

To: Central MA Section ACS Members

From: Dr. Mel Govindan, ACS Fellow and Councilor from CMSACS

Date: March 25, 2024

Below is a report of my participation in the governance meetings of **ACS at the Spring 2024 national meeting held in New Orleans, LA**. In addition to my service as your Councilor, I serve on the Society Community on Education (SOCED), its subcommittee B (Student Communities) and the subcommittee D on US National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO). The subcommittees had met over the winter virtually to discuss various matters and the entire SOCED met on March 15 at New Orleans – see **Section 1** for the SOCED meeting agenda with pertaining links. A report of the Council meeting held on March 20 can be seen in **Section 2** below.

#### Notes from SOCED Executive Meeting – March 15, 2024

- SOCED subcommittee A completed a revision of the ACS Guidelines for Chemistry in Two-Year College Programs. See: <https://www.acs.org/education/policies/two-year-college.html>
- The same subcommittee is working on revising the Middle/High School chemistry guidelines: <https://www.acs.org/education/policies/middle-and-high-school-chemistry.html>
- ACS Education sponsors multiple opportunities for faculty professional development. Workshops are offered for new college/university faculty, 2-year college faculty (new as well as established) and department chairs. Details at [www.acs.org/education/educators/coursesworkshops/higher-ed-workshops.html](http://www.acs.org/education/educators/coursesworkshops/higher-ed-workshops.html). Encourage those eligible to participate. Scholarships are available from the ACS.
- SOCED will conduct a virtual open meeting on April 25, 2024 from 3-4 pm. All are invited to attend. More details will be sent to all ACS members via e-mail.

#### New ACS Education Division Initiatives:

- **Skilled Technical Workforce Strategic Initiative.** The goal is to provide current information to High School and community college students to increase the skilled technical workforce – see the following websites:
  - [www.acs.org/preparectp](http://www.acs.org/preparectp)
  - [www.acscareers](http://www.acscareers)
  - <https://teachchemistry.org/classroom-resources/collections/chemical-technical-professionals>
- **Sustainable Future Summit - Green Chemistry Institute**
  - U.N. Sustainable Development Goal #4
  - Teaching modules have been developed – see *ACS Green chemistry institute* initiatives at their website: <https://www.acs.org/greenchemistry.html>
- **Guidelines on AI in chemical education.** We spent over 2 hours discussing the following topics. SOCED will be developing guidelines to address many of the concerns by educators and chemical practitioners.
  - AI in classroom
  - AI and educators
  - AI, Ethics and DEIR
  - AI, privacy, and security
  - AI and policy
- The US National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) has 8800 students registered for the 2024 competition.
- On Sunday, March 17, I attended the **District 1 caucus** where Dr. Kathy Lee (District I Director) and others presented a preview of the items up for discussion at the Council meeting on March 20.

Members of important ACS committees came to report on pertaining. Here are highlight of items discussed:

- Attendance at the NOLA meeting: 13780 with 12787 in person and 1226 virtual. By all accounts a successful meeting.
- Violation of ACS professional code of conduct could result in MAC starting the process of expulsion.
- ACS 2023 revenue was \$758 million, expense \$692 million.
- The new petition to have international members on the Council could cost up to \$180K in additional expenses. There was further discussion on this petition that would come up for consideration at the Council meeting on Wednesday. There would not be any discussion at this time. If members have comments they should be sent to
- On Monday, March 18, I attended the Undergraduate Student Poster Session from 12-2 pm. I visited several posters and talked to the presenters about their research.
- Later on Monday, I attended the Fred Kavli Lecture by Dr. Deepika Malhotra of Pacific Northwest Laboratories. The title of her lecture was, "Many Flavors of Carbon Capture Technologies." Dr. Malhotra addressed the current efforts by her laboratory and others in developing carbon capture technologies for flue gas.
- On Tuesday, I attended the second Fred Kavli Keynote Lecture by Dr. Devin Peterson of Ohio State University. His lecture was titled, "Flavor Chemistry: Shaping Consumer Experiences and Health Outcomes."
- [I.D.E.A \(Innovative Development & Expansion to Advance ACS\)](#) is looking for ways to make ACS more relevant and useful to our members. Please contact ACS if you have an idea for a new program or how to improve an existing one to help current and future chemists.

### **Notes from the Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 20.**

Please also see the Council Talking Points provided by Flint Lewis, ACS Secretary (**Section 2**). Note: Flint is retiring after serving the ACS as Secretary and General Counsel for over two decades.

