

To: Central MA Section ACS Members

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

Date: September 10, 2025

Below is a report of my participation in the fall 2025 governance meetings of the ACS that took place in Washington, DC last month. As has been the case for several years, 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 summer and fall virtually to discuss various matters and the entire SOCED met virtually on August 14. It also had an in-person meeting in Washington on August 17 that I did not attend. The USNCO subgroup met on August 16 at Washington and I attended the meeting via Zoom where we reviewed and approved the 2026 National Olympiad exams.

Notes from SOCED Executive Meeting – August 14, 2025. If anyone would like to see the full agenda with supporting documents, please email me: mgovindan80@gmail.com.

- Mike Adams, SOCED Chair, shared his report to the Council of the Committee's activities during the past six months.
- Laura Pence, Chair of the Science Education Policy Subcommittee, provided highlights of the subcommittee's activities. We considered and approved the revised ACS Science Education Policy. This is a 2-page document that governs the Society's programs pertaining to science education.
- Each of the other three subcommittees presented oral reports.

Notes from the District 1 Caucus on Sunday, August 10.

- See below a copy of the slide presentation by District 1 Director, Dr. Kathy Lee that contains more details of the meeting.
- The Committee on Budget and Finance gave its report.
- Membership Affairs Committee reported that ACS had 99,201 dues-paying members, 2282 society affiliates and 141,262 community associates. Many in the last group are members that have let their membership lapse.
- No changes in dues are proposed for 2026.

Abbreviated notes from the ACS Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

Please see the attached **Council Talking Points** provided by Kimberly Knight, the new ACS Secretary, for more details. Also see the Council meeting agenda [here](#).

- President Dorothy Phillips, retired Director of Strategic Marketing, Waters Corporation, MA presided over the meeting.
- Election of candidates for various positions followed. See the Council Talking Points for details.
- The following petitions were approved – see the Council Talking Points for details.
 - Petition to establish the Committee for the Advancement of LGBTQ+ chemists. See pp. 71 of the agenda book for details.
 - Petition to realign the Committee on Publications. See pp. 73-74 of the agenda book.
 - Petition to amend the name and duties of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications. See pp. 75-76 of the agenda book.
 - Petition to amend the duties of the Committee on International Activities. See pp 77-79 of the

agenda book.

- New Professional Employment Guidelines. See pp. 83-91 of the agenda book.
- Petition for changes to the local section territory. See pp. 94-100 of the agenda book.
- Petition to charter a new international chapter in Guatemala. See page 102 of the agenda book.
- Councilors were urged to share the QR code on p. 44 of the agenda book for a link to suggest ACS members for various elected committees.
- Spring 2026 ACS National Meeting will be held March 22-26 in Atlanta, GA.



**American Chemical Society
ACS Fall 2025 Meeting
Washington, DC
August 2025**

Councilor Talking Points: Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

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 August 20, and the Board of Directors' meetings held on August 15 – 17, 2025.

Actions of the Council

Election Results: Elected Committees of Council (*elected)

- By electronic ballot, the Council elected Penny Beuning, Raychelle Burks, Jason Ritchie, and Frankie Wood-Black for three-year terms (2026 – 2028) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC).

*Penny Beuning	193	Fran Kravitz	127
*Raychelle Burks	255	*Jason Ritchie	228
James Carver	174	Stephanie Watson	161
Gregory Ferrence	165	*Frankie Wood-Black	207

- By electronic ballot, the Council elected William Carroll, Jr., Carmen Gauthier, Thomas Lane, Louise Lawter, and Lori Stepan for three-year terms (2026 – 2028) on the Committee on Committees (ConC). Louise Lawter will begin serving immediately to fill a vacated seat.

