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## Councilor News and Committee Alerts

### Spring 2022

### Important details for Virtual Council Spring 2022

#### Reimbursement

The Council Policy Committee authorized reimbursement of the registration fee and related expenses for the ACS Spring 2022 meeting. Attendance at virtual Council (for Councilors) and their committee meeting (for Non-Councilors) is required in order to receive reimbursement for virtual meeting registration or in-person registration and related travel expenses.

#### Mock Meetings

Please remember to sign up to attend one of the two mock meetings:

- Wednesday, March 2 at 11am ET
- Wednesday, March 9 at 2pm ET

These meetings are to prepare Councilors for the virtual Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 23 at 8:00 am PT/11:00 am ET. Please check your inbox for emails from [secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org) for all information regarding sending in your credential card.

#### Technology

Please note that a desktop or laptop computer is necessary to access the Lumi platform, as phones and tablets are not compatible with their software in the virtual only environment. Please note that it is recommended that you use Chrome, New Edge or Firefox on a laptop or desktop computer. IE, Safari, and Legacy Edge, as well as iPad and smartphones, are not supported. Technical Specifications on how to log-in, enter the speaking queue, and vote are posted on the [ACS Council Governance](#) page.

#### Council Agenda

The Council agenda is now available [online](#). Please note that Councilors will hear reports from Officers, Chairs of Elected Committees, and from Chairs of committees that have action before Council.

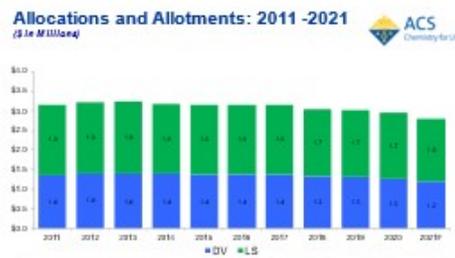
## Committees with Actions Before Council

### B&F Looks to Grow Resources Available to Sections and Divisions!

William J. Greenlee, Chair

At the Council meeting scheduled for March 23rd, the Committee on Budget & Finance (B&F) will present a petition to change the way in which the pool of funds available for distribution to Local Sections and Technical Divisions is calculated each year. The goal of this petition is to provide a stream of support that grows over time and benefits from the increasing strength of the Society's financial position. B&F truly values the work that Sections and Divisions do for and on behalf of our members; this proposed change will help solidify the Society's support tangibly.

Currently, Standing Rule II, Sec 7, Dues (e) notes "An annual allocation from SOCIETY funds equivalent to 20 percent of SOCIETY dues revenue applicable to the second preceding year shall be made to provide for financial support of Local Sections and Divisions..." Under this long-standing methodology, the total resource pool available for distribution (\$3.2 million) is roughly equal to what it was in 2000, not accounting for the loss of purchasing power due to inflation over this period. These constrained resources have presented a challenge to meeting greater ambitions of LS/TD or adapting to changes in the Society and its members. The reason for this decline is that dues revenues have gradually declined for more than a decade. The two graphs below illustrate the impact.



In place of the dues-based calculation method, B&F is recommending an endowment approach. Under this proposed model, a portion of the ACS' unrestricted long-term investment pool (General Fund) would be set aside by the Board of Directors. Annually, a "draw" of approximately 4 percent of the fund's value would be made available to DAC and LSAC for allocations and allotments. The initial value of the fund would be established to ensure that initial annual payouts are equal to or greater than the current funding level. Over time, we expect this fund to grow at a rate of 5 percent, plus inflation, which would preserve the purchasing power of these monies and increase the funds available over time. In effect, Sections and Divisions would get an "equity stake" as the Society's financial position grows in the future.

The other change that the petition seeks is to eliminate a specific allocation of dues revenue to support Chemical and Engineering News (C&EN). Support for this highly regarded publication/member benefit would refer to "general revenues" as opposed to dues alone. There will be no impact on C&EN, or the level of support provided to it as a result of this proposed change.

Members of B&F will visit each Caucus session prior to the Council meeting to review this petition and to answer any questions that you might have. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Bill Greenlee (B&F Chair) at [william@medchemdiscovery.com](mailto:william@medchemdiscovery.com) or Al Horvath (ACS Treasurer/CFO) at [a\\_horvath@acs.org](mailto:a_horvath@acs.org).