- President Mary Carrol from Union College, Schenectady presided over the meeting. She welcomed, the President-Elect, Dr. Dorothy Phillips, a retired chemist from Waters Corporation, Milford, MA. Dr. Phillips will be the first African American president of the ACS. She was the first African American woman to complete a bachelor's degree at Vanderbilt University. She went on to obtain the Ph.D. degree in biochemistry from the University of Cincinnati, again becoming the first African American to earn the doctoral degree from UC.
- Election of candidates for various positions followed. For 2025 President elect Dr. Rigoberto Hernandez (Johns Hopkins) and Dr. Laura Sremaniak (North Carolina State University) were elected from a slate of four nominees. Drs. Katherine Lee and Matthew Grandbois were elected by the councilors as the candidates for the position of District 1 Director. Drs. Lisa M. Balbes, Mark C. Cesa, and Silvia S. Jurisson were elected as District V candidates; and David Wu and Hooi-Ling Lee as International District candidates. These names will appear in the fall election ballot for the entire membership to vote.
- Committee on Committees (ConC) urged members to complete the online Committee Preference Form for 2024: [www.cmte.acs.org](http://www.cmte.acs.org) if they are interested in serving on ACS committees. Except for a few, committee membership is open to all ACS members. ConC is looking for diversity in all aspects including more younger members. Deadline for completing the form is July 1, 2024.
- ConC is exploring the idea of creating two more committees: Industrial Chemists Committee and Pride Committee. It is also considering the idea of micro volunteering by members to get involved in ACS matters with limited time commitment.



## Society Committee on Education Executive Session Agenda

Friday, March 15, 2024

10:00 am–11:50 am CDT/1:45 pm–5:00 pm CDT

**In-person:** St. James Ballroom, Hilton New Orleans Riverside

**Virtual:** [https://american-chemical-](https://american-chemical-society.zoom.com/j/86778994316?pwd=dEUzNEtkK0hFUWZNdFFIZFRLLOZhZz09)

[society.zoom.com/j/86778994316?pwd=dEUzNEtkK0hFUWZNdFFIZFRLLOZhZz09](https://american-chemical-society.zoom.com/j/86778994316?pwd=dEUzNEtkK0hFUWZNdFFIZFRLLOZhZz09)

Meeting ID: 867 7899 4316

Password: 304779

*Note: a waiting room has been set up*

### Meeting Objectives:

- Provide updates and input on key activities
- Provide insights regarding artificial intelligence

### For reference:

[Spring 2024 SOCED Schedule](#)  
[2024 SOCED Reimbursement Policy](#)  
[SOCED Committee Structure](#)  
[ACS Acronyms](#)

### Friday, March 15, 2024

Time (CDT)	Topic	Additional information
9:30 am	Breakfast Break/Opening of Zoom Room	
10:00 am	Welcome and Introductions	<a href="#">SOCED 2024 Appointments</a> <a href="#">SOCED 2024 Subcommittee Assignments</a>
10:30 am	Safety Moment	
10:35 am	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR) Moment	
10:40 am	Approval of <a href="#">Minutes from Fall 2023 Executive Session</a> (Action)	
10:45 am	<b>Chair's Report (Information and Action)</b> Mike Adams, SOCED Chair, will introduce the <a href="#">Volunteer and Participant Code of Conduct Policy</a> and take questions on items in the Chair's Written Report. The committee will consider the <a href="#">Petition for Global Representation on Council</a> .	<a href="#">Spring 2024 Council written report</a> <a href="#">2023-2024 Executive Committee meeting minutes</a> <a href="#">SOCED 2024 Spring Volunteer Opportunities and Invitations</a>
11:05 am	Break	
11:15 am	<b>SOCED Plan (Information and Action)</b> MaryKay Orgill, Executive Committee Member-at-Large, will provide an update on the SOCED strategies.	
11:25 am	<b>SOCED Liaison Relations (Information)</b> Mike Adams will provide an update regarding SOCED liaisons.	Reports from: <a href="#">Committee on Community Activities</a> <a href="#">Committee on International Activities</a> <a href="#">Committee on Ethics</a> <a href="#">Committee on Membership Affairs</a>