*William Carroll, Jr.	296	*Thomas Lane	245
Robert Cohen	61	*Louise Lawter	237
Roger Egolf	105	Margaret Levenberg	157
*Carmen Gauthier	242	*Lori Stepan	209
Timothy Hanks	133	Keith Vitense	169

- By electronic ballot, the Council elected Kelly Elkins, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Alison Hyslop, Gregory Tew, Kathryn Uhrich, Don Warner, and Peter Zarras for three-year terms (2026 – 2028) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E). After a tie vote and run-off election, Ellene Tratras Contis was elected to a two-year term (2026 – 2027) and Jingbo Louise Liu was elected to a one-year term (2026) to maintain rotation of terms as the committee expands its membership.

Mary Anderson	154	Kristina Proctor	115
Maria Contel	139	Elsa Reichmanis	186
*Kelly Elkins	218	*Gregory Tew	214
*Jennifer Hollingsworth	227	*Ellene Tratras Contis	189
*Alison Hyslop	191	Jackie Trischman	112
Julie Jessop	171	*Kathryn Uhrich	224
*Jingbo Louise Liu	189	Lichang Wang	139
Marge Matthews	94	*Don Warner	210
Lisa McElwee-White	151	*Peter Zarras	192

Other Council Actions:

Highlights from Committee Reports and Key Actions

- On the recommendation of ConC, and with the concurrence of CPC, Council voted [Yes 343 (86.40%) / No 54 (13.60%)] to approve the *Petition to Establish the Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists (CALC)*, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. Members will be appointed to this committee with terms beginning in 2026.
- On the recommendation of ConC, and with the concurrence of CPC, Council voted [Yes 336 (83.58%) / No 66 (16.42%)] to approve the *Petition to Realign the Committee on Publications*, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. This petition dissolves the committee; the work formerly performed by this committee will be handled by a new Journals Advisory Board reporting to the Governing Board of Publishing.
- On the recommendation of ConC, and with the concurrence of CPC, Council voted [Yes 393 (97.52%) / No 10 (2.48%)] to approve the *Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications*, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. This petition changes the name from the Committee on Public Relations and Communications (CPRC) to the Committee on Communications (COMM).
- On the recommendation of ConC, and with the concurrence of CPC, Council voted [Yes 392 (97.76%) / No 9 (2.24%)] to approve the *Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on International Activities*, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. This petition aligns the duties of the Committee on International Activities (IAC) with those of other committees responsible for Unit functions (such as the Committee on Local Section Activities).
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA), Council voted to approve the Professional Employment Guidelines, as amended [Yes 373 (93.02%) / No 28 (6.98%)], subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. CEPA

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presented an amendment clarifying the language associated with intellectual property ownership.

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC), Council voted [Yes 389 (97.49%) / No 10 (2.51%)] to approve the *Petition for Changes in Local Section Territory*. This petition adds territory not currently within the boundaries of a Local Section to adjacent Local Sections.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities (IAC), Council voted to approve the creation of a new International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Guatemala [Yes 383 (97.21%) / No 11 (2.79%)], subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors.
- The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) reported the certification of nine unit bylaws since the spring 2025 meeting. They include four Local Sections: Green Mountain, New York, Sacramento, and Southern Indiana; one Division: Rubber (RUBB); and four International Chemical Sciences Chapters: Ecuador, Ghana, Northeast China, and Shanghai.

Resolutions

The Council passed several resolutions:

- In memory of deceased Councilors;
- In sincere appreciation of the Chemical Society of Washington, host Local Section for the ACS Fall 2025 meeting, as well as the Divisional program chairs, symposium organizers, and ACS staff for the planning and execution of the meeting; and
- In appreciation of the outgoing Chair of Council, Dorothy J. Phillips.

Meeting Attendance

The ACS Fall 2025 meeting was held from August 17 – 21. As of August 19, there were 11,640 registrations (10,602 in-person and 1,038 online). The ACS Spring 2026 meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA from March 22 – 26, 2026.

Actions of the Board of Directors - Executive Session

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on August 15-16, 2025, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

Board Actions

- 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.