## New Membership Model Rollout

**Laura Sremaniak, Chair, Membership Affairs**

At the time of writing, we are 41 days post "go-live" in our new membership model, which Council overwhelmingly approved last spring. Many of you who have renewals early in the calendar year, and especially for those renewing online, have likely already seen the changes in action. For the first time ever, many of you had a choice between two membership options—both at a lower price.

The ACS Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC) and staff are closely monitoring the choice share for those who have already renewed their membership in 2022. Consistent with the extensive research and modeling we did last year, 85% of renewing members are choosing the Premium Package which has the same level of benefits we are accustomed to, at a lower price of \$160. The remaining 15% are choosing the Standard Package which has a smaller set of benefits at \$80. We are also monitoring the third, Basic Package of benefits for Community Associates, a new group that grew out of a very successful MAC market test. We piloted the no-cost Basic Package with slimmed-down benefits in 2020, making it an option during the registration process for ACS Webinars.

At our virtual Council meeting this spring, MAC has two actions before Council. In the first, we have proposed minor changes to the Schedule of Membership (SoM) for 2023. As a reminder, Council will have the opportunity to provide an "up or down" vote on the package. We are proposing three changes:

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## **Committee on Committees (ConC) Council Action Items**

**Diane Krone, Chair**

During the virtual Council Meeting in March, the Committee on Committees (ConC) will bring two recommendations before Council for approval.

ConC received a request from the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities (CWD) to update its duties. CWD seeks to change the language in their duties from students to persons to be more inclusive to ACS members of all levels and backgrounds participating in the SOCIETY's meetings and events. ConC supports this amendment to the CWD duties and will seek approval from the Council on this recommendation.

As part of their duties, Standing Rule II requires that ConC review each Society Committee no less often than every five years and advise the Board of Directors and Council whether they should be continued. In fulfilling the Standing Rule mandate, ConC will also seek Council approval on the recommendation for continuance of CWD.

The ultimate adoption of both recommendations will be contingent on the approval by the Board of Directors.

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

Sheila Murphy, Chair

The Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) is presenting for Council action in San Diego a proposed Division name change.

The objects of the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry (CARB) are to be the stimulation of interest, the encouragement of research, and the diffusion of information in all that pertains to the chemistry and technology of sugars and other carbohydrates. The CARB division national meeting program attracts scientists from the chemical glycobiology community with increased programming, either directly through CARB members or collaboratively with the chemical glycobiology community, specifically in this field of chemistry. The CARB division has a sizable number of chemical glycobiologists amongst its membership, its Executive Committee and division Awardees. Younger chemical glycobiologists dominate the community of CARB junior awards and traditional carbohydrate chemists are training new generations of chemical glycobiologists. With this shift in emphasis CARB membership voted on, and supported, a name change to better reflect the breadth of the division's activities. Following ACS procedures DAC reached out to all divisions for written comment on the support, opposition, or neutrality of the name change resulting in 23 divisions reporting neutral or support for the proposed name change and a single division opposing the change. DAC facilitated further discussions between CARB and the opposing division whereby opposition was withdrawn, and DAC will move the following motion at the spring council meeting.

### The motion:

Effective January 1, 2023, the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry (CARB) will change its name to the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry & Chemical Glycobiology (CARB).

### Other dates to note include:

**Saturday, March 19, 4:00–6:00 pm (PT), Hilton San Diego Bayfront: Aqua 303.**

DAC will hold a DAC Networking Open Meeting to meet and greet attending DAC members, division officers, and ACS members interested to find out more about DAC and ACS divisions.

**Tuesday March 22, 4:00–5:30 pm (PT)** DAC will host the [virtual Division Officers Caucus/Division Councilors Caucus \(DOC/DCC\)](#). Following the virtual meeting, national meeting attendees are invited to a DOC/DCC reception in **Hilton San Diego Bayfront: Aqua Salon D**  
**5:30–6:30 pm PT**

## IAC Action: Switzerland International Chemical Sciences Chapter Application

**Sergio C. Nanita, Chair**

The ACS Committee on International Activities (IAC) will be bringing forward an application for the establishment of a Switzerland International Chemical Sciences Chapter to Council for approval. The petition to charter this international chapter was brought forth by sixty-four ACS members in good standing located in Switzerland. Within the international chapter application packet, the ACS members in Switzerland have provided a prospective list of three chapter officers, a letter of support from the Swiss Chemical Society, a proposed activities schedule for 2022, as well as a draft chapter budget for 2022. The IAC carefully reviewed and approved this application during the Fall 2021 Meeting. For more information on ACS international chapters, please visit the [ACS website](#).