## SOCED Spring 2024 Executive Session Agenda (continued)

Time (CDT)	Topic	Additional information
11:35 am	<b>Supporting Excellence in Education Subcommittee Report (Information and Discussion)</b> Tracy Halmi, subcommittee chair, will provide highlights of activities and subcommittee discussions requiring full committee consideration.	<a href="#">Supporting Excellence in Education Subcommittee meeting minutes</a>
11:50 am	<b>Adjourn for lunch</b>	
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch (Commerce Room, Hilton New Orleans Riverside)</b> SOCED will join the <a href="#">Committee on Professional Training</a> .	<a href="#">CPT Member Roster</a>
1:30 pm	<b>Break</b>	
1:45 pm	<b><a href="#">Committee on Committees Report</a> (Information and Discussion)</b> Tom Lane, ConC liaison to SOCED, will provide an update on the external review of Society Committees and the committee appointment process.	
2:05 pm	<b>Student Communities Subcommittee Report (Information and Discussion)</b> Michelle Boucher, subcommittee chair, will provide highlights of activities and subcommittee discussions requiring full committee consideration.	<a href="#">Student Communities Subcommittee meeting minutes</a> <a href="#">Undergraduate Student Advisory Board report</a> <a href="#">Graduate Student &amp; Postdoctoral Scholars Advisory Board Fall 2023 Executive Summary of 2023 Laboratory Safety Team summit</a>
2:20 pm	<b>Future of Meetings (Information and Discussion)</b> Amanda Carroll, chair of the Undergraduate Student Advisory Board, will provide an overview on the Future of Meetings initiative and plans for ACS Spring and Fall meetings.	
2:35 pm	<b>Updates on ACS Strategic Initiatives (Information and Discussion)</b> Terri Chambers will provide an update on Fostering a Skilled Technical Workforce, and David Laviska will provide an update on the educational activities occurring as part of the ACS Campaign for a Sustainable Future.	
3:05 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:15 pm	<b>Science Education Policy Subcommittee Report (Information and Discussion)</b> Laura Pence, subcommittee chair, will provide highlights of subcommittee activities and subcommittee discussions requiring full committee consideration.	<a href="#">Science Education Policy Subcommittee meeting summary</a> <a href="#">2024 Summary of ACS Public Policy Statements</a>
3:30 pm	<b>Special Discussion – Artificial Intelligence</b> Small group discussions based on <a href="#">The Tricky Ethics of AI in the Lab</a> and <a href="#">excerpts from AI in Education</a> will inform development of guiding principles regarding AI for ACS public policy, efforts to support learners and educators, and future iterations of resources for learners and educators.	<a href="#">Group 1 – AI general</a> (virtual) <a href="#">Group 2 – AI general</a> (virtual) <a href="#">Group 3 – AI in the classroom</a> <a href="#">Group 4 – AI and educators</a> <a href="#">Group 5 – AI, ethics, and DEIJ</a> <a href="#">Group 6 – AI, privacy, and security</a> <a href="#">Group 7 – AI and policy</a>
4:45 pm	<b>New Business</b>	
5:00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>	



**American Chemical Society  
ACS Spring 2024 Meeting  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
March 17 – 21, 2024**

## Councilor Talking Points: Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

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The following summary is provided to help Councilors report to their Local Sections and Divisions on key actions of the ACS Council meeting held on March 20, and the Board of Directors meetings held on March 15 – 17, 2024.

### Actions of the Council

#### Election Results:

#### Candidates for President-Elect, 2025

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) presented to the Council the following *nominees* for selection as *candidates* for President-Elect, 2025: Rigoberto Hernandez, Thomas Holme, Ingrid Montes, and Laura Sremaniak. By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Rigoberto Hernandez and Laura Sremaniak as candidates for 2025 President-Elect**. These two candidates will join **Mukund Chorghade**, a petition candidate, and any additional candidates selected via petitions to stand for election in the fall 2024 national election.

#### President-Elect 2025<sup>a</sup>

Nominee	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
*Rigoberto Hernandez	124	151	188
Thomas Holme	107	124	-
Ingrid Montes	60	-	-
*Laura Sremaniak	124	139	180

<sup>a</sup>415 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 208 being the majority. The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the lowest vote-getter, Ingrid Montes, was dropped and her second-preference votes were distributed in the subsequent round. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were declared elected as candidates.

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### Candidates for Districts I, V, and International

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election held prior to the Council meeting; to select candidates from the list of nominees for Directors from District I, District V, and the International District on the Board of Directors for the term 2025-2027. By electronic ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected **Katherine L. Lee and Matthew Grandbois as District I candidates; Lisa M. Balbes, Mark C. Cesa, and Silvia S. Jurisson as District V candidates; and David Wu and Hooi-Ling Lee as International District candidates.** Ballots will be distributed to members residing in District I, District V, and the International District around October 1, 2024, for election of a Director from each District.

#### DISTRICT I<sup>a</sup>

Nominee	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
*Katherine L. Lee	26	-
*Matthew Grandbois	12	27
Alyssa C. Thomas	4	6
Barbara R. Hillery	1	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>

#### DISTRICT V<sup>b</sup>

Nominee	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> round	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
*Lisa M. Balbes	25	28	-
*Mark C. Cesa	11	12	24
*Silvia S. Jurisson	9	11	24
Joseph A. Heppert	7	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>

#### INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT<sup>c</sup>

Nominee	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
*David Wu	93	106	140
*Hooi-Ling Lee	84	100	127
Csaba Janaky	54	64	-
Hassan S. Bazzi	39	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>267</b>

<sup>a</sup> The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1<sup>st</sup> round column. 43 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 22 being the majority. Katherine L. Lee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the majority vote-getter, Katherine L. Lee, was excluded and her second-preference votes were distributed in one subsequent round. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were declared elected as candidates.

