I am honored to serve as President-Elect this year. For my presidential year, I have chosen the theme “Growth, Collaboration, and Advocacy.” We know that in a highly competitive world, growth is desirable and necessary. Possible areas of growth are sustainability, innovation, collaboration and international development. Of course, we need to continue our advocacy efforts to get continued public and government support.

In the sustainability area, I have written two articles on sustainability, with more to come. I have made plans to organize three symposia in the coming three years. This week, Joe Sabol and I are organizing a SCHB symposium on “Sustainable Green Chemistry: Bench to Market.” The symposium in 2021 will emphasize the use of biobased materials, food and agriculture. The symposium in 2022 will entail polymers for sustainability. I am also editing a book on sustainability and green polymer chemistry right now. It should be completed next month.

In the innovation and entrepreneurship area, I am working with Jim Skinner of SCHB, Diane Schmidt of BMGT and ACS staff to produce two ACS webinars on entrepreneurship training to be presented on October 28 and November 5. I am also planning a symposium in 2021 in Atlanta.

In the International area, I will be involved with an ACS on Campus virtual event in October and a virtual symposium in Brazil in November.

In the Advocacy area, I am working with ACS staff and YCC to have a training course on advocacy, for YCC and student leaders, at the Leadership Institute in 2021.

I have also been involved with several other activities listed in the next slide. Because of the pandemic, most of these were virtual meetings. I hope to do more travel next year.
ACS President-Elect’s Report to Council

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Theme: Growth, Collaboration, Advocacy

- Growth is desirable in a competitive world but requires efforts to achieve
- Some possible areas for growth:
  - Sustainability (and Green Chemistry)
  - Innovation, entrepreneurship, industrial engagement
  - Collaboration
  - International developments
- Advocacy (encouraging public and government support)
Update

• Sustainability
  – Advocacy for Sustainability (C&EN Comment, Op Ed article)
  – Symposium activities
    • Fall 2020 (Virtual) – product development
      – Sustainable Green Chemistry: Bench to Market (SChB, lead)
    • Spring 2021 (San Antonio) - agro-materials, food-water-energy nexus
      – Sustainability: Advances and Applications (AGFD, lead)
    • Fall 2022 (Chicago) – polymeric materials
      – Green Polymer Chemistry and Sustainability (POLY, lead)
  – Book activities
    • 2020 – ACS book on “Green Polymer Chem & Sustainability”
    • 2021 and 2022 (ACS book or special journal issue)
 Updates

• Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Industrial-Academic Collaboration
  – ACS Webinars on Entrepreneurship Training (SCHB, BMGT, CTA, CA, and Industry Member Program), Oct. 28, Nov. 5
  – Symposium on Innovation/Entrepreneurship/Industrial Engagement
    • ACS Atlanta Meeting, August 2021

• International
  – ACS on Campus (Germany, virtual), October
  – Brazil environment and energy symposium (virtual), November

• Advocacy
  – Advocacy workshop for YCC and student leaders (EAC) at LDI in January 2021
Other Activities, 2020

- Leadership Institute, January 24-26
- Safety Summit, February 21-22
- CSSP Conference, May 2-4 (Zoom)
- Central Texas Section Award Event (April 28) – Feature Speaker (Zoom)
- Louisiana Section Award Event (May 21) – Feature Speaker (Zoom)
- Green Chemistry and Engineering, June (virtual)
- ConC DI&R Meeting, August 5, closing speaker
- ACS National Meeting (virtual) – organize two symposia, August 17-20
- M&E (August 10) and YCC (August 15), guest speaker