



**American Chemical Society
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San Diego, California
August 25-29, 2019**

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Sioux Valley Local Section:

I attended the 258th Fall national meeting in San Diego, California. I acted as a member of the Committee on Committees (CONC) and in that role also attended meetings for the Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) and the Committee on Environmental Improvement (CEI) as their CONC liaison. I also attended the General Council Meeting and our District V Caucus as a representative for the Sioux Valley Local Section. I gave two oral reports to YCC and CEI on the results of the demographic survey of committee members. I also attended meetings for the Committee on Minority Affairs and had a chance to tour the Naval vessel US Mercy that resides between missions in San Diego as a member of CEI. Please let me know if you have any questions about the national meeting or this report (jetty.duffy@augie.edu).

General News

The number of attendees at the National Fall meeting was listed as of August 27th at 12,409. 3,095 students attended the meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Chemistry and Water" and the theme chair was actually the committee on Environmental Improvement. The career information was changed to Career Navigator. There were 31 participating employers with 81 open positions and 1,180 registrations. On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to set the advance member registration fee for national meetings held in 2020 at \$505.

Your vote is very important this year as along with the regular election, there will be a special election to radically change the ACS Constitution and ByLaws. It will remove the definitions and regulations for working groups to a new document that will allow for easier amendments. This will allow the society large flexibility to change the governance structure and meeting planning with less membership input. I have strong opinions about this and would be more than happy to provide further information. Ballots for the 2019 fall national election will be distributed starting on September 30th, with a voting deadline four weeks later on October 25th. ACS members eligible to vote and with an email address on file will receive an electronic ballot with the option to request a paper ballot. Those members with no email address on file will be sent a paper ballot with the option to vote electronically. Election information may be viewed at acs.org/elections.

Please take a look at the reports from the committees, new graduate opportunities and career advice options.

Actions of the Council

Election Results

- By electronic ballot, the Council elected Anne M. Gaffney, Lydia E. M. Hines, Will E. Lynch, and Sally B. Peters for three-year terms (2020-2022), and Dee Ann Casteel for a one-year term (2020) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC).
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected Michelle V. Buchannan, Charles E. Cannon, Alan A. Hazari, Amber S. Hinkle, and Thomas H. Lane for three-year terms (2020-2022) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E)
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected Lisa M. Balbes, D. Richard Cobb, Emilio X. Esposito, Jason E. Ritchie, and Stephanie J. Watson for three-year terms (2020-2022) on the Committee on Committees (ConC).

Other Council Actions

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the continuation of the Committees on International Activities and Professional Training, contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities, and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the creation of an ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapter in the Republic of Georgia, contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.
- On the recommendation of Nominations & Elections, the Council voted that the Pittsburgh Local Section be transferred from District II to District III in order to bring District III's member population into compliance with bylaw requirements.

Highlights from Committee Reports

Budget and Finance

The Society's 2019 financial performance through July 31st yielded a Net from Operations of \$30.1 million. This is \$10 million favorable to the Approved Budget, and \$1.7 million less than the same period in 2018. Total revenues are right on budget at \$338 million. Total expenses are \$308 million, which is \$10 million favorable to budget.

The committee considered two 2020 program funding reauthorization requests, and on its recommendations, the Board subsequently approved funding for the *ChemIDP* and the *International Student Chapters Programs* in the 2020 Proposed Budget.

The committee considered new program funding requests for 2020 as well. The Board subsequently approved funding for the *Green and Sustainable Chemistry Education Resources* pilot for inclusion in the 2020 Proposed Budget.

The Society is expected to end the year in compliance with each of the five Board-established financial guidelines. Additional information can be found at www.acs.org, at the bottom of the page, click 'About ACS', then 'Financial'.

Actions of the Board of Directors

The Board's Committees

The Board received and discussed reports from its committees on Budget and Finance, Professional and Member Relations, Strategic Planning, Executive Compensation, and Pensions and Investments, as well as the ACS Governing Board for Publishing, the Task Force on the Future of Meetings, and the Society Programs Globalization Board liaison. In particular,

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted to approve the Society's nominees for the 2020 National Science Board Public Service Award and the 2020 Tang Prize in Biopharmaceutical Science.
- On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications and an Editor Selection Committee, the Board voted to approve the appointment and reappointment of editors-in-chief for ACS journals. Their names will be announced once they have been notified and practical arrangements for their service to ACS have been finalized.