<sup>b</sup> The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1<sup>st</sup> round column. 52 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 27 being the majority. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the lowest vote-getter, Joseph A. Heppert, was dropped and his second-preference votes were distributed in a subsequent round. Lisa M. Balbes attained a majority, and was excluded from a third round, with her second-preference votes distributed to subsequent candidates. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were declared elected as candidates.

<sup>c</sup> The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1<sup>st</sup> round column. 270 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 136 being the majority. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the lowest vote-getters, Csaba Janaky and Hassan S. Bazzi, were dropped and their second-preference votes were distributed in two subsequent rounds. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were declared elected as candidates.

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### Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- In November, the Petition to Add International Representation on the Board of Directors was approved and ratified. As a result of its implementation, there is a reduction of the total number of Directors-at-Large (DAL) on the Board of Directors from six to five beginning in 2025. Because of the timing of candidate selection and petition approval processes, N&E opted to select the usual four candidates for the two possible DAL positions in case the petition failed. Since the petition was passed and ratified, in fairness to those selected, N&E planned to run all four candidates for one DAL position; however, one candidate withdrew leaving three candidates. There will be no down-select process and all three will run as candidates. Preferential voting will be used in accordance with Standing Rule IV, Section 4., c.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following **candidates for Director-at-Large** for the 2025-2027 term: **Christopher J. Bannochie, Natalie A. LaFranzo, and Sergio C. Nanita**. The election of one Director-at-Large from among these three candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council around October 1, 2024.
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Debbie C. Crans to the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E)** for an unexpired term of less than one year (2024) and a subsequent full three-year term (2025-2027) in accordance with Standing Rule IV, Section 9., e.

**Brian B. Brady**

**121**

**\*Debbie C. Crans**

**156**

### Other Council Actions:

### Highlights from Committee Reports and Key Actions

- On the recommendation of the Council Policy Committee (CPC), Council approved the Petition to Remove Inconsistencies and Add Missing Provisions. The petition clarifies language about membership on the elected committees of Council and adds a provision for filling a vacancy in the position of Director-at-Large. This petition is now presented to the ACS Board of Directors for action.
- 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 Budget and Finance (B&F) to better reflect their charge of making recommendations on the Society's budget for approval by the Board of Directors. The petition also removes an outdated provision to reflect that the funding of the official organ of the Society has been made independent from dues revenue. This petition is now presented to the ACS Board of Directors for action.
- ConC announced that the opening of the online preference form to all ACS members began on March 1 and will run through July 1, Councilors interested in serving on an ACS Committee in 2025 should go to [CMTE.acs.org](https://cmte.acs.org) to complete their preferences.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC), Council approved changing the name of the Division of Biological Chemistry (BIOL) to the Division of Biochemistry and Chemical Biology (BIOL). This name change takes effect January 1, 2025.



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- On the recommendation of DAC, Council approved an amendment to the distribution formula for Division funding. This will allow a greater amount of funding to be distributed to Divisions.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities (IAC), Council approved the creation of International Chemical Sciences Chapters in Egypt and Guangdong, China, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC), Council approved changing the name of the Auburn Section to the East Alabama/West Georgia Section. This name change takes effect on January 1, 2025.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC) and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition on Dues and Benefits to change the name of the Schedule of Membership to the Schedule of Dues and Benefits. The petition also defines the role of Community Associates. This petition is now presented to the ACS Board of Directors for action.
- On the recommendation of MAC and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the 2025 Schedule of Dues and Benefits.
- The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) reported the certification of bylaws for four Local Sections (Columbus, Permian Basin, University of Arkansas, and Central Pennsylvania), five technical Divisions (Colloid and Surface Chemistry, Biological Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, and Environmental Chemistry), and two International Chemical Sciences Chapters (Singapore and Switzerland) since the fall 2023 meeting.
- The Committee on Education (SOCED) invited students to participate in a SOCED Discussion Session to be held in conjunction with the ACS Fall 2024 meeting in Denver, and invited Councilors to their upcoming virtual open meeting on April 25.
- The Committee on Younger Chemists (YCC) plans to expand the concept of Local Section Younger Chemists Committees to include International Chemical Sciences Chapters and reported on the inaugural Younger Chemists' Caucus and their plans to continue holding this event.

## Resolutions

The Council passed several resolutions:

- In memory of deceased Councilors.
- In recognition of ACS Secretary, Flint Lewis, on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years.
- In sincere appreciation of the Louisiana Section, host Section for the ACS Spring 2024 meeting, the Divisional program chairs, symposium organizers, and ACS staff for the planning and execution of the meeting.