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- Upon recommendation of the Board Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted to approve a nominee for the 2026 Othmer Gold Medal.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted to approve that the ACS nominees for the Othmer Gold Medal and Perkin Medal must be an ACS member in good standing beginning with the 2027 cycle.
- Upon recommendation of the Governing Board for Publishing (GBP), the Board voted to approve a one-time extension of all current Governing Board member terms, to end on December 31 of their respective end term year. This will allow GBP member terms to transition to a Jan-Dec cycle in alignment with Society Committees.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve that the advance member registration fee for 2026 ACS Spring and Fall meetings remain at \$549 for in-person and \$149 for virtual and approved associated pricing for all other registration fees.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the allotment funding request for the International Chemical Sciences Chapters.
- The Board also acted on confidential matters related to salary, merit, and inflation assumptions for the 2026 budget planning process.

Board Discussions

- The Board engaged in a strategic discussion on the strengths and opportunities of the ACS structure for component groups.
- Board Chair Wayne Jones facilitated a discussion about themes emerging from feedback Board members have received from the ACS community.

Reports

- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Albert Horvath and his staff provided organizational updates on current affairs and new initiatives. He shared the strong performance of ACS in 2025, and growth across many areas. He highlighted:
 - The Fall 2025 meeting announcement that one hundred \$25,000 grants will be disbursed by year end under the one-time Graduate Student Success grant initiative as approved by the Board in June;
 - ACS solutions-driven programs for industry partners;
 - Collaborations with federal agencies, national labs, NGOs, foundations, and local government;
 - ACS advocacy efforts, including letters to Congress, direct lobbying, interactions with federal agencies, legislative meetings and briefings, and ACS community activities;
 - Executive Leadership Team (ELT) succession planning updates;
 - Fall 2025 program updates, including registration exceeding the budgeted 11,000 attendees;
 - ACS rebranding updates;
 - Ongoing planning efforts for the ACS 150th Anniversary Celebration;
 - Evolution of the ACS undergraduate scholarship portfolio, and
 - Sustainability efforts at ACS's Washington and Columbus campuses, including that the Washington, DC office buildings are LEED platinum certified.

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- ACS Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Emily Kunchala reported on the strong financial health of the organization. The report highlighted ongoing work in risk assessment, scenario planning, and cost optimization and productivity. For Q2 2025, the ACS financial guidelines have been met.
- Members of the presidential succession provided reports on their 2025 initiatives and activities.
- Committee Chairs Carolyn Ribes (Public Affairs and Public Relations), Katherine Lee (Professional and Member Relations), and Committee member Kimberly Agnew-Heard (Strategic Planning) provided updates on their respective committee activities, ongoing efforts to review their processes, and future plans.
- Chair of the Governing Board for Publishing, Al Horvath, along with ACS Presidents Manny Guzman (CAS) and Jim Milne (Publications), shared key priorities aimed at driving growth and enabling sustained success. They also outlined strategic opportunities to strengthen ACS's information science and publishing portfolios.
- Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance Natalie LaFranzo reported on efforts to refine the committee's scope and to differentiate it from a proposed Board Committee on Finance.
- Chair of the Committee on Corporation Associates Michael Abrams updated the Board on the committee's work on safety culture and strengthening stakeholder partnerships, the ACS Industry Roundtable, Heroes of Chemistry, and their upcoming strategic planning retreat.
- Written reports were reviewed from the General Counsel, Human Resources, and the Committees on Chemical Technical Professionals, Chemists with Disabilities, Chemistry and Public Affairs, Community Activities, Education, Environment and Sustainability, Intellectual Property, International Activities, Public Relations and Communications, Publications, Professional Training, Science, Women Chemists, and Younger Chemists.

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.

