

# Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society



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## 257th ACS National Meeting

*By Lydia Hines*

### Candidates for President-Elect, 2020

By electronic ballot, the Council selected **H.N. Cheng** and **Carol A. Duane** as candidates for 2020 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

### Candidates for Directors-at-Large

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following **candidates for Directors-at-Large** for 2020-2022 terms: **Harmon B. Abrahamson**, **G. Bryan Balazs**, **D. Richard Cobb**, and **Dorothy J. Phillips**. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall.

### Amendment to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws

The Council approved the Petition to Streamline the ACS Governing Documents [Constitution Articles I-XIX, Bylaws I-XIV, and Standing Rules I-IX], which will reorganize the fundamental governing documents of the Society: the Constitution and Bylaws, and create a third document: Standing Rules. These three documents will function as a hierarchy. The Constitution should define; the Bylaws should authorize; and the Standing Rules should operationalize. Additionally, an Amendment was voted upon, and passed by recorded vote:

That language proposed as Standing Rule II, Sections 2 a, 2 b, and 2 g be moved to the Bylaws as new Sections 2 a, 2 b, and 2 c of proposed Bylaw III with appropriate renumbering of the other sections of Bylaw III and Standing Rule II.

The Petition will become effective if and when the proposed changes to the Constitution are approved by the Membership of the Society, and if and when the Board of Directors approves the Petition. Because the changes to the ACS Governing Documents are substantial, the Council authorized the ACS Secretary and General Counsel and the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws to correct minor technical mistakes in the Petition.

### Council Special Discussion

ACS President Bonnie Charpentier led a special discussion on ACS Relevance to Current and Future Members: Challenges and Opportunities. Councilors provided many recommendations and suggestions including increased support for local sections and industry members, helping student members transition into their professional careers, and implementing a monthly payment tool for ACS dues. These, and all the other ideas and input submitted, will be shared with the Committee on Membership Affairs and the ACS Membership Division for further research or implementation.

## 2020 Member Dues

The Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) to set the **member dues for 2020 at the 2019 rate of \$175.**

## Councilor Divisor

As required by the Society's Bylaws, the Council Policy Committee has set the divisors for allocation of Councilor seats among Local Sections and Divisions for 2020 to 2023. Official notification of the Councilor divisors and the **number of Councilors permitted for each Local Section and Division will be sent to the respective Local Sections and Divisions prior to May 1st** as required in the Bylaws.

## Nominations and Elections

The Committee on Nominations and Elections solicits Councilors' input regarding 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).

## Budget and Finance

In 2018, ACS generated a net from operations of \$41.1 million, which was \$13.3 million higher than 2017. Total revenues were \$571.6 million, increasing 6.4% - or \$34.2 million - over 2017. Expenses ended the year at \$530.5 million, which was \$20.8 million or 4.1% higher than the prior year. These results were attributable to **strong performance from the Society's Information Service units (CAS and ACS Publications) and a continued emphasis on expense management across the ACS.**

Additional information can be found at the ACS Financial Information (<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/aboutacs/financial.html>) page. There you will find several years of the Society's audited financial statements and IRS 990 filings.

## Membership

The **ACS ended 2018 with 151,012 members**, a net membership growth of one-tenth-of-one-percent.

## Orlando Meeting Attendance

As of Tuesday, April 2:

Attendees	7,887
Students	6,019
Exhibitors	869

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Expo only	404
Guests	426
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,605</b>

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## Actions of the Board of Directors

On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointments of Editors-in-Chief for several ACS journals.

The co-chair of the Next Generation ACS Leadership Program Task Force gave an update on the efforts of the task force. The task force has reviewed and considered the history of ACS leadership efforts since 1965 in preparation for offering key considerations and principles for providing ACS members with the means to develop as individuals, professionals and ACS volunteers. Next steps include continuing to gather feedback from various ACS entities and constituencies, and to develop a framework for professional development that is reflective of the ACS core values (focus on members; professionalism; diversity, inclusion and respect; and safety and ethics).

## The Executive Director/CEO Report

The Executive Director and CEO briefed the Board on issues relating to the Focus on Members as a core value of the Society as well on ACS financial performance, Operational Excellence, and upcoming events and activities.

## Contact the Board

Your Board of Directors is elected by and acts in the best interests of the members of the Society. Please contact them with your comments, concerns, ideas, and suggestions at [secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org) (<mailto:secretary@acs.org>).

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