

American Chemical Society  
ACS Fall 2021 Hybrid Meeting  
Atlanta, Georgia  
August 22-26, 2021

KACS Councilor (Lydia E. M. Hines) Report

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Actions of the Council (held virtually, 8/25/2021)

Election Results: Elected Committees of Council

- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Donna G. Friedman, Matthew Grandbois, Fran K. Kravitz,** and **Louise M. Lawter** for a three-year term (2022-2024) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC).
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Susan V. Olesik, Susan M. Schelble, Mary K. Engelman, Malika Jeffries-El, and Brian M. Mathes** for a three-year term (2022-2024) on the Committee on Committees (ConC).
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Allison Aldridge, Holly L. Davis, Peter K. Dorhout, Silvia Ronco,** and **Martin D. Rudd** for a three-year term (2022-2024) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E). The initial round produced a tie vote for fifth place and was resolved by a run-off.

Other Council Actions

**Key Actions**

- The Council (and then the Board) also approved the continuation of the **Committee on Environmental Improvement.**
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council (and then the Board) **approved**
- **the 10<sup>th</sup> version of the Professional Employment Guidelines.**

Council Special Discussion

President Cheng introduced and led a special discussion on **ideas to increase involvement and membership from business and industry.** For the last 5 years there has been a steady decrease in industry members. This can be attributed to a variety of factors, but there have been ongoing efforts to decrease the cost-related attrition while increasing member value. **To offer your ideas to this discussion please write to [h.cheng@acs.org](mailto:h.cheng@acs.org)**

To address value, ACS has a variety of offerings available to members to advance, discover, connect, and share. To address cost, actions were taken by the Council this past spring in the schedule of membership for 2022 that will provide industry members with flexibility as to membership options. Councilor input was then requested on the following two questions:

1. How can we improve the value that ACS provides to its industrial and business members?
2. How can we encourage academic inventors and entrepreneurs and support start-ups?

In addition to the elected committees, each of the 26 additional committees reported on their activities at this council meeting; below are highlights from 3 of the reports.

**Committee on Committees**

ConC will again conduct a Committee Census (formerly called the Committee Demographic Survey) of all Society Committee personnel, including the members of committees elected by Council, in February

2022. This census gives ConC a snapshot of where the committee demographic picture stands as they look toward future recruitment and retention.

### **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).

### **Meetings & Expositions**

The Fall 2021 Meeting was held live from August 22-26, and on-demand from August 30 – September 30. As of August 25<sup>th</sup>, there were 8,205 registrations (1,895 hybrid and 6,310 virtual). Of the approximately 1,200 oral sessions held, 71 were only in-person, 244 were hybrid, and 855 were held virtually.

### **Actions of the Board of Directors - Executive Session**

The Board received and discussed reports from its committees on Budget and Finance, Executive Compensation, Professional and Member Relations, Public Affairs and Public Relations, the Advisory Board for the Green Chemistry Institute, the Governing Board for the American Association of Chemistry Teachers, and the Society committees on Education and Publications. The committees requested and obtained Board action on one or more items, as follows.

- On recommendation of the Society Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointments of Editors-in-Chief for several ACS journals. Those appointments will be announced in C&EN once the individuals have been notified and appropriate arrangements for their continued service have been made.
- On recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board approved a Society nominee for the 2022 National Science Board Public Service Award.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board **approved the ACS 2022 Spring and Fall Meetings in-person/hybrid member registration fee at \$399 and the virtual member registration fee at \$199**, both within a range of +/- 15%.
- On the recommendation of the Governing Board for the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT), the Board approved amendments to the Board Regulations concerning the membership, appointment, and terms for the Governing Board for AACT.

### **Other Society Business**

The Board heard reports from the Presidential Succession on their current and planned activities for 2021 and 2022; received relevant updates on current legal issues from the ACS General Counsel; and had an initial debrief on the ACS Fall 2021 meeting, including a review of the format, technology, key events, and the presentations of science information at the meeting.

The Executive Vice President for Scientific Advancement provided an **update on ACS efforts to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**.

Members of the Board Working Group on Board Structure and Representation sought input from their Board colleagues on **possible models for international representation on the Board**.

### **Confirmation of Council Actions**

As required in the Standing Rules, the Board voted and confirmed the Council's actions taken on August 25, 2021.