

# Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society



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## 258<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting

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2019-08-25 to 2019-08-29 in San Diego, California

### Actions of the Council

On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, Council approved the continuation of the Committees on International Activities and Professional Training, contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.

On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities, Council approved the creation of an ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapter in the **Republic of Georgia**, contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.

On the recommendation of Nominations & Elections, the Council voted that the Pittsburgh Local Section be transferred from District II to District III in order to bring District III's member population into compliance with bylaw requirements.

By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Anne M. Gaffney**, **Lydia E. M. Hines**, **Will E. Lynch**, and **Sally B. Peters** for three-year terms (2020-2022), and **Dee Ann Casteel** for a one-year term (2020) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC).

The Council passed resolution:

- in memory of former Executive Director John Kistler Crum;
- In memory of other deceased Councilors;
- in recognition and celebration of the 100th birthday of Gerald Meyer, and his **80 years** of service to the Society; **he was present** at the council meeting.
- in gratitude for the officers and members of the San Diego Local Section - host Section for the 258th National Meeting, the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers, and ACS staff; and
- acknowledging Bonnie A. Charpentier's service as ACS President and presiding officer of the Council.

### Highlights From Committee Reports

#### Nominations and Elections

Ballots for the 2019 fall national election will be distributed starting on September 30th, with a voting deadline four weeks later on October 25th. ACS members eligible to vote and with an email address on file 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 vote electronically. **N&E encourages all ACS members to vote for President-Elect and the Constitutional Amendment.** Election information may be viewed at the ACS elections page (<https://acs.org/elections>).

## Budget and Finance

The committee considered two 2020 program funding reauthorization requests, and approved funding for the *ChemIDP* and the *International Student Chapters Programs* in the 2020 Proposed Budget. The committee also approved funding for the *Green and Sustainable Chemistry Education Resources* pilot for inclusion in the 2020 Proposed Budget.

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to set the **advance member registration fee for national meetings held in 2020 at \$505** - this amount is equal to the 2019 fee, adjusted for inflation.

### San Diego Meeting Attendance

The theme of the 258th ACS National Meeting was *Chemistry and Water*. As of Tuesday evening, August 27, attendance was 12,409 of whom 3,095 were Students.

## Actions of the Board of Directors

### The Board's Committees

On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications and an Editor Selection Committee, the Board voted to approve the appointment and reappointment of editors-in-chief for ACS journals.

### Other Society Business

The **Board liaison for globalization** provided a summary of a recent Board survey and received additional feedback from the Board on the globalization vision for Society programs. The goal here is encouragement and expansion, where appropriate, of existing successful international activities and initiatives, as well as evaluating current products and programs; exploring additional options and opportunities; and advising the Board on the assembly of a **coherent and balanced program portfolio appropriate to the globalized ACS of the twenty-first century.**

The Board received a status update from the Task Force on the Future of Meetings.

The Board agreed to the appointment of a joint **ACS-SACNAS** task force charged with developing additional short-term goals, **evaluating continued partnership potential**, and developing long-term goals.

FORMS will be used for the 2019 Annual Report due in February 2020 but LSAC is looking at changing the Report format for 2020 (due in 2021)??? FORMS opens for entering reports on November 1.

CCA (Comm on Community Activities) has identified the **2020 CCEW** theme as *Protecting our Planet through Chemistry*, the **2020 NCW** theme as *Sticking with Chemistry* and the **2021 CCEW** Theme as *Reducing our Footprint through Chemistry*.

The Leadership Institute will be from January 24-26, 2020, in Atlanta, GA; **\$250 stipends will be offered to the first 27 Local Section representatives/participants who register to attend the LI.**

*Salutes to Excellence* are to be used to recognize **external** outstanding contributions to the Section's programs (this is a change being instituted gradually and was **a surprise to most LS representatives in attendance** at the joint open meeting of LSAC and CCA; refer to the recommendation made in the evaluation of our 2018 AR to consider giving this award to our Exam coordinator)

There is a great emphasis being placed on determining how members perceive ACS membership value; the Membership Affairs Committee is trying to make adjustments to categories of membership and the associated costs for said categories.

21% of membership (International members and members in unassigned US territories) is not represented on council.

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