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Sioux Valley Local Section:

I attended the Spring 2026 ACS National Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. I serve as an elected member of the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E). I was on 3 subcommittees to set up various election slates. I attended the General Council Meeting and our District V Caucus as a representative for the Sioux Valley Local Section. I gave an oral report in the District V Caucus as the representative for N&E. I also attended the joint meeting between the Local Section Activities Committee and Chemical Community Activities (LSAC/CCA). I attended the WCC luncheon and an open meeting for the International Activities Committee. Let me know if you have any questions about the national meeting or this report (jetty.duffy@augie.edu).

News of interest.

- The Committee of Professional Training revised some guidelines for undergraduate programs. The new NMES (Macromolecular, Supramolecular, and Nano/Mesoscale Materials) guidelines require ten hours of non-biological content. This can be delivered in a dedicated course or spread across several courses. The content must cover one of the two categories: Nano- and mesoscale systems or extended scale systems (polymers and extended inorganic systems).
- ACS Graduate Student Success Grants. ACS launched a one-time initiative that provided support for graduate students whose research was disrupted by terminated research grants. 56 applications were funded for a total of \$1.4 million.
- ACS launched two new scholarship opportunities for undergraduates in 2025. 100 students were awarded \$5,000 for the 2025-2026 academic year. The Catalyst Scholarship program is now active and is set to award 200 scholarships of \$10,000 for this Fall.
- ACS issued a Discover report to explore the potential for Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Sciences.
<https://www.acs.org/content/dam/acsorg/membership/acs/benefits/discovery-reports/generativeai.pdf>
- The first ACS Global Scientific Conference, held in partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay in October, drew more than 1,200 attendees from more than 20 countries with strong industrial participation.
- The Committee On Divisional Activities introduced an online Shareable Practices Portal as part of the Division Officer's Toolkit.
- ACS launched 5 new interdisciplinary journals in 2025: *ACS Electrochemistry*, *ACS Nano Medicine*, *ACS Nutrition Science*, and *Artificial Photosynthesis*.

Actions of the Council

Election Results: Elected Committees of Council

- By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Laura Sremaniak** and **Lisa McElwee-White** as candidates for 2027 President-Elect. These two candidates will join any petition candidates to stand for election in the fall 2026 national election.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the following candidates for **Director- at-Large** for the 2027-2029 term: **Michael (Mick) Hurrey, Beth Lorsbach, William Provine, and Carolyn Ribes**. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates and any petition candidates will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council in the fall. The incumbent, Carolyn Ribes, is eligible for reelection

Highlights from Council

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees (ConC), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee (CPC), Council voted to continue the Committees on Analytical Reagents, Constitution and Bylaws, Divisional Activities, and Local Section Activities and, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors, the Committees on Chemists with Disabilities, and Environment and Sustainability.
- On the recommendation of ConC, and with the concurrence of CPC, Council voted to amend the name and duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) and change its name to the Committee Fiscal Affairs (CFA), subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. This change reflects the growth and increased complexity of Society operations. CFA will continue to focus on financial stewardship of governance and component groups; a planned Board Finance Committee will have fiduciary responsibility and enterprise-level focus.
- ConC announced that the committee preference form is open to all ACS members through **July 6**. Councilors interested in serving on an ACS Committee in 2026 should go to [CMTE.acs.org](https://www.acs.org/cmte) to complete their preferences.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities (IAC), Council voted to approve the creation of a new International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Sri Lanka, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC), Council voted to approve the 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. MAC proposed no changes from the 2026 Schedule of Dues and Benefits.
- The Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) reported that in 2025, ACS had a net revenue of \$50.7 million from operations and met all five of its financial guidelines. Over the past 25 years, revenue has more than doubled, with a fourfold increase in unrestricted net assets. ACS receives 58% of revenue from outside of North America and is active in 56 different jurisdictions.

