



American Chemical Society ACS Fall 2023 Hybrid Meeting San Francisco, California August 13-17, 2023

Council Report
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Sioux Valley Local Section:

I attended the national hybrid fall meeting for the American Chemical Society in San Francisco. I acted as a member of the Committee Nominations and Elections. I also attended the General Council Meeting, LSAC and CCA Open Meeting, and the District V Caucus as a representative for the Sioux Valley Local Section. I gave one oral presentation to the District Caucus as a member of N&E. I am the chair for the subcommittee for the slate of candidates for the District V Board Director. I am finishing the third year of a three-year term for the Committee for Nominations and Elections, I was elected to another three-year term to complete my role on N&E. Please let me know if you have any questions about the national meeting or this report (jetty.duffy@augie.edu).

General News

The Fall 2023 meeting was held in a hybrid manner from August 12-17. As of August 16th, there were 15,019 registrations (13,363 in-person and 1,656 virtual).

The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) open meeting listed several opportunities to apply for awards. The Science Cafe Mini-Grant is due on October 15th, 2023. The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect Grants are due November 2023 as are Strategic Planning Grants. The ACS Leadership Institute is January 26-28, 2024 in Atlanta, GA. All local sections are invited to send one delegate to participate in the training and networking event. Travel Stipend requests for the Leadership Institute are due on December 2023.

The Committee on Community Activities reminded attendees at their open meeting about this next cycle's themes for NCW and CCE. National Chemistry Week will be celebrated October 15-21, 2023 and the theme is "The Healing Power of Chemistry". The Chemists Celebrate Earth Week 2024 theme is "Get a Charge Out of Chemistry" and will be celebrated on April 21-27, 2024. The topic for NCW 2024 is photography and the theme is "Picture Perfect Chemistry".

Elections will be held for President-Elect and for a Director-At-Large from Sept. 26-Oct. 21st - please vote, we have some excellent candidates.

Chief Executive Officer Albert Horvath honored the memory of our newly-appointed Editor-in-Chief of C&EN, Mohammed Yahia, who passed away on the way to the San Francisco meeting. He was 41 years old. Horvath wished for members to send their thoughts to his wife Ola and their two young children.

Actions of the Council

Dorothy J. Phillips and Florian J. Schattenmann are candidates for 2024 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall 2024 National Election.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections selected 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.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, and with the concurrence of the Council

Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on International Activities (IAC), providing the committee with the same authority permitted to its unit counterparts to assist International Chemical Sciences Chapters with issues arising from officer turnover and other administrative difficulties. Similarly, Council approved the Petition to Add International Representation to the Board of Directors, decreasing the total number of Directors-at-Large from six to five and creating an International District Director. Following approval by the Board of Directors, the amendment to the ACS Constitution will require the support of two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members.

On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities, Council approved the creation of the Singapore International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

Highlights from Committee Reports and Key Actions

The ACS Speaker Directory has access to over 500 speakers for their in-person, hybrid, and asynchronous events. These speakers can provide technical talks, lead career development and professional advancement presentations as well as topics that explore a general interest in popular scientific topics. This service is available for all members. Please check out the ACS Speaker Directory at: acs.org/speakerdirectory.

The Women's Chemists Committee is encouraging local sections to host WCC-orientated events. They are offering ten min grants (up to \$1,000). More information can be found at the WCC website. The deadline is November 1st, 2023.

The Committee on Professional Training posted their newest version of the ACS guidelines for Bachelor's Degree Programs on the ACS Approval Program website. This report will summarize some of the bigger changes. The requirement for total laboratory hours was decreased from 400 to 350 hours. Programs are now required to teach 3 (not 4) in-depth courses per academic year. The contact hour minimum was increased to 15 hours per semester or quarter. The new guidelines also include a section of Safety and on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect.

The Committee on Education (SOCED) released a webinar to aid instructors in practicing student-centered instruction practices. It is titled "How Student Feedback Can Help Us Teach Better". It can be found under the ACS webpage under webinars then library and then look for the title. Board Committees and Working Groups.

The Council Policy Committee (CPC) voted to discontinue the Councilor Travel Expense Program, effective December 31, 2023, and replace it with the Councilor Attendance Incentive Allotment, effective January 1, 2024. This new approach will provide a single payment of \$2,000 per Councilor, per meeting, directly to Local Sections and Divisions that opt in to the program. It also voted to move oversight for the Non-Councilor Reimbursement Program to the Committee on Committees with the recommendation that it be renamed the "Volunteer Committee Reimbursement Program."

Board Activities

Upon recommendation of the Society Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of six ACS and appoint 3 more journal editors. The reappointments will be announced once the individuals have been notified and appropriate arrangements for their continued service have been made.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board approved the ACS Prism Award to recognize a public figure or prominent leader in their field who has a background in chemistry but is working in a different field or is not a practicing chemist.

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. The Board unanimously supported the petition, which would amend the ACS Constitution and Standing Rules.

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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Resources on the Web

Committee on Nominations and Elections

www.cmte.acs.org

President and Director Nomination Form

[ACS Nominations Form](#)

Submitted Respectfully by Sioux Valley Local Section Councilor:

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