Executive Director and CEO Report

The Executive Director/CEO and his direct reports provided updates to the Board on the activities of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) and the ACS Publications Division. He offered updates on issues relating to the ACS Core Value of Diversity, Inclusion, and Respect; the current status of Society membership; ACS financials; initiatives associated with the International Year of Periodic Table; and upcoming events and activities. As part of his report, he invited the Executive Vice President for Scientific Advancement to lead an informal discussion on key issues for that division.

Other Society Business

- The Board liaison for globalization provided a summary of a recent Board survey and received additional feedback from the Board on the globalization vision for Society programs. The goal here is encouragement and expansion, where appropriate, of existing successful international activities and initiatives, as well as evaluating current products and programs; exploring additional options and opportunities; and advising the Board on the assembly of a coherent and balanced program portfolio appropriate to the globalized ACS of the twenty-first century.
- The Board received a preview of recommendations from the Committee on Strategic Planning for process improvements focused on streamlining the ACS strategic planning process, including an adjustment of the cycle time; inclusion of an analysis of professional association market dynamics; and concentration on only the highest-value elements for the Strategic Plan.
- The Board received a status update from the Task Force on the Future of Meetings. The task force has been charged with performing a "deep dive" on the current portfolio of ACS meetings and conferences, identifying current offerings, evaluating governance and staff support structures, revenue streams, financial targets, and business models, and recommending actions that will ensure the sustainability and future relevance of that portfolio.
- The Board also held a discussion with members of the executive committee and staff leadership of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) on the vision, mission, and structure of SACNAS. Various components of the recently signed Chemistry Enterprise Partnership agreement were discussed, emphasizing the shared overarching objective of promoting and achieving diversity in STEM. The Board agreed to the appointment of a joint ACS-SACNAS

task force charged with developing additional short-term goals, evaluating continued partnership potential, and developing long-term goals.

Committee on Community Activities

The 2019 National Chemistry Week theme is “Marvelous Metals”, in keeping with the continued celebrations of the International Year of the Periodic Table. CCA has created an online resource for CCEW and NCW Coordinators and other volunteers for outreach efforts. This can be found at: www.acs.org/OTP. They are also looking into tools for training at regional meetings.

Chemists with Disabilities

CWD sponsors a travel award for undergraduate/graduate students and post-docs with disabilities to present work at the Fall ACS National meetings. Information about the ACS-CWD Travel Award (one per year, 3K) can be found at their website.

Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs

CEPA updated the Chemical Professional’s Code of Conduct and this was passed by Council. In an ongoing effort to expand virtual career services to allow for 24/7 access, CEPA is piloting Korn Ferry Advance for two years. The Korn Ferry Advance Applications include a virtual resumer parser, mock interviewing using a smartphone as well as virtual career consulting/live chatting. More information can be found at <https://www.kfadvance.com>. CEPA has reimagined the National Meeting Career Fair by rebranding it to Career Navigator Live. This includes new services for members at all career levels. The new services include: guided meditation, retirement open chats with a career expert, interactive networking and a broader selection of career focused lightning talks. More information can be found at www.acs.org/careers.

Committee on Education

The American Association of Teachers AACT) continues to grow with over 6,100 members. 89% of whom are K-12 teachers of chemistry in the US and 250 are international members. The general resource library has nearly 750 lesson plans, labs and demos. Six university departments have been selected as partners in the ACS Bridge Program, an initiative that seeks to increase the number of graduate students from underrepresented groups in the chemical sciences: Georgia Tech, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Indiana University, Ohio State University, University of Arkansas, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Local Sections

Local sections can apply for Innovate Project Grants (up to 3K) and Science Café grants (\$500). Information can be found at the LSAC website.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The following is a list of URLs and email addresses for supplemental information for Sioux Valley Local Section Members.

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Resources on the Web

Highlights of ACS Achievements

www.acs.org/acshighlights

Governing Documents

www.acs.org/bulletin5

Chemists with Disabilities

[Youtube channel](#)

Community Activities Outreach

www.acs.org/OTP

Project SEED free webinar

<http://bit.ly/projectseedwebinar>

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