



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

Council Report  
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March 30, 2023

Sioux Valley Local Section:

I attended the national hybrid spring meeting for the American Chemical Society in Indianapolis. 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 serving the third year of a three-year term for the Committee for Nominations and Elections.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the national meeting or this report ([jetty.duffy@augie.edu](mailto:jetty.duffy@augie.edu)).

### General News

The spring 2023 meeting was held in a hybrid manner from March 26-30. As of March 29, there were 12,623 registrations (10,792 in-person and 1,831 virtual).

I got the scoop on two years of CCA themes: The theme of Chemists Celebrate Earth Week 2023 is "The Curious Chemistry of Amazing Algae" and will be celebrated on April 16-22, 2023. National Chemistry Week will be celebrated October 15-21, 2023 and the theme is "The Healing Power of Chemistry". The theme of Chemists Celebrate Earth Week 2024 is "Picture Perfect Chemistry" and will be celebrated on October 20-26, 2024. CCEW 2-24 the theme is "Get a Charge Out of Chemistry" and will be celebrated April 21-27, 2024.

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](https://acs.org/speakerdirectory).

LSAC also posted the deadlines for local section/member grants for a year: Spring Innovation Project Grant (Jan 31), LS Member Enhancement and Engagement (May 31), Fall Innovative Project Grant (June 30), Science Café Mini-grant (Oct 15), Diversity Equity Inclusion and Respect Grants (Nov 15), Strategic Planning Grants (Nov 15), ACS Leadership Institute Stipends/Scholarships (Dec 17).

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

### Actions of the Council

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.

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.

## Highlights from Committee Reports and Key Actions

ConC announced that the opening of the online committee preference form to all ACS members begins on April 3 and will run through July 3. ACS members interested in serving on an ACS Committee in 2024 should go to [CMTE.acs.org](https://cmte.acs.org) to complete their preferences.

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.

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.

The Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E) is actively engaged in collaborative efforts to re-imagine ACS meetings, targeting increased value and relevancy. Councilors can expect to receive more information on the Future of Meetings project in the coming weeks, starting next month with the M&E Chair comment in C&EN.

## Board Committees and Working Groups

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 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.

**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](https://www.cmte.acs.org)

President and Director Nomination Form

[ACS Nominations Form](#)

Submitted Respectfully by Sioux Valley Local Section Councilor:

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