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Rigoberto Hernandez, President-Elect

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Committee Preference Form

www.cmte.acs.org

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N&E Nomination Form
National Election Candidate Information
ACS Governing Documents

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www.acs.org/elections
www.acs.org/govdocs

ACS Graduate Student Success Grant

- **Goal:** Support M.S. and Ph.D. students within one year of degree completion who have been impacted by the termination or cancellation of their advisor's research grant(s).
- **Amount:** \$25,000 for one year per research institution (up to 100 grants total)
- **Submission Window:** September 15 – October 1, 2025
- **For additional information visit the website:**

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ACS Graduate Student Success Grant



SUBMISSIONS OPEN SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

District I Councilor Caucus

August 10, 2025

Katherine Lee, District I Director

Agenda

- **Update from Board of Directors**
- **Budget and Finance – Laura Sessions**
- **Nominations and Elections – Amber Charlebois**
- **Committee on Committees – Tom Gilbert**
- **Membership Affairs – Roger Bartholomew**
- **Local Section Activities Committee – Mark O'Brien**
- **NERACS Awards – Katherine Lee**
- **Any other business**
- **Adjourn**



OUR COMMITMENT

Improve all lives through
the transforming power
of chemistry

OUR VISION

A world built on science

OUR MISSION

Advance scientific knowledge
Empower a global community
Champion scientific integrity



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ACS Strategic Plan 2025-2029

CORE VALUES



Passion for Science

We believe chemistry drives
scientific discovery and innovation.



Lifelong Learning

We promote equitable access to science
education, resources, and career pathways.



Inclusion and Belonging

We create environments where people from
diverse backgrounds, cultures, perspectives,
and experiences thrive.



Sustainability

We embody safe, ethical,
and responsible practices.



STRATEGIC GOALS

Elevate the Reputation of Science

Communicate the positive impact of
chemistry on society to strengthen public
trust in science.

Enhance Community Engagement

Connect members and all people interested
in the chemical sciences and build synergy
to enrich our diverse community.

Empower Scientists

Foster accessible science education and continuous
learning to enable all people to make informed
decisions and address global challenges.

Deliver Innovative Solutions

Drive ACS content and services to
maximize influence and value to
the global scientific enterprise.



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strategy.acs.org

As approved by the ACS Board of Directors on 12/6/24

ACS CONTINUES ADVOCACY FOR SCIENCE AND SCIENTISTS

- **Strategic Communication:** Non-Partisan engagement with the Administration and Congressional leaders
- **Congressional Visits:**
 - ACS Board of Directors met with 20+ members of Congress and their staff to advocate for robust research funding
 - “Virtual fly-in” advocacy efforts were piloted
- **Collaborative Advocacy:** ACS and other scientific organizations are working together to amplify advocacy efforts
- **Community Engagement:**
 - 2,600+ letters sent through Act4Chemistry
 - ACS federal cut impact survey of chemistry departments



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HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- **Join Act4Chemistry:** Write to your legislators to explain the impact of federally funded science on scientific progress and local communities.
- **Share Your Stories:** If your ability to conduct science has been affected by executive orders, ACS encourages you to share your experience with our staff at policy@acs.org.
- **Stay Informed and Participate:** There are many policy-related activities at the Fall Meeting, with more planned throughout the year.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES: EXECUTIVE SESSION



Date: August 15-16

Agenda:

- Strategic Reports to the Board from the Presidential Succession, CEO, Treasurer, Governing Board for Publishing, Committees on Strategic Planning, Professional and Member Relations, Public Affairs and Public Relations and Budget and Finance and Corporation Associates
- Strategic Discussions

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ACS Board Open Session and ChemLuminary Awards Program



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
4:00 – 6:30 PM

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
Ballroom A/B

Board Open Meeting

- Remarks from ACS Board Chair Wayne Jones
- Audience Q&A

ACS ChemLuminary Awards

- Remarks from Brian Gibney in honor of 2025 Award for ACS Volunteer Service Recipient Patricia Redden
- ChemLuminary Award presentations to Local Sections, Divisions, Regions and International Chemical Sciences Chapters

ACS Connect Reception to follow from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