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The ACS Spring 2024 meeting was held from March 17 – 21. As of March 19, there were 14,368 registrations (13,122 in-person and 1,246 online). The ACS Fall 2024 meeting will be held in Denver, CO from August 18 – 22, 2024.

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### Actions of the Board of Directors - Executive Session

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on March 15-16, 2024, in New Orleans, LA. They considered several key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions. The meeting was opened with a reflection on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR).

#### Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO and his staff reported on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ACS, the ACS DEIR Maturity Model, the future of ACS meetings, the ACS brand, financials, and other ACS activities. This was followed by a strategic discussion on sustainability. The CEO also introduced the new ACS General Counsel, Tokë Vandervoort, who joined ACS on March 4.

#### Board Committees

The Board received and discussed reports from the Governing Board for Publishing as well as its Committees on Professional and Member Relations, Executive Compensation, Audits & Risk Management, and Pensions and Investments. Several of these committees requested and obtained Board action on one or more items, as follows:

- Upon the recommendation of the Editor Search Committee, the Board voted to approve the appointment of an Editor-in-Chief of the ACS journal Electrochemistry. The appointment will be announced after the individual has been notified and appropriate arrangements for their service has been made.
- Upon recommendation of the Society Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of several ACS journal editors. The reappointments will be announced after the individuals have been notified and appropriate arrangements for their continued service have been made.
- The Board voted to approve the reappointment of two members of the Governing Board for Publishing. The reappointments will be announced after 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 (P&MR), the Board approved recommendations for establishing the Dong Qin ACS Award in Nanochemistry, the 2025 Othmer Gold Medal nominee, and the screened lists of five nominees each for the 2025 Priestley Medal and the 2025 Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS.
- The Board received an extensive briefing and approved several recommendations from the Committee on Executive Compensation. The compensation of the Society's executive staff continues to be reviewed regularly by the Board.

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- Items related to ACS benefits and budgets were reviewed and approved.

### Other Society Business

By consent, the Board took multiple actions including recommendations from the Committee on Meetings and Expositions to change the date of the ACS Spring 2030 meeting in New Orleans from March 17-21 to March 10-14, and the ACS Fall 2032 meeting date and location to August 22-26, 2032, in Chicago, IL were approved, and several interim actions were ratified.

As is customary, the Board heard reports from the Presidential Succession on their current and planned activities for 2024 and 2025. They received an update on the status of the search for the new Secretary of the Society. There were also discussions on how to further improve the ongoing process of raising items of strategic concern expressed by members to the Board and to improve Board efficiency.

Finally, the Board adopted a resolution in honor of retiring ACS Secretary and General Counsel, Flint H. Lewis.

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## 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.

### Officers

Mary K. Carroll, President

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Dorothy J. Phillips, President-Elect

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Judith C. Giordan, Immediate Past President

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### ACS Offices

Office of the Secretary

[secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org)

### Resources on the Web

Committee Preference Form

[www.cmte.acs.org](http://www.cmte.acs.org)

Nominations for President, Directors, and Elected Committees

[nominations.acs.org](http://nominations.acs.org)

ACS Governing Documents

[www.acs.org/govdocs](http://www.acs.org/govdocs)

Section 3



# ACS District I Caucus

Katherine Lee, PhD  
District I Director  
March 17, 2024

# Agenda



- **6:00 – 6:15**      **Welcome and Introductions – Katherine Lee**
- **6:15 – 6:25**      **Membership Affairs Committee – Roger Bartholomew**
- **6:25 – 6:35**      **Budget and Finance – Anthony Mariniello**
- **6:35 – 6:40**      **Council Policy Committee – James Carver**
- **6:40 – 6:45**      **Nominations and Elections – Amber Charlebois**
- **6:45 – 6:55**      **Update from the Board of Directors – Katherine Lee**
- **6:55**              **New Business; Adjourn**

# Meeting statistics



## Total: 13,780

- In person 12,787 (11,152 domestic, 1,451 international)
- Virtual 1,226 (503 domestic, 723 international)

## Other demographic data

- First-time attendees 5,448
- Students (in person) 5,300
- Students (virtual) 531
- Exhibitors 433

## Attendee count from countries beyond US

1.	China	484
2.	UK	227
3.	Canada	200
4.	Germany	189
5.	India	138
6.	Japan	98
7.	Korea	81
8.	Sweden	74
9.	France	67
10.	Switzerland	60

Data as of Saturday, March 16

## Council: 8 AM, Wed. March 20

- Grand Ballroom and Online, Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel

