

# Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society



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## Actions of the Council

### Election Results

#### Elected Committees of Council

By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Harmon B. Abrahamson**, **Lissa A. Dulany**, **Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks**, and **Sally B. Peters** for a 2017-2019 term, **Martin D. Rudd** for a 2017-2018 term, and **Karl S. Booksh** and **Ella L. Davis** for a one-year term, 2017, on the Council Policy Committee.

By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Lisa M. Balbes**, **Thomas H. Lane**, **Amber S. Hinkle**, **Alan M. Ehrlich**, and **Alan A. Hazari** for a 2017-2019 term and **Neil D. Jespersen** for a one-year term, 2017, on the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Wayne E. Jones Jr.**, **D. Richard Cobb**, **Stephanie J. Watson**, **Dee Ann Casteel**, and **Emilio X. Esposito** for three year terms, 2017-2019, on the Committee on Committees.

### Other Council Actions

On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, the Council voted to approve the continuation of the Committee on Analytical Reagents, and the Committee on Chemical Abstracts Service, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities, the Council approved a petition from the Permian Basin Local Section to annex the Texas counties of Pecos and Brewster, and the petition from the Upper Peninsula Local Section to annex unassigned and adjacent territory, and one Michigan county (Menominee) now currently assigned to the Northwest Wisconsin Local Section.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs, the Council approved a petition to amend the ACS Bylaws to extend the Unemployed Members' Dues Waiver, which will **extend waivers for unemployed members' dues from the current two years to three years**, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, the Council approved the *Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct*, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the Council approved the *Bylaws for Divisions in Probationary Status* and the *Charter Bylaws for New Local Sections*.

On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities, the Council approved the establishment of ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapters in Greater Beijing, Southwestern China, and Iraq, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

## Highlights from Committee Reports

### Nominations and Elections The Committee on Nominations and

Elections solicits **input of qualified individuals for President-Elect and/or Directors for future consideration**. Suggestions may be sent to [nomelect@acs.org](mailto:nomelect@acs.org) (<mailto:nomelect@acs.org>). N&E has established the Vote 20/20 Task Force, charged with examining all aspects of nominations and elections for ACS national offices, and designing an enhanced process to be in place by the year 2020. The committee welcomes ideas from all members as to how nominations and elections should be handled. Send comments to [vote2020@acs.org](mailto:vote2020@acs.org) (<mailto:vote2020@acs.org>): The current procedure for elections can be found at [www.acs.org/bulletin5](http://www.acs.org/bulletin5) (<http://www.acs.org/bulletin5>).

### Chemical Safety

New materials pertaining to Safety were highlighted and the websites where they can be accessed are given at the end of this report.

### Budget and Finance

The Committee considered several program funding requests for 2017, and on its recommendations, the Board subsequently approved funding for the Atlantic Basin Conference on Chemistry, the ChemIDP Program; and the International Student Chapter Program.

Additional information can be found at [acs.org](http://acs.org) (<http://acs.org>), at the bottom of the page, click 'About ACS', then 'Financial'. There you will find several years of the Society's audited financial statements and IRS 990 filings.

### Philadelphia Meeting Attendance

As of Tuesday evening, August 23 total attendance at the meeting was 12,800, with 3,249 being registered as students.

## Actions of the Board of Directors

### Board Actions

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to **approve the advance member registration fee of \$445 for national meetings held in 2017**.

### Board Discussions

The Board is seeking ways to engage ACS stakeholders to identify opportunities and issues for governance improvement that will enable ACS to advance its mission in a streamlined and simplified manner. The Board and the Council Policy Committee are creating a new task force that will look at the Society's future governance needs. The chair's report to Council provided additional details on a proposed Society-wide initiative to ensure an agile,

efficient, and effective ACS. The Board discussed the history, role, and contributions of its Standing Committee on Corporation Associates, and the responsibility of ACS to effectively capture the needs of industrial members and their corporations.

The presidents of Chemical Abstracts Service and the ACS Publications Division shared details on their financial performance and editorial and new product development highlights.

## The Board's Regular Session

The Board held a well-attended regular session which featured a discussion on ACS National Meetings of the Future. Board Chair Pat Confalone opened the discussion by stating ACS National Meetings are a key way that ACS fulfills its obligation to deliver scientific information. These National Meetings are successful, but we are always looking for ways to improve and to anticipate what members' future needs - as to these meetings and other subjects - will be. Almost two dozen audience members came forward to offer comments, observations, and suggestions, prompted by a list of questions designed to help focus the discussion.

The following is a list of URLs or email addresses presented in reports at the Council meeting:

- Donna Nelson, President: [djnelson@ou.edu](mailto:djnelson@ou.edu) (<mailto:djnelson@ou.edu>)
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- Budget and Finance: [acs.org/content/acs/en/about/aboutacs/financial.html](http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/aboutacs/financial.html)  
(<http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/aboutacs/financial.html>)
- Constitution and Bylaws: [bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org) (<mailto:bylaws@acs.org>) / [acs.org/bulletin5](http://acs.org/bulletin5)  
(<http://acs.org/bulletin5>)
- Local Section Activities: [acs.org/getinvolved](http://www.acs.org/getinvolved) (<http://www.acs.org/getinvolved>)
- Nominations and Elections: [nomelect@acs.org](mailto:nomelect@acs.org) (<mailto:nomelect@acs.org>) / [vote2020@acs.org](mailto:vote2020@acs.org)  
(<mailto:vote2020@acs.org>)
- Chemistry Ambassadors: [acs.org/getinvolved](http://www.acs.org/getinvolved) (<http://www.acs.org/getinvolved>)
- Committee on Chemical Safety: [safety@acs.org](mailto:safety@acs.org) (<mailto:safety@acs.org>)
- Committee on Chemical Safety: [acs.org/safety](http://acs.org/safety) (<http://acs.org/safety>)
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