



CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT VI DIRECTOR, 2021-2023



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Academic record: Elmhurst College, B.S. with Honor, Chemistry, 1980; University of Washington, Foster School of Business, MBA Organizational Development & Behavior, 1987.

Honors: ACS Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS, 2020. E. Ann Nalley North West Region Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS, 2014; ACS Richland Section Chemist of the Year, 2013; ACS Fellow, 2011; U.S. DOE National Award for Pollution Prevention Outreach, 2000; Battelle Key Contributor Award, 1999, 1997; Battelle-PNNL Woman of Achievement, 1995; Federal Lab Consortium Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer, 1993; Phi Kappa Phi, Scholarship Honorary, 1978; Omicron Delta Kappa, Leadership Honorary, 1978.

Professional positions (for past 10 years): Retired, 2019, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Battelle, Senior S&T Specialist V, Earth & Biological Sciences, 2016-19; Scientist/ Engineer IV, 2000-15; Scientist/Engineer I - III, 1980-2000.

Service in ACS national offices: Committee on Divisional Activities, 2017-20; Committee on Committees, 2011-16; Women Chemists Committee, 2002-10, Committee

Associate, 1999-2001, Chair, 2010, Program and Communications Subcommittee Chair 2003-09, Secretary 1999-2001, Newsletter Editor 2001-03.

Service in ACS offices: *Division of Business Development & Management:* Councilor, 2009-20, Alternate Councilor, 2004-06, Chair, 2008, Chair-Elect, 2007, Immediate Past Chair 2009, Program Chair, 2005-06, Program Committee, 2010-20: *Richland Section:* Chair, 2003, Chair-Elect, 2002, Executive Committee, 2004-20. *Northwest Region Board of Directors:* Representative, 2008-19; Chair, 2016-19, Awards Committee Chair, 2008-16: *Northwest Regional Meeting:* Operations Manager 2018, Organizing Committee 2016-18; *Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group (MPPG):* Member-at-Large 2019-21, Co-Chair, Fall 2020 for "Chemistry from Bench to Market".

Member (current) Member ACS since 1996. *ACS Divisions:* Division of Business Development & Management; Chemical Education; Industrial & Engineering Chemistry; Nuclear Chemistry; Professional Relations; Small Chemical Businesses.

Related activities: IUPAC; AAAS; Association of Women in Science (AWIS); Alpha Phi; Women in Nuclear; International Council on System Engineering (INCOSE), Tri-Cities Chapter; Women Helping Women Fund Tri-Cities.

STATEMENT

The statements of the candidates represent their opinions and do not necessarily represent the views of the ACS.

Colleagues, I am honored to be considered as a candidate for District VI Director. With the combination of nearly 40 years as a multidisciplinary research scientist /project manager at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), and nearly 24 years of ACS experience as a professional chemist, I have sharpened my organizational and leadership skills with ever-increasing roles of responsibility. In both my professional and volunteer roles, I have enabled teamwork, fostered innovation, and mentored many chemists to achieve success and maximize impact. I have a proven track record of working in my local section, six divisions, multiple ACS national committees, and national lab day-job to develop goals, and determine and execute projects and initiatives to achieve those goals.

A bit of background: I joined the ACS as a Student Affiliate in my undergraduate years and continued early in my professional career, both working full time and in graduate school. I returned to ACS in 1996 and have been an active volunteer since at all levels of the Society, including local section, multiple divisions, regional meetings and Northwest Region Board of Directors, and several national committees, including being elected to the Committee on Committees.

Historically, I began my ACS career with an appointment to the Women Chemists Committee where I held various leadership roles over 12 years, including chairing the national committee. I also became involved as part of a dynamic team to help rejuvenate what was then a stagnant Division of Business Development and Management (BMGT). In 21 years of service to BMGT, I am happy to report a thriving division, with award-winning services and a robust group of volunteers with great diversity.

I have also volunteered within the Richland Local Section since 1997, having served as Earth Day Coordinator (10+ years), Chair succession, long-standing Awards Committee Chair, Bylaws Committee Chair, and appointed Representative to the ACS Northwest Region Board of Directors for over a decade – including Chairing the Northwest Region (2016-2019).

All these volunteer opportunities have shaped me by providing leadership training in a host of areas that also benefitted my professional life as a Research Scientist/Project Manager. Given my recent retirement from my “day job”, ACS continues to give me opportunities to positively impact and influence opportunities for chemists, to open doors, mentor, and tackle issues of importance to our discipline, and to our District.

My commitment to you is to work closely with the board, executive director and CEO, committees, local sections, divisions, and all members of our Society to guide ACS in meeting its mission, while bringing the “west coast perspective” to the Board. District VI covers a lot of geographic and diverse territory that is uniquely different from other Districts in the Society. I understand that.

My priorities:

Increase/retain membership. We must continue to deliver services that meet members’ needs and provide innovative services to stay scientifically current, increase chemists’ skills to succeed in today’s global marketplace, and provide recognition, job opportunities, and networking.

Strong local sections, international chapters, and divisions. ACS is a grassroots organization. It is imperative that its grassroots units remain healthy, as they are the backbone of the Society. ACS would not exist if not for our dedicated volunteers at every level; however, the local sections, international chapters, and divisions are typically held together by a small sub-segment of their total membership. We need to develop mechanisms to aid and engage an active volunteer pipeline to strengthen and increase collective global impact. We also need to encourage cross-functional interactions between them, as working together only strengthens impact/opportunities for all.

Science communication and advocacy. We live in complicated times. Our future depends on how well the public and legislators understand the benefits of chemistry. Their understanding or lack thereof, affects funding of R&D and STEM education as well as laws and regulations that impact chemical businesses and jobs. ACS must provide resources to help communicate 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.

My MBA from the University of WA Foster School of Business (1987), and >30 years as a Project Manager, give me a unique lens to bring to the Board of Directors. I pledge to contribute my energy, enthusiasm, and experience to help keep ACS strong. I urge you to vote for me for District VI Director, and I would be honored by your support.