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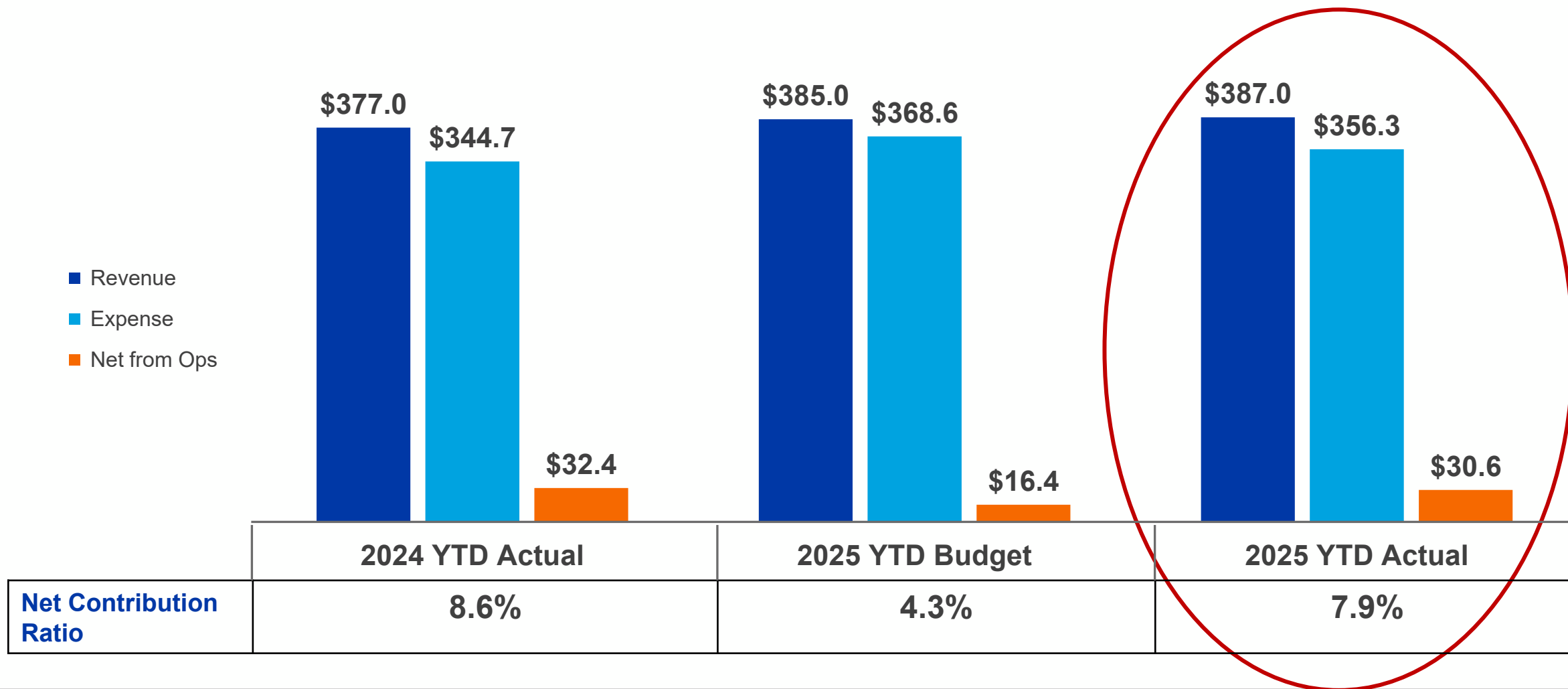
Report from the Society Committee on Budget and Finance

Laura Sessions

ACS Councilor Caucus

ACS Achieved \$30.6M Net from Operations

June YTD 2025 (\$ in millions)

