

Spring American Chemical Society Virtual Council Meeting Highlights

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Election Results

Candidates for President-Elect, 2022

- By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Judith C. Giordan** and **John C. Warner** as **candidates for 2022 President-Elect**. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

Candidates for District V (KACS is in this District)

- **Lisa Balbes** and **Joseph A. Heppert** were selected as **District V candidates**. Ballots will be distributed to members residing in District V around October 1, 2021. (Please ascertain that National ACS has your correct e-address.)

Other Council Actions

Committee on Committees Petition

- The Council approved the *Petition to Harmonize Committee Structures, Processes, and Terms*, as amended.
 - This petition places all committees in one category called “Society Committees” – eliminating the several different types of committees.
 - The years of service and the number of committee members on each Society Committee would now be consistent and would match the present terms of the Elected Committees: three-year terms with a two-term maximum for committee members.
 - Certain (6) Society Committees will no longer have the “Councilor only” designation, allowing an individual to join and continue service on a committee regardless of their status as a Councilor.
 - The Committee on Committees amended the petition prior to bringing it to Council, in response to several committees’ concerns, to include the **bolded** phrase:

- The terms for a member of a Society Committee shall be three calendar years. A member of a Society Committee shall be eligible to serve two successive three-year terms on the same committee, **however, that service could be extended if the appointing officer(s) determines that there is a compelling need for ongoing expertise on the committee.**
- The Petition will become effective immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors, however, existing committee assignments will start a transition to the term limits on January 1, 2022.

Committee on Local Section Activities Petition

- The Council approved the *Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Local Section Activities*.
 - This petition provides the Committee on Local Section Activities with the authority to support Local Sections by taking action on their behalf, including appointing an interim executive committee and/or facilitating a Local Section’s election when there is a lapse in the local section’s leadership.

Committee on Membership Affairs

- The Council approved the 2022 Schedule of Membership.
 - The Schedule **reduces the base dues rate to \$160 per year**
 - It **establishes various dues categories and benefits packages** based upon career stages, role in the chemical enterprise, and desired level of interaction by the Member with the Society.

Nominations and Elections

The Committee on Nominations and Elections solicits input regarding qualified individuals for President-Elect and/or Directors, for future consideration. Suggestions may be sent to nomelect@acs.org.

