plan

American Chemical Society | 1155 Sixteenth Street, NW | Washington, DC 20036

Copyright © 2023 American Chemical Society All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you are a member or on the ACS Office of Secretary and General Counsel mailing list.

[Unsubscribe from these emails](#) | [Manage preferences](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)