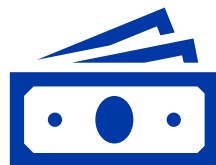


ACS Growth since 2000



Revenues have more than doubled since 2000

\$320M to \$778M



Net from Operations increased 8x

\$7.5M to \$56.5M



International headcount grew 20 times

22 to 440

**65% Revenues outside North America
Active in 56 jurisdictions**

Board Finance Committee and B&F Evolution

- The Board of Directors and Committee on Budget & Finance seek to evolve the Committee structure supporting ACS financial health. This change is prompted by the significant growth in the scale and risks associated with our organization. The proposed change would establish a Board Finance Committee with fiduciary responsibility and enterprise-level focus.
- In parallel, B&F would be renamed the Committee on Fiscal Affairs, and would enhance their focus on governance engagement and support.

Why do we need a Finance Committee?



Expert Oversight – Protects the Society and Board by ensuring the Finance Committee has the proper expertise to execute their duties. And provides oversight and insight on complex transactions and issues



Compliance and Risk Management – Monitors financial risks and emerging/changing regulations

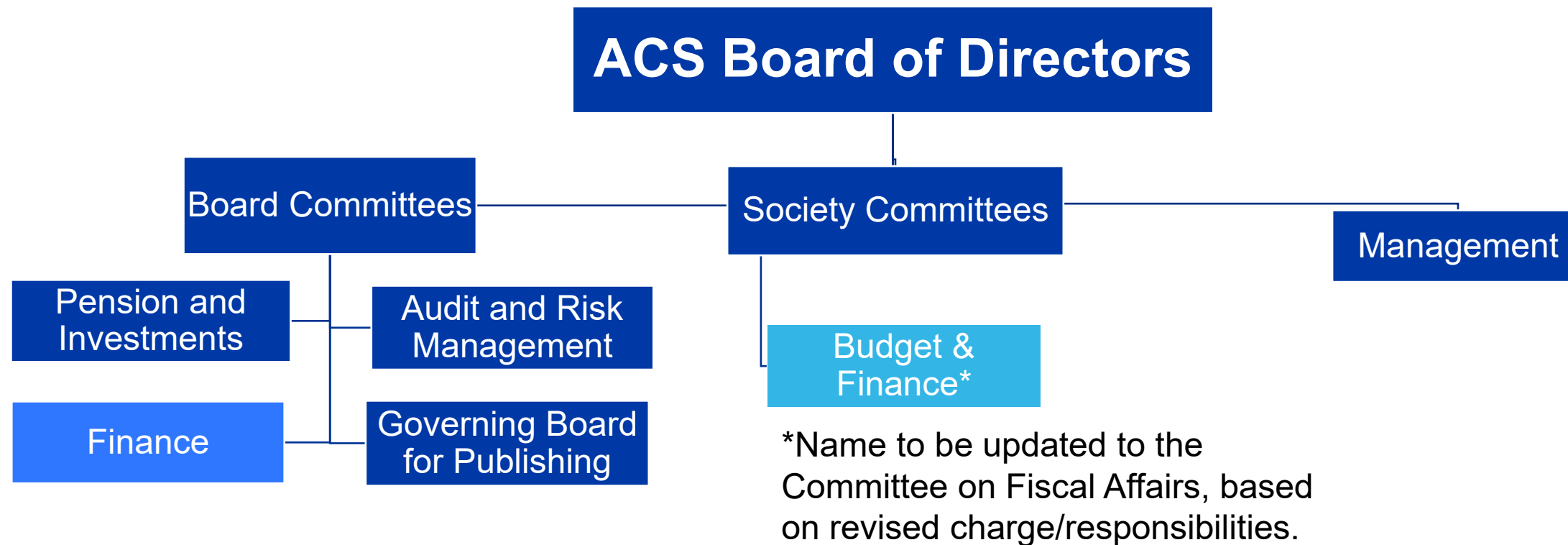


Financial Planning and Strategy – Supports long-term financial planning at the enterprise level



Smaller agile group that can meet more frequently, if needed, to discuss timely topics (i.e., an acquisition or a refinancing)

Finance Committee Governance



Draft Comparison of Fiscal Affairs v. Finance

Fiscal Affairs (Society Focus)

- Providing financial stewardship guidance to component groups;
- Providing feedback and fiscal recommendations on new Society Programs that would help ACS achieve its strategic goals;
- Serving as a trusted multi-channel connection for communication related to the Society's finances;
- Reviewing the potential financial impact of proposals presented to Council for consideration and action.

