

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 *Karl S. Booksh*, *Mark D. Frishberg*, *Zaida C. Morales Martinez*, and *Linette M. Watkins* for three-year terms (2018-2020), and *Ella L. Davis* for a one-year term (2018) on the **Council Policy Committee (CPC)**.

By electronic ballot, the Council elected *Michael Appell*, *Neil D. Jespersen*, *Mamie W. Moy*, *Eleanor D. Siebert*, and *Julianne M.D. Smist* for three-year terms (2018-2020) on the **Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E)**.

By electronic ballot, the Council elected *Mitchell R.M. Bruce*, *Jetty Duffy-Matzner*, *Martha G. Hollomon*, *Diane Krone*, and *Robert A. Pribush* for three-year terms (2018-2020) on the **Committee on Committees (ConC)**.

Other Council Actions

Amendments to the ACS Bylaws

A recommendation by the Committee on Membership Affairs that Council approve the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters **narrowly failed to achieve the two-thirds majority required to amend the Bylaws**. The proposal would have amended Bylaw IX, Section 4, to permit financial support for International Chemical Sciences Chapters and to remove language from the Bylaws prohibiting Chapters from having representation on Council.

Probationary Division of Space Chemistry

The Council **defeated** a proposal from the Committee on Divisional Activities that it establish a **probationary Division of Space Chemistry**, effective January 1, 2018.

Change in Local Section Territory

On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities, the Council approved a petition from the South Jersey Local Section to annex the unassigned and adjacent territory of Ocean County, New Jersey.

Highlights from Committee Reports

Nominations and Elections

Ballots for the 2017 fall national election will be distributed on September 29, with a voting deadline four weeks later, on October

1. In a change of procedures, all members with an email address on file and eligible to vote will receive an **electronic ballot** with the option to request a paper ballot. Those members with no email address on file will be sent a paper ballot with the option to still vote electronically. The ACS election vendor, Survey & Ballot Systems, will send three email reminders during the voting period to those who have not voted as of the reminder date.

Budget and Finance

Information about ACS finances can be found here

(<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/aboutacs/financial.html>). There you will find several years of the Society's audited financial statements and IRS 990 filings.

Washington Meeting Attendance

The theme of the 254th ACS National Meeting was "Chemistry's Impact on the Global Economy".

As of Tuesday evening, August 22, attendance was **12,904**.

Actions of the Board of Directors

The Board's Executive Session

At this meeting, the ACS Board of Directors considered a number of key strategic issues and responded with several actions.

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to **approve the advance member registration fee for national meetings held in 2018 at \$475; and to authorize two new program funding requests: (a) an ACS Online Course in Laboratory Safety, and (b) a New Faculty Workshop Series.**

The Executive Director/CEO Report

The Executive Director/CEO and his direct reports provided updates to the Board on the activities of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) and the ACS Publications Division. He offered current and proposed strategies to increase membership in the Society; reported on safety initiatives, resources and security; and provided an update on the Atlantic Basin Conference on Chemistry (ABCCChem) scheduled for January 2018.

As part of his report, he emphasized that membership recruitment is everyone's responsibility, and that an increase in the recruitment of members from the industrial sector must be a priority; mention was made of increasing efforts in cyber-security with specific mention of the unacceptable activities of SciHub and ResearchGate.

Other Society Business

The Board also held a discussion with officers and members of the board of directors of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) on what governance participation might look like at the organizations' annual meetings, possible meetings between ACS and

NOBCChE at the ACS Leadership Institute, dual membership between both organizations, strategic alliances of student chapters at the local section and regional levels, and ACS Board participation at NOBCChE Annual Conferences.

Supplemental Information for Councilors

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