### FOR COUNCIL ACTION

- Nominations and Elections: Nominations for President-Elect
- Council Policy Committee: Amendments to Standing Rules
- Committee on Committees: Amendments to Standing Rules
- Divisional Activities: Approval of Division Name Change and distribution formula
- International Activities: Petitions to charter new International Chemical Sciences Chapters
- Local Section Activities: Change in LS name
- Membership Affairs: Amendments to Standing Rules; Approval of 2025 Schedule of Dues and Benefits

### FOR CONSIDERATION ONLY

- Petition for Global Representation on Council

[Council - American Chemical Society \(acs.org\)](https://www.acs.org)

# Membership Types in 2024

Dues Category	Membership Type/Category	Premium	Standard	Basic
Emeritus	MEMBER	\$0	-	-
Retired	MEMBER	\$80	-	-
Regular	MEMBER	\$160	\$80	-
Graduate	MEMBER	\$55	-	-
Undergraduate	STUDENT MEMBER	\$25	-	-
Society Affiliate	SOCIETY AFFILIATE	\$160	\$80 (new!)	-
Community Associate	COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE	-	-	\$0

Pricing remains the same in 2025

Questions? Please send them to [mac@acs.org](mailto:mac@acs.org).



# Proposed Changes to Standing Rules and Schedule of Membership/Dues and Benefits



- Move definitions from Schedule of Membership to Standing Rules
- Rename Schedule of Membership to Schedule of Dues and Benefits (SODB)

## Changes to SODB

- Add language clarifying that none of dues or benefits applies to Corporate Associates
- Make permanent MAC market test providing discounts to member in developing countries

## SODB Changes - continued

- Change order of appearance of waivers and discounts
- Change title of waiver for members with disabilities to “Disability Waiver”

### Changes to the Standing Rules

- In Section 1 3b, add the word “associates” to list of groups of individuals who hold benefits package that MAC will review
- Re-order appearance of language concerning non-payment of dues
- Include Society Affiliates in section on procedure to expel a member

## Year end data for all ACS groups

	2023	2022
Members	100,060	99,112
Society Affiliates	3,336	5,952
Community Associates	101,607	68,615

- **85% of Regular members chose Premium package**
- **Member retention rate improved (72% in 2023 vs 64% in 2022)**
- **27k new members, 12k new community associates**

# 2023 Year End Operating Highlights



**\$758.0M**

**vs. Approved** ▲  
\$21.4M (2.9%)

**vs. Prior Year** ▲  
\$37.7M (5.2%)

**vs. Forecast** ▲  
\$1.9M (0.3%)

**REVENUE**

**\$692.2M**

**vs. Approved** ▲  
\$2.0M (0.3%)

**vs. Prior Year** ▲  
\$35.4M (5.4%)

**vs. Forecast** ▼  
\$2.0M (0.3%)

**EXPENSE**

**\$65.9M**

**vs. Approved** ▲  
\$19.4M (41.7%)

**vs. Prior Year** ▲  
\$2.3M (3.6%)

**vs. Forecast** ▲  
\$4.0M (6.4%)

**NET**

▲ Increase ▼ Decrease

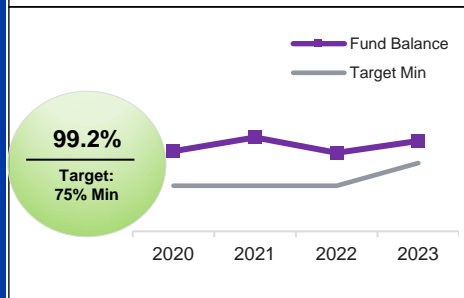
Note: Excludes ACSI, ACS Petroleum Research Fund, and the Member Insurance Program