Finance (Enterprise Focus)

- Monitoring finances: Overseeing budget, cash flow, other financial issues;
- Establishing financial goals for the organization, such as growing revenues or increasing profit margins
- Ensuring the organization's assets are properly maintained
- Financial Risk Management: Flagging potential problems and anticipating financial issues and changing regulations
- Reviewing/recommending financial plans, capital plans, budgets to board
- Assessing annual operating and capital budgets
- Monitoring liquidity, banking and credit, managing reserves, debt financing, and credit arrangements.
- Advice on Mergers & Acquisitions and Divestments
- Coordination with the Audit and Risk Management Committee on external financial audits and necessary filings.

Next Steps



August Councilor Caucus

Present proposal and seek input



August Meeting

B&F continues evolution

FAQs circulated

Review output of this meeting with
Staff/Society Program Management
team/Board



Prepare for Spring 2026

Teams begin initiating conversations
and defining scope

Communications and Change impact

Nominations and Elections

Amber Charlebois

ACS Councilor Caucus

Director-at-Large In-Person Town Hall

2025 CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE, 2026-2028

Sunday, August 17, 2025

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET

Marriott Marquis Washington, Independence Salon E



**ANNA
CAVINATO**



**DONNA
FRIEDMAN**



**MALIKA
JEFFRIES-EL**



**WILL E.
LYNCH**

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Recommendations for In-Person Voting at Council



Connect
to the ACS
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Close all programs,
apps, and tabs
EXCEPT
the Lumi Voting
Platform



Keep your
ACS ID
and meeting
password easily
accessible



Don't multitask on
your voting device

Successful Voting Experience

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N&E Needs Your Help!

Please nominate
candidates for Zone
Councilor Positions!

Zone Councilors



Office	Zone 1 (4 Councilors)	Zone 2 (7 Councilors)	Zone 3 (5 Councilors)	Zone 4 (2 Councilors)	Zone 5 (8 Councilors)	Zone 6 (8 Councilors)
	1 Councilor	2 Councilors	2 Councilors	1 Councilor	3 Councilors	3 Councilors
2026	2 Councilors	3 Councilors	2 Councilors	1 Councilor	3 Councilors	3 Councilors
2027	1 Councilor	2 Councilors	1 Councilor	0 Councilors	2 Councilors	2 Councilors

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Nominations Process

Seeking Nominations For:

- Council Policy Committee
- Committee on Committees
- Nominations & Elections
- District Directors (I-VI, International)
- Director at Large
- President Elect
- Zone Councilors

ACS Elections Nomination Intake Form

Submit a Nomination form



<https://nominations.acs.org/form/entry.asp>

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ACS Elections: Voter and Service Eligibility

- Are you eligible to vote?
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- Are you eligible to serve in Elected Office?
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Committee on Committees

Proposed Changes to the ACS Committee Structure: One Addition and One Realignment

Tom Gilbert

Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists (CALC)

Proposed New Committee

Planning Meeting November 2024



- Bill Carroll, facilitator
- Brian Mathes, ConC Chair
- Sambuddha Banerjee
- Jada Barnes
- Chris Bannochie
- Sam Brunclik
- Allison Campbell (remote)
- Mary Carroll
- Fanny Frausto Arellano
- Victoria Fuentes
- Alicia Harris
- Katie Johnson
- Kim Knight
- Annabelle Lolinco
- Mary Jo Ondrechen
- with pre-meeting input from others in the ACS community

Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists (CALC)

This committee is established to support and recognize LGBTQ+ chemistry professionals and their allies.

