

# Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society



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## General Information

The candidates for the fall 2013 ACS national election (ballots to be distributed in October) were announced as follows:

## Candidates for President-Elect, 2014

- Dr. G. Bryan Balazs, Associate Program Leader, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Livermore, CA
- Dr. Charles E. Kolb, Jr., President and CEO, Aerodyne Research Inc., Billerica, MA
- Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt, Section Head R&D, The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH

## Candidates for District II Director, 2014-2016

- Dr. George M. Bodner, Arthur Kelly Distinguished Professor of Chemistry Education and Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- Dr. Alan A. Hazari, Director of Chemistry Labs and Lecturer, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F), the Board voted to approve an **advance member registration fee of \$380 for national meetings held in 2014.**
- The Board also voted to reauthorize funding in next year's proposed budget for the ACS International Center, and the ACS Entrepreneurial Initiative, and **to authorize funding for a new initiative, the National Association of Chemistry Teachers (NACT).** This association will be an ACS program to provide teachers a professional home. Through NACT they will have access to specialized resources and the broader ACS community.
- **The ACS Leadership Institute for newly-elected Local Section Officers will be held in Dallas, TX, on January 24-26, 2014.** Registration information will be forthcoming.

## Realignment of Electoral Districts

ACS Bylaws require that the six electoral districts – from which six directors are elected to the ACS Board of Directors – be balanced in their total member populations. The Council voted to approve a proposal by the Committee on Nominations and Elections to realign these districts. The realignment meets the specified criteria for redistricting as required by Bylaw V, Section 4a and brings all six districts within permissible population range. **This change does not affect the 2013 election for District Director.**

# Committee Reports (Highlights)

Committee on Committees (ConC) — ConC recognized Councilors for service on Council and on the various Committees. Our Councilor was recognized for **30 years** of Service.

## Society Committee on Education (SOCED)

SOCED recognized the achievement that is present in the **Next Generation Science Standards**, including their basis in research on teaching and learning, their formulation as performance standards, and their basis in the NRC framework and its dimensions of Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Cross Cutting Concepts. SOCED supported the Standards as a document that is broadly applicable as a basis for K-12 science instruction and called on the Society to develop innovative programming to support the implementation of the Standards.

## Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA)

CEPA reported that employment is up and unemployment is down for ACS chemists. The complete review of the Comprehensive Salary Survey will appear in the September 23 issue of *C&EN*.

## Committee on Project SEED

During the Summer of 2013 444 students were served in more than 100 laboratories (3 were served locally by members of the KACS at WMU)

## Meeting Registration Report

As of the morning of September 11, 2013, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 10,840 registrants, including 6,630 regular attendees and 2,584 students.

## Divisions

After much debate, a proposed **name change** for the *Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry* to the *Division of Colloids, Surfaces, and Nanomaterials* was defeated by the Council in a close vote.

## Special Discussion Item

A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President Marinda Wu presented and moderated a discussion on “What can we – as the Society and as individual citizens – do to help create jobs or demand for chemists?” She shared five recommendations from the presidential task force “Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members to Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise” and what they might imply for our efforts to help create jobs: discover and share information about the skills and competencies that a wide range of employers will need; continue to expand resources which help our members to position themselves for successful careers in the global chemistry enterprise; enable entrepreneurs to create and strengthen their startups that hire chemistry professionals; advocate for policies that improve the business climate and promote the creation of chemistry jobs;

and work with other stakeholders to understand and influence the supply and demand of chemists and jobs. Following the presentation, numerous Councilors engaged in a discussion of this focused topic on possibilities to encourage jobs creation and offered several suggestions.

## Actions of the Board of Directors

The Board held a lengthy strategic issue discussion on the topic “Connecting Chemists with Each Other.” It considered what the role of ACS should be in helping chemists develop relationships with other chemists and the strategies that enable those relationships; how these strategies encourage and support younger and international members; and how these strategies develop relationships to leverage the world-renowned chemists/innovators that comprise our membership.

The Board received a briefing and approved a recommendation from its Committee on Executive Compensation. The compensation of the Society’s executive staff receives regular review from the Board. **Executive compensation is considered appropriate if it is around ¾ of the average compensation at comparable non-profit+for-profit organizations.**

The Board confirmed the recommendation of the ACS Executive Director/CEO of the new President of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). He is Manuel (Manny) Guzman, most recently Executive Vice President of Learning and Research Solutions of Cengage Learning. Mr. Guzman succeeds Robert J, Massie, who is retiring after leading CAS with great distinction and success for 21 years and is retiring in March 2014.

## Additional Information

The following is a list of URLs and email addresses should have helpful information

**[www.my.acs.org](http://www.my.acs.org) (<http://www.my.acs.org>)**

Showcases stories and photos submitted by members describing what best defines their ACS membership experience. If your story is selected, you receive a T-shirt.

**[www.acs.org/councilors](http://www.acs.org/councilors) (<http://www.acs.org/councilors>)**

Sets out reasonable lists of duties and expectations of Councilors, their role in governance, and information on governance organization and operations.

**[www.acs.org/getinvolved](http://www.acs.org/getinvolved) (<http://www.acs.org/getinvolved>)**

Offers many ways to get involved at the local, regional, and national levels. There are opportunities for everyone, whether a student, just starting a career, or a seasoned professional.

**[www.acs.org/cta](http://www.acs.org/cta) (<http://www.acs.org/cta>)**

Gives information about the Committee on Technician Affairs and will highlight its fiftieth anniversary.

**[www.acs.org/ChemistryAmbassadors](http://www.acs.org/ChemistryAmbassadors) (<http://www.acs.org/chemistryambassadors>)**

Is the site for ideas and resources to engage your community with positive messages about chemistry.

**[bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org) (<mailto:bylaws@acs.org>)**

Is the go-to site for current bylaws and instructions on how to amend them, if necessary.