# 2023 Financial Guidelines

## December 31, 2023

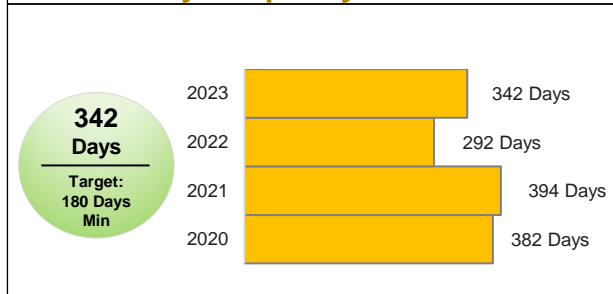


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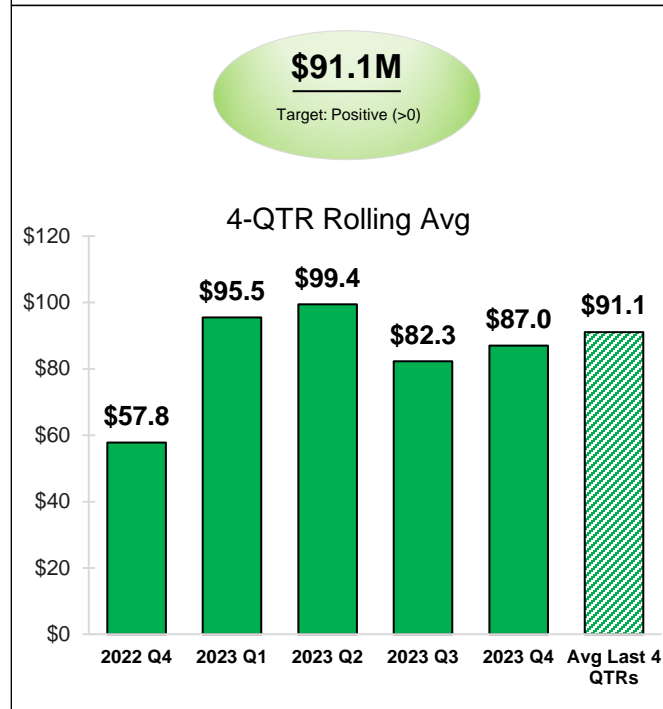


Targets: 75% minimum (2023), 50% minimum (2022- 2020)

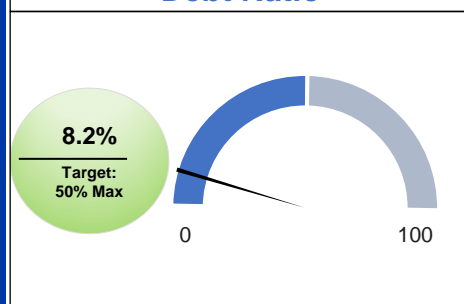
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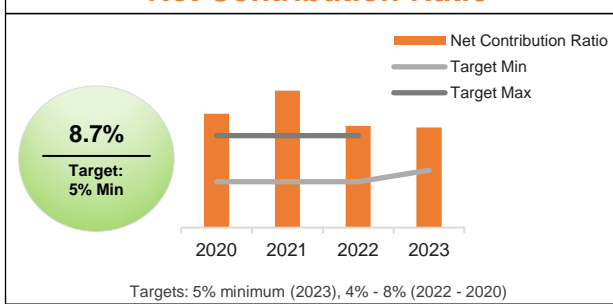
### Free Cash Flow



### Debt Ratio



### Net Contribution Ratio



Targets: 5% minimum (2023), 4% - 8% (2022 - 2020)

# Petition for Global Representation on Council

*For Consideration*



**The Society Committee on Budget and Finance has examined this petition and concludes that it will have a Minor Negative Impact (\$0 to \$1,000,000) annually on the finances of the Society (estimated at \$90,000 – \$180,000).**

# Petition for Global Representation on Council



- Petition for Consideration in New Orleans and Action in Denver (Aug 21)
- Six global electoral regions, Zones, defined solely for the purpose of providing equitable representation on Council
- Number of Councilors from Zones scaled in relation to number of Local Section Councilors
- No change in relative number of Division Councilors to Local Section Councilors
- Procedures for nomination and election of Councilors from Zones established by the Committee on Nominations and Elections
- International Chemical Sciences Chapters submit nominations
- Questions? [cpc@acs.org](mailto:cpc@acs.org)

*Presenter: James Carver*



# Nominees for President-Elect



RIGOBERTO  
HERNANDEZ



THOMAS  
HOLME



INGRID  
MONTES



LAURA  
SREMANIAK

- **Nominee bios and statements appear in the Council Agenda Book.**
- **Nominees will make short presentations at Council. This will be followed by the down-select vote, which will identify two candidates to run for election in the fall.**

# ACS Board of Directors



<https://www.acs.org/about/governance/board.html>

[secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org)

# ACS Board of Directors, Executive Session

## March 15-16



- Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Presidential Succession Reports
- ACS Governing Board for Publishing
- Committee on Executive Compensation
- Committee on Professional and Member Relations
- Committee on Audits & Risk Management
- Committee on Pensions and Investments
- Secretary Search Update
- Sharing the “Voice of the ACS Member”

# Outcomes



- Approved the reappointment of two members of Governing Board for Publishing.
- Approved the reappointments of several Editors for ACS Journals.
- Approved the appointment of a new Editor for an ACS Journal.
- Approved establishment of the *Dong Qin ACS Award in Nanochemistry*.
- Approved an ACS Nominee for the 2025 Othmer Gold Medal.
- Approved screened lists of nominees for the 2025 Priestley Medal and the Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS.
- Approved the recommendations to change the date of the ACS Spring 2030 Meeting in New Orleans from March 17-21 to March 10-14, and the ACS Fall 2032 Meeting time and place to August 22-26, 2032, in Chicago, IL.

