

**American Chemical Society
ACS Spring 2023 Hybrid Meeting
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 27-30, 2023**

Councilor Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

The ACS Council meeting was held in a hybrid manner on March 29, and the Board of Directors meetings were held on March 24-25, 2023.

Actions of the Council

Election Results:

Candidates for President-Elect, 2024

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2023: Mary K. Engelman, Dorothy J. Phillips, and Florian J. Schattenmann. The fourth nominee withdrew for personal reasons prior to the Council meeting. By electronic ballot, **the Council selected Dorothy J. Phillips and Florian J. Schattenmann as candidates for 2024 President-Elect.** These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall 2023 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 the 2024-2026 term: **Wayne E. Jones, Jr., Daniel Rabinovich, Carolyn Ribes, and Joseph P. Stoner.** The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council around October 1, 2023.
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Daniel Rabinovich** for a two-year term (2023-2024) on the Committee on Committees (ConC).

Other Council Actions

Highlights from Committee Reports and Key Actions

- On the recommendation of the Council Policy Committee (CPC), Council approved the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Council Policy Committee to **authorize CPC to review the conduct of Councilors.**
- As required by the ACS Governing Documents, CPC has set the divisor for Local Section and Division representation at Council for the period 2024-2027. The formula is based on membership numbers as of December 31, 2022. **Notification will be sent by the Secretary to all affected units by May 1, with details on how they will be impacted.**
- CPC reviewed the Councilor Expense Program and voted to approve a streamlined process for fall 2023. The committee also voted to review further streamlining options for the program going forward.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees (ConC), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Environmental Improvement to **change the name of the committee to the Committee on Environment and Sustainability.**
- ConC announced that the opening of the online preference form to all ACS members begins on April 3 and will run through July 3. Councilors interested in serving on an ACS Committee in 2024 should go to [CMTE.acs.org](https://cmte.acs.org) to complete their preferences.
- 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 Add **Plan B to Council Meetings, which authorizes the postponement of voting at Council in case of technology failures or natural disasters.**
- N&E reminded Councilors that any petition candidates to ACS National Office must be certified by the July 15 deadline to be placed on the ballot this fall.

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC), Council approved the 2024 Schedule of Membership.
- The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) announced **the launch of the ACS Speaker Directory** (www.acs.org/speakerdirectory), a new resource for our component group leaders to access (using their ACS ID) a wide range of speakers for their in-person, hybrid, and asynchronous events. The Officer Insights newsletter will be renamed the **Local Section Officer Insights** so that local section officers will be sure to read it.

Council Special Discussion

President Giordan introduced and led a special discussion on the ongoing review of Society Committees. She sought Councilor input of positive ideas, key issues, and opportunities to improve the structure of committees.

Four specific prompts were posed to Councilors for their input and suggestions:

1. Ideally, for ACS to have a committee structure that is forward thinking and able to address opportunities for members, ACS and the chemistry enterprise, we would...
2. Current and future key issues impacting ACS, the chemistry enterprise and our committees include...
3. I wonder what the positive impact on committees, member involvement, and ACS would be if we were to...
4. I wish that committees at ACS could...

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

As of March 29, attendance at the spring 2023 hybrid was a follows: there were **12,623 registrations (10,792 in-person and 1,831 virtual)**.

Actions of the Board of Directors - Executive Session (March 24-25, 2023)

The Board received and discussed reports from the Governing Board for Publishing, as well as its committees on Executive Compensation, Professional and Member Relations, and the Working Group on Structure and Representation. Some of these committees requested and obtained Board action on one or more items, as follows:

- Upon recommendation of the Society Committee on Publication, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of several ACS journal editors.
- Upon the recommendation of the Editor Search Committee, the Board voted to approve an Editor-in-Chief of the journal *ACS ES&T Air*.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations (P&MR), the Board approved recommendations for establishing The David A. Evans Award for the Advancement and Education of Organic Synthesis, the 2024 Othmer Gold Medal nominee, and the screened lists of five nominees each for the 2024 Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS and the 2024 Priestley Medal.
- The Board Working Group on Structure and Representation provided an update on their **efforts to add an International District Director to the Board of Directors in the form of the *Petition to Add International Representation on the Board of Directors***, which was considered by the Council at the spring meeting.

Other Society Business

As is customary, the Board heard reports from the Presidential Succession on their current and planned activities for 2023 and 2024. The Board also received an update on the status of the search for the new Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Society.

The Board held general discussions on two topics. The first focused on raising items of strategic concern from members of the Board, and the second was dedicated to sharing feedback received from ACS members, elevating their voices to all Board members.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR COUNCILORS

The following is a list of URLs and email addresses for supplemental information offered in oral reports at the Council meeting.

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