

Society Committee on Education

Mister President-Elect and Members of Council:

[SLIDE 1]: The Society Committee on Education (SOCED) congratulates the US Chemistry Olympiad team that earned four gold medals in the 52nd International Chemistry Olympiad, earning the top overall score. This year's event, as well as the US National Chemistry Olympiad study camp, was held virtually without any laboratory components.

The committee also considered several strategies associated with the SOCED Strategic plan, [SLIDE 2] fulfilling our mission to develop and implement policies and resources to advance chemistry education and to connect its diverse communities. These strategies highlight the need for increased collaboration within ACS and across the scientific and educational communities. Such interactions and collaborations are necessary to fulfill SOCED's mission and Goal 3 of the ACS Strategic Plan to support excellence in education.

The ACS Core Values of diversity, inclusion, and respect are key component of excellence in education. Plans are being made for a SOCED informational and training webinar on building an inclusive chemical education culture.

SOCED considered revisions to two ACS policy statements expiring in 2020, voting to approve revisions to Fostering Scientific Progress: US Visas for Academic Study & Conference Attendance and revisions to Science and Technology in the Budget.

In closing, SOCED would like to acknowledge all the ACS staff and volunteers for the tremendous support being provided to learners and educators across the chemistry community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you!

Mister President-Elect, this concludes my report.

Jennifer Nielson, Chair

Report from the Society Committee on Education



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Chemistry Olympiad



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SOCED Mission



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