

**American Chemical Society
ACS Fall 2022 Hybrid Meeting
August 21-25, 2022
Chicago, Illinois**

Councilor Talking Points: Summary of Governance Issues and Actions (edits and additions by KACS councilor Lydia E. M. Hines)

The following summary is provided to help Councilors report to their Local Sections on key actions of the ACS Council meeting, held in a hybrid manner on August 24, and the Board of Directors meetings held August 19 and 20, 2022.

Actions of the Council

> Election Results: Elected Committees of Council

- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Raychelle Burks, Anne M. Gaffney, Will E. Lynch,** and **Frankie K. Wood-Black** for a three-year term (2023-2025) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC). **Lydia E.M. Hines** was elected to serve through 2023.
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **William F. Carroll, Jr., Ella L. Davis, Carmen Gauthier, Thomas H. Lane,** and **Jason E. Ritchie** for a three-year term (2023-2025) on the Committee on Committees (ConC).
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Michelle V. Buchanan, Alan B. Cooper, Kelly M. Elkins, Ellene Tratras Contis,** and **Kathryn E. Uhrich** for a three-year term (2023-2025) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E).

> Highlights from Committee Reports

- The Vice Chair of the Council Policy Committee (CPC) reported that **both Council meetings in 2023 will be held in a hybrid manner**, very similar to what Councilors experienced in Chicago. Councilors celebrating milestone anniversaries (15, 20, 25, 30, 50 years) were acknowledged and thanked for their years of service on Council.
- The Chair of the Committee on Committees (ConC) recognized those chairs rolling off various committees and thanked them for their service. Newly appointed chairs of committees were announced to all Councilors [two of particular interest are **Meetings & Expositions (M&E) - Amber Hinkle; Membership Affairs Committee (MAC) - Laura Sremaniak**] and Councilors were reminded of the **new online committee preference form that was open over the summer to solicit names of individuals interested in serving on ACS Society Committees.**
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the continuation of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications (CPRC).

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition to Amend the Elections Function. This action helps to clarify, consolidate and re-order existing requirements related to nominations and elections.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Divisional Activities, providing greater authority to step in and assist Divisions who have inactive Executive Committees. [This aligns with the similar amendment recently approved by Council for the Local Section Activities Committee.]
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition for a **change in Section Name from the Northeast Tennessee Section to the Tennessee-Virginia Highlands Local Section. New Local Section member-size categories were identified:**

Small: 50-199	Medium Small: 200-449	Medium: 450-599
Medium Large: 600-999	Large: 1000-1999	Very Large: >2000
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition to Amend the Application and Dues Process for Corporation Associates, **allowing Corporation Associates to set fees based on a sales revenue model.**

> Council Special Discussion

President Wilson introduced and led a special discussion on “ACS for the Future.” She sought Councilor input on positive initiatives, programs or events that would greatly benefit ACS members or ACS at large.

Three specific questions were posed to Councilors for their input and suggestions:

- What can be accomplished to enhance the ACS experience?
- Why (or how) do you think it would make a difference?
- Who would be tasked with leading this effort (e.g. a section, committee, division, or other)?

Councilors provided their ideas and thoughts, and relevant Society units will receive this input within the next several weeks.

> Meeting Attendance

The fall 2022 meeting was held in a hybrid manner from August 21-25. As of August 24, there were 11,619 registrations [9,355 in-person (~1,400 Int'l) and 2,264 virtual (~1,100 int'l)].

> Resolutions

The Council passed several resolutions:

- In memory of deceased Councilors: N. Bhushan Mandava, Carol Mosher, and Paul V. Smith
- Congratulating Thomas Connelly for his leadership as Chief Executive Officer of the American Chemical Society for the past eight years
- Expressing thanks to the officers and members of the Chicago Local Section as well as to the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers responsible for the outstanding technical sessions
- Acknowledging Angela Wilson's service as ACS President and presiding officer of Council

Actions of the Board of Directors - Executive Session

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on August 19-20, 2022 at the ACS fall meeting in Chicago.

> Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Report

The Board received an extensive report from the CEO on issues relating to ACS Core Values, Membership, Strategic Initiatives, Financials, and upcoming events and activities. As part of the report, an update on the ACS Campaign for a Sustainable Future strategic initiative was provided by the ACS Director on Scientific Advancement.

> Board's Committees and Working Groups

The Board received and discussed reports from its committees on Executive Compensation, Professional and Member Relations, Governing Board for Publishing, Budget and Finance, Committee on Corporation Associates, Investments, Working Group on Structure/Representation, and Working Group on What Triggers Action by ACS. Some of these committees requested and obtained Board action on one or more items, as follows:

- The compensation of the Society's executive staff continues to be reviewed regularly by the Board.
- On recommendation of the Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointments of Editors-in-Chief for several ACS journals
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board approved an ACS Nominee for the 2023 Perkin Medal.
- The Board approved amendments to the ACS Disaster Policy to include provisions on how and when to respond to human-made disasters and to ensure that the scope includes the "broader chemistry enterprise."

- The Board **approved** amendments to the Board Regulations resulting in **most Board Committee terms becoming three years with a maximum of two terms** in alignment with other Society Committees.
- The Board Working Group on Structure and Representation was asked to draft appropriate petitions to amend the ACS Governing Documents to incorporate international representation on the Board. **The Board looks forward to ensuring international members have a voice and a vote on the Board of Directors.**

> CEO Search

CEO Thomas Connelly announced his retirement in May and the Board discussed the search for the next CEO. Executive search firm Korn Ferry International is assisting with the search. The search is now underway with the goal of identifying candidates, interviewing them and selecting our next CEO with a targeted start date of January 1, 2023.

> Other Society Business

By consent, the Board approved the recommendations from the Committee on Meetings & Expositions of sites and dates for four future ACS meetings and Board meeting dates and locations for 2023: **Indianapolis, Spring 3/28-30, 2023; San Francisco, Fall 8/13-17, 2023; New Orleans, Spring 3/17-21, 2024; Denver, Fall 8/18-21, 2024.**

- **Registration fees for 2023 meetings will be the same as for 2022:** \$399 for in-person and \$199 for virtual.

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[CEO Application](#)

[ACS Strategic Initiatives](#)

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