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## ACS Board of Directors Regular Meeting



Join the ACS Board of Directors for their Open Regular Meeting. Hear Dr. Kathryn L. Beers from NIST speak on **"A More Sustainable Chemistry Future via Circularity"** and a brief report of the Board Executive Session.

**Sunday, March 20**

**3:00 - 4:00 pm PT**

**San Diego Convention Center**

**Room 6A**

**Hybrid**

## Spring 2022 Governance Meetings

For meeting times and dates of ACS Governance meetings prior to or during ACS Spring 2022, please visit [Spring 2022 Governance Meetings](#) to find details and contact information for each meeting.

[2022 Councilor Caucus Schedule](#)

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## Constitution & Bylaws: Updated ACS Governing Documents

The January 1, 2022 edition of the ACS Governing Documents is available at <http://www.acs.org/govdocs>. Extensive changes were made per the Schedule of Membership and the following petitions: Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Minority Affairs; Petition to Harmonize Committee Structures, Processes, and Terms; and Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Local Section Activities.

The petition deadline to amend the Constitution and Bylaws is May 4, 2022 (16 weeks before the August 24, 2022, fall Council meeting).

Attention to all Local Sections, Divisions, and International Chemical Sciences Chapters, please check your unit's bylaws. If your unit's bylaws have not been updated within the past 10 years, it's time to update them. There are two easy options to update your bylaws: 1) Model bylaws, or 2) Questions document. Both can be found at <http://www.acs.org/govdocs>. Please contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) at [bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org) if you have any questions or comments, or would like our assistance in helping you to update your bylaws.

### Committee on Chemical Safety Task Force on DEIR and Chemical Health and Safety

**Samuella B. Sigmann, Chair**

The Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) has formed the Task Force on DEIR Related to Chemical Health and Safety.

The charge to the Task Force is to explore how DEIR concerns expressed in the [ACS' Statement on DEIR](#) uniquely affect the ability for chemists to function safely when working in academic and industrial laboratories. The outcome of the work of the Task Force will be a report that includes a review of relevant literature findings related to issues related to both DEIR and chemical safety and actionable efforts and strategies on making chemistry laboratories safe, inclusive, and welcoming environments.

The Task Force invites comments from the community. The received comments will inform the Task Force discussions. Please contact us at [safety@acs.org](mailto:safety@acs.org)

## Committee on Chemists with Disabilities

Michelle Cummings, Chair

CWD continues to work with other entities (ACS and non-ACS) to ensure that all persons have opportunities to advance the chemical sciences by drawing on their full range of talents.

Highlights to look forward to at the virtual meeting include:

### CWD Resources and Information

The committee is working on updating the “Teaching Chemistry Students with a Disability” resource guide. This is envisioned to be a living resource that will continue to be updated with best practices. Additionally, CWD is organizing panel discussions at the San Diego meeting as well as subsequent National meetings to further bring awareness to persons with disabilities navigating the chemical enterprise.

### Enabling Accommodations for Other ACS Events

The committee has dedicated matching grant funds for regional and local events to encourage event coordinators to implement accommodations for participants. This can be initiated by sending an email to [cwd@acs.org](mailto:cwd@acs.org) and we encourage regional and local ACS event and program coordinators to contact us!

### External collaborations

CWD continues to collaborate with other professional organizations to share best practices and understand how CWD can have a positive impact on enabling and promoting persons with disabilities in the sciences.

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## Our Newest DEIR Resource: the ACS Inclusivity Style Guide!

ACS is pleased to share a new resource—the *ACS Inclusivity Style Guide*, also available as an open-access chapter in the ACS Guide to Scholarly Communication. This resource:

- shares best practices for inclusive communication
- is regularly updated and expanded
- provides clear examples of what works effectively and why.

The guide includes recommendations on a wide range of topics, but also has information and tools to make communication more accessible to those with disabilities, and links to find stock images of people from all dimensions of diversity. Questions about this guide can be directed to [ISG@acs.org](mailto:ISG@acs.org).



