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Academic Record: University of North Texas, B.S., 1986.

Honors: ACS Local Section Outreach Volunteer of the Year, 2018; ACS Distinguished Service Award, Division of Energy & Fuels, 2013, 2020; ACS Fellow 2012; ACS Distinguished Service Award, Division of Petroleum Chemistry, 2005; American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D16 Award of Appreciation, 2016; ASTM D02 Award of Appreciation, 2012.

Professional Positions (for past 10 years): Petroleum Analyzer Company, L.P., Vice President, 1999 to date.

Service in ACS National Offices: ACS Board of Directors, Councilor ex-officio, Director, District IV, 2020-22; ACS Board Committee on Strategic Planning, Member, 2019-21, Chair, 2021; Committee of Professional and Member Relations, Member, 2020-21; Council Policy Committee, Member, 2016-21, Vice-Chair 2019; Women Chemists Committee, 2014-17; Committee Associate, 2010-13; Committee on Divisional Activities, Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group, Chair 2014, Chair-Elect 2013, Subcommittee Chair 2011-19; Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols, Committee Associate 2009-10.

Service in ACS Offices: *Division of Energy & Fuels:* Councilor, 2014-19; Alternate Councilor, 2012-13. *Greater Houston Section:* Chair, 2017; Treasurer, 2012-14; Awards Chair 2018 to date; *Division of Petroleum Chemistry:* Alternate Councilor, 2008-11; Chair 2005; Chair-Elect, 2004; Newsletter Editor, 1997-2004; Treasurer, 1993-96; Area II Representative 1992-94. *Biotechnology Secretariat:* Secretary-Treasurer 2007-12.

Member (current): Member ACS since 1990. American Society for Testing and Materials. *ACS Division(s):* Energy and Fuels; Business Development and Management; Professional Relations; Women Chemists.

Related Activities: ACS Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS) Fundraising Chair, 2022, 2016; ASTM D02.03 Petroleum Products Elemental Analysis Task Group Leader, 2009 to date; ASTM D16 Aromatics, Chair, 2022, Secretary 2010-16; ASTM D16.04 Instrumental Analysis, Subcommittee Chair 2008-16; ASTM D16.94 Publicity Subcommittee Chair 2017 to date; published nine articles.

STATEMENT
Lisa Houston

I am honored to be a once again be a nominee for District IV Director. I joined ACS as a member 30 years ago and have been an active volunteer at all levels including local section, division, regional meetings, national committees, and the Board of Directors. I began my ACS career in the division of Petroleum Chemistry (now Energy & Fuels) where I have served in almost every position including Area Representative, Treasurer, Chair, Alternate Councilor, and currently as Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee. I also volunteer for the Greater Houston Local Section where I have served as Treasurer, Chair and currently serve as Chair of the Awards Committee. During this time, I also had the opportunity to serve on the organizing committee of the

2016 Southwest Regional Meeting as Fundraising Chair and am now serving as the Fundraising Chair for the 2022 Southeast Regional Meeting. All these volunteer opportunities have advanced my professional career by providing leadership training in a host of different areas that have crossed over into my professional life and ultimately have led to my current position as Vice President for PAC, an analytical instrument company.

The ACS Board of Directors has the responsibility to guide and direct the Society in fulfilling its vision of “improving all people’s lives through the transforming power of chemistry”. My commitment to you is to continue working closely with the Board, Executive Director and CEO, committees, local sections, divisions, and all members of our society “to advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and all its people”.

There are many issues that the society faces that I am committed to moving forward including the following priorities:

- Communicate the Value of ACS. ACS provides a host of benefits for members in all stages of their education and careers including professional development, scientific publications, recognition, career counseling and other resources, and networking. However, this value proposition is not always communicated clearly and/or through members’ preferred communication platforms. We need to determine which communication tools work best for different audiences and tailor the messages appropriately. This will drive member engagement as well as attract new members.
- Advance Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR). I am proud to have served on the 2020 Board working group that recommended changes to the ACS Strategic Plan to include a 5th goal to embrace and advance inclusion in chemistry which was approved by the Board. In my current role as Chair of the Board Committee on Strategic Planning, we continue to focus efforts on developing strategies to advance DEIR in the chemical enterprise as outlined in my March 21, 2021 C&EN comment [Working together toward diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect in the chemistry enterprise](#). (cen.acs.org)
- Strong local sections, international chapters, and divisions. ACS is a grassroots organization, and it is imperative that its grassroots units become and remain healthy as they are the backbone of the society. ACS would not exist if it were not for our dedicated volunteers at every level; however, the local sections, international chapters and divisions are normally held together by a small subsegment of their population. We need to develop mechanisms to aid them in engaging an active volunteer pipeline including students, academic and industrial professionals to strengthen and increase their impact. We also need to encourage the interactions between them which will serve to provide further strength.
- Science Communication & Advocacy. Our future as a society, a nation, and as chemical professionals depends on how well the public and legislators understand the benefits of chemistry. Their understanding, or the lack thereof, affects funding of research and development and STEM education, as well as laws and regulations that impact chemical businesses and jobs. ACS must provide resources to help understand the importance of chemistry to daily lives, health, and well-being. We must inspire, equip, and support ACS members in delivering positive messages in their communities and to enhance the perception and appreciation for chemistry from the local through the federal levels of government as well as the public.

Thank you for your consideration for my continuance as District IV Director. I would be honored to have your support and vote.