- The Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) reported on their new strategic plan, focusing on promoting Division impact, connecting Divisions to the greater ACS community, and supporting and recognizing Divisions. Collaborative programming at the spring 2026 meeting included 160 joint half-day sessions out of the 800 total sessions scheduled. More than 300 sessions were in the four community programming tracks of Pharma, Data Science/AI, Sustainability, and Startup.

Resolutions

The Council passed several resolutions:

- In memory of deceased Past President Charles Casey
- In memory of deceased Councilors
- In sincere appreciation of the Georgia Section, host Local Section for the ACS Spring 2026 meeting, as well as the Divisional program chairs, symposium organizers, and ACS staff for the planning and execution of the meeting.

Actions of the Board of Directors Meeting

The ACS Board of Directors met on March 20-21, 2026, at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park in Atlanta, GA. The Board considered several key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions.

Board Actions

- The Board approved a resolution in honor of deceased past president Charles P. Casey.
- The Board approved the ACS Advocacy Strategy, which includes the development of a robust annual position agenda supporting long-term ACS priorities that maintain strong non-partisan relationships with legislators and support science and scientists. Key areas of focus for 2026 are available at <https://www.acs.org/policy/memberadvocacy/issues.html>.
- The Board voted to increase the size of the Committee on Pensions and Investments from 7 to 8 members to accommodate the broader expertise required for the increased complexity and expansion of ACS' investment portfolio.
- The Board approved proposed amendments to the Board Regulations intended to correct inconsistencies found following the implementation of the new Journals Advisory Board reporting to the Governing Board for Publishing.
- Finance and authorized conforming amendments to the Board Regulations to implement the Finance Committee and align the respective roles of the Finance Committee and the proposed Society Committee on Fiscal Affairs consistent with the Council-approved petition.
- The Board approved the establishment of a Board Task Force on Board Composition in order to review and vet potential new streams of Board candidates.
- Upon recommendation of the Editor Search Committee, the Board approved the appointment of an Editor-in-Chief of the journal ACS Nano Medicine.

- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Science, the Board approved a nominee for the 2027 Grand Prix de la Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie.
- Upon recommendation of the National Awards Advisory Board, the Board approved a nominee for the 2027 Othmer Gold Medal.
- Upon recommendation of the Subcommittee on the Priestley Medal Slate, the Board approved a screened list of nominees for the 2027 Priestley Medal.
- Upon recommendation of the Subcommittee on the Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS Selection, the Board approved a screened list of nominees for the 2027 Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS.
- The Board approved the meeting dates and locations for their 2027 June and December Board meetings. The June 2027 meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2027 Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference in Minneapolis, MN. The December 2027 meeting will be held at ACS headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- The Board approved suspension of the Regulations governing the timing of the 2027 Board Chair election and approved advancing the timing of the Board Chair election to a special Board meeting to be held virtually following the close of the fall elections.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION For Sioux Valley Local Section Members

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

Committee Preference Form	www.cmte.acs.org
N&E Nomination Form	nominations.acs.org
National Election Candidate Information	www.acs.org/elections
ACS Governing Documents	www.acs.org/govdocs
Budget and Finance Information	www.acs.org → About ACS → Financial
Environmental Improvement Ethics	cei@acs.org https://www.acsethics.org
Membership Affairs	mac@acs.org
Minority Affairs	www.chemdiversity.org Facebook (ACS.CMA) Twitter

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Professional Training patents@acs.org
Project SEED www.acs.org/acsapprovalprogram
Safety www.acs.projectseed
www.acs.org/ccs
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Younger Chemists www.acsycc.org Facebook (YCC.ACS) Twitter
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Resources on the Web (may require member login)

DEIR Training for ACS Volunteers <https://learning.acs.org/course/view.php?id=996>
ACS Safety Videos search for 'ACS Chemical Safety YouTube Channel'
ACS Center for Lab Safety <https://institute.acs.org/lab-safety.html>
Sustainability advocacy www.acs.org/advocacy
Chemists With Disabilities video series <https://tinyurl.com/ACSCWDYYoutube>
National Chemistry Week www.acs.org/ncw

Submitted Respectfully by Sioux Valley Local Section Councilor,

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