# ACS Presidential Succession, 2022-2026



Dorothy Phillips, President 2025; Mary Carroll, President 2024; Angela Wilson President 2022; Judy Giordan, President 2023





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June 6-9, 2024  
The Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, PA

[MARM 2024 \(psu.edu\)](https://psu.edu/marm2024)

## MARM 2024

The **Central Pennsylvania Section** of the American Chemical Society welcomes you to beautiful **Happy Valley**, home of the Penn State Nittany Lions, for the 52nd annual **Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM)**!

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## DATES AND LOCATION

June 05 - June 08

The Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, PA 16802

# Submit your ideas to advance ACS



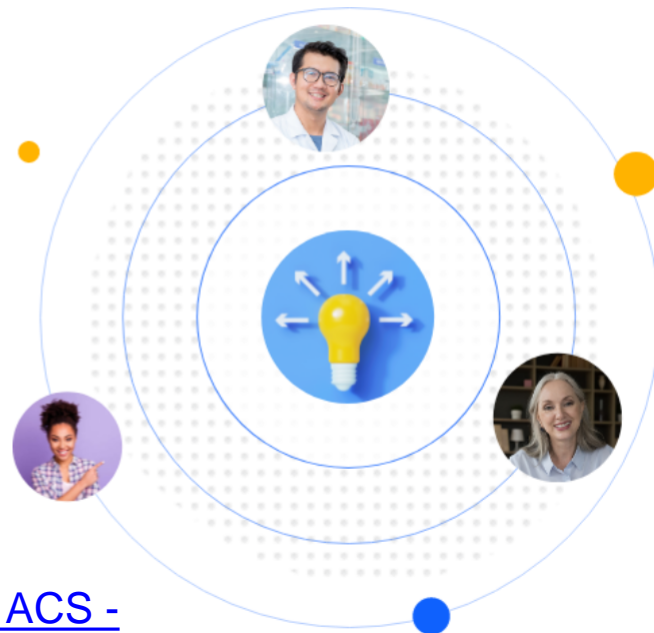
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## I.D.E.A. Innovative Development & Expansion to Advance ACS

**Send us your ideas. Make an impact!**

We are always looking for ways to make ACS more relevant and useful to our members. If you have an idea for a new program--or how to improve an existing one--to help current and future chemists, we are all ears.

[Tell us about your idea](#)



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# Seen in C&EN



**c&en** LATEST TOPICS MAGAZINE FEATURES COLLECTIONS PODCASTS CHEMPICS JOBS

## Comment: Leadership: The heart of the American Chemical Society and the future of chemistry

by *Wayne E. Jones Jr., chair, ACS Board of Directors*  
March 14, 2024 | A version of this story appeared in **Volume 102, Issue 8**

Over the past 150 years, the American Chemical Society has grown from 35 chemists in New York to a thriving global membership community of over 200,000 individuals. We strive to improve all people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry. As the newly elected chair of the ACS Board of Directors, I have been reflecting on the key factors resulting in our longevity and how we can ensure a vibrant, successful future for ACS over the coming centuries.

I truly believe we are here today because of ACS's long-standing commitment to chemistry and to the development of our members as leaders. Throughout its history, ACS has dedicated significant resources to fostering leadership throughout the global chemistry enterprise, and I am happy to report that this



Credit: Portrait Studio Seattle  
Wayne E. Jones Jr.

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COMMENT

## Comment: Contribute your time and talent to meaningful ACS activities

by *Mary K. Carroll, 2024 ACS president, and Brian Mothes, chair, Committee on Committees*  
March 4, 2024 | A version of this story appeared in **Volume 102, Issue 7**

The American Chemical Society has over 200,000 individuals in our global membership community, including both members and community associates. Our community includes experienced and early-career professionals working in a wide array of fields, as well as students and retirees. For our society to have the most influence, ACS must nurture and maintain this diverse membership by leveraging members' backgrounds, perspectives, and talents and engaging them in meaningful ways in high-impact activities.

An individual member can contribute to ACS activities in many ways. ACS student members often have their first volunteer opportunities within one of



Credit: Christine Brown  
Mary K. Carroll

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COMMENT

## Comment: It's me, hi, I'm the chemist, it's me

by *Natalie A. LaFranzo, director-at-large, American Chemical Society*  
February 26, 2024 | A version of this story appeared in **Volume 102, Issue 6**

I have a confession. I haven't run a laboratory experiment in over 10 years. I decided to leave the bench toward the end of my graduate career. I spent more than 5 years exploring neuronal development using microscale-patterned substrates with beautiful chemistry. I still have some amazing videos capturing cells exploring their environment. I published results demonstrating a new class of self-assembled monolayers. Then I left it all behind.

With my days of conducting laboratory research in the distant past, why am I



Credit: Courtesy of Natalie A. LaFranzo  
Natalie A. LaFranzo