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## 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. 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 calendars and let us know if you will be attending the orientation program by sending an email to [cpc@acs.org](mailto:cpc@acs.org) to receive registration details.**



## A Senior & Younger Chemists “Meet & Treat” Event – Come Join Us!

The ACS Senior Chemists Committee is hosting a “Networking with Chemistry Professionals & Students” event onsite during the ACS Spring 2022 Meeting in San Diego. The event will take place on Sunday, March 20 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. PT at the San Diego Convention Center, Room 17AB. Professionals in industry, academia, government, small businesses, and non-profit, are invited to come out and share your expertise and experiences with undergraduates and younger chemists and enjoy a frozen treat as part of our thanks for your participation. The Younger Chemists Committee, the ACS Undergraduate Student Advisory Board, and the Division on Business Management & Development are cosponsors for the event. If you are traveling to the meeting and would like to participate, please send an email to [seniorchemists@acs.org](mailto:seniorchemists@acs.org). We hope you will join us in San Diego!

## Help Senior Chemists Stay Connected – SCC Local Section Mini-Grant Program

The Senior Chemists Committee program is offering a limited number of grants (up to \$500) to sections that wish to sponsor an event or activity (this includes virtual events) that will increase the engagement of senior members and encourage innovative activities that will benefit the local community, schools, or legislative government. Grant funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis with the review of the SCC Awards Subcommittee. Local sections must submit its application online by May 31, 2022. A summary report must be submitted within 30 days of the conclusion of the event. If you have any questions, please send them to [seniorchemists@acs.org](mailto:seniorchemists@acs.org). Please [apply](#) and help senior chemists stay connected!

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# Chocolate Chemistry

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## Senior Chemists Committee presents “Chocolate Chemistry!”

The SCC will host its virtual “coffee hour social” event on March 29 at 1:00 p.m. ET. The theme will be “Chocolate Chemistry.” The keynote speakers for the event are Cordelia Running, an assistant professor in Nutrition & Food Science at Purdue University, and Matt Hartings, an associate professor of Chemistry at American University and author of Chemistry in Your Kitchen. Come and join us for this special event.

[Register Here](#)

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## Chemists Celebrate Earth Week

**Lori R. Stepan, Chair, Committee on Community Activities**

The Committee on Community Activities would like to remind you that Earth Week is right around the corner! For years, chemists have been promoting a better world through recyclable plastics, cleaner-burning fuels, phosphate-free detergents, environmental monitoring, and green chemistry initiatives. To promote the positive role that chemistry plays in the world, ACS established the Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) public awareness campaign. During CCEW, ACS members and chemistry enthusiasts celebrate by coordinating events and communicating the importance of chemistry. You can get involved or get more information by contacting the outreach coordinator for your ACS local section.

This year we will celebrate Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) the week of April 17–23, 2022 with the theme, “The Buzz About Bugs: Insect Chemistry.” Explore the many ways insects in nature can help us (promote biodiversity, pollinate fruits and vegetables, produce honey and silk, etc.) or bug us (give us itchy bites, spread disease, etc.), and the exciting chemistry at play in the lives of insects. Our Celebrating Chemistry publication is available online or free to local sections and is intended for 4th – 6th grade audiences. Educational resources for all ages and a design toolkit are available on the CCEW website, as well as information about our Illustrated Poem contest for K-12 students. How will you celebrate Earth Week this year?

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## ACS Fellows Program 2022

**Nominations are open for 2022 ACS Fellows. Nominations will be accepted [online](#) until April 1, 2022 (11:59 PDT).**

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.

### Eligibility

- The selection of ACS Fellows is based on both of two defined areas: (1) Documented excellence and leadership that has an impact in the science, the profession, education, and/or management; and (2) Documented excellence and leadership in volunteer service, based on specific results achieved, in service to the ACS and its membership and community.
- Nominees and nominators must be current members (including retired and emeritus members) in good standing of the ACS. Former members or deceased members will not be considered as nominees.
- Current members of the ACS Fellows Selection Committee, ACS Fellows Oversight Committee, ACS Board of Directors, and current ACS staff are not eligible to be nominees or nominators.

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## 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.** If approved in advance for recording, 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.

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