The duties of this committee shall include the following, *inter alia*:

- (a) serve as a forum for LGBTQ+ people in chemistry and related professions;
- (b) provide useful services and information pertaining to the LGBTQ+ community
- (c) increase and improve participation of the LGBTQ+ community in the chemical sciences and the SOCIETY;
- (d) promote the recognition of LGBTQ+ chemistry professionals;
- (e) cultivate and recognize allies; and
- (f) advise the Council, the Board and other appropriate SOCIETY bodies regarding issues of importance to the LGBTQ+ community.

Committee on Publications Realignment to a Journals Advisory Board

Proposed Realignment

Journal Advisory Board

Proposed Structure and Appointment Process

- Consist of 12 members providing broad subject matter coverage and inclusivity
- Nomination process (supported by ACS staff):
 - ▶ Nomination process to support identification of qualified individuals, recognizing need for a balanced and inclusive group (e.g., including position in career).
 - ▶ To facilitate this, invitations to nominate extended to:
 - Existing PUBS members
 - ACS Divisions – aligned with subject matter expertise sought
 - Other relevant groups, e.g., recent Journal Awardees and other ACS Awardees as appropriate

Journal Advisory Board

Proposed Appointments and Terms

- Advisory Board appointment:
 - ▶ Three-year term, renewable once (leading to rotation of typically two members each year)
 - ▶ Advisory Board members to be ACS members
 - ▶ Existing PUB committee members retained (invited to continue their current term to ensure a smooth transition)
- Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair identified and appointed by PUBS membership
 - ▶ Two-year, with Vice Chair expected to succeed Chair
- Advisory Board Chair will also be Chair of C&EN Editorial Board
 - ▶ Currently defined in the ACS Governing Documents, to-be-reviewed recognizing time commitment on the individual covering: Advisory Board, GBP, and C&EN Editorial Board Meetings

Journal Advisory Board

Proposed Appointments and Terms

- Chair of Advisory Board to be full voting member of GBP
- Advisory Board to meet three times per year, in advance of the three GBP meetings
 - ▶ Allowing decisions to be presented directly to GBP meetings without delay
 - ▶ Two meetings held virtually; one meeting hybrid – likely the day prior to the GBP meeting held in Washington, DC

Council Action Items

- Petition to Establish the Committee on the Advancement of LGBTQ+ Chemists
- Petition to Realign the Committee on Publications
- Petition to Amend the Name and Duties of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications
- Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on International Activities
- More information:
 - ▶ Council Agenda: www.acs.org/councilors
 - ▶ Email: secretary@acs.org



Committee on Membership Affairs

Roger Bartholomew

ACS Community Details

ACS Community is 246,105

Category	May 31, 2024	May 31, 2025
Members	99,126	99,201
Society Affiliates	2,853	2,282
Community Associates	115,085	144,622

Councilors, members and associates of ACS committees are invited to attend MAC’s open meeting taking place on Sunday, August 17th to hear more details about membership data, working groups' activities, and/or provide input to the 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits.

Members & Affiliates is 101,483
Emeritus & Retired Members make up ~22% of Members & Affiliates and ~9% of the ACS Community

ACS Membership Language Update

- MAC and ACS have received feedback and have observed ongoing confusion regarding language usage pertaining to Members, Membership, Community Associates, and the global community of individuals affiliated with ACS.
- **UPDATED LANGUAGE:** "The ACS community of more than **230,000** individuals includes members, student members, society affiliates and community associates."

Profile of an ACS Member/Society Affiliate



Average Age

44

Years Old



Gender

65%

Man

<1%

Non-binary

34%

Woman

<1%

Prefer to self-describe



Sector

34%

Industry

6%

Government

59%

Academia

1%

Other



Career Stage

30%

Early-Career

30%

Mid-Career

40%

Senior-Career



Years of Service (Avg.)

11.5



Membership Package

86%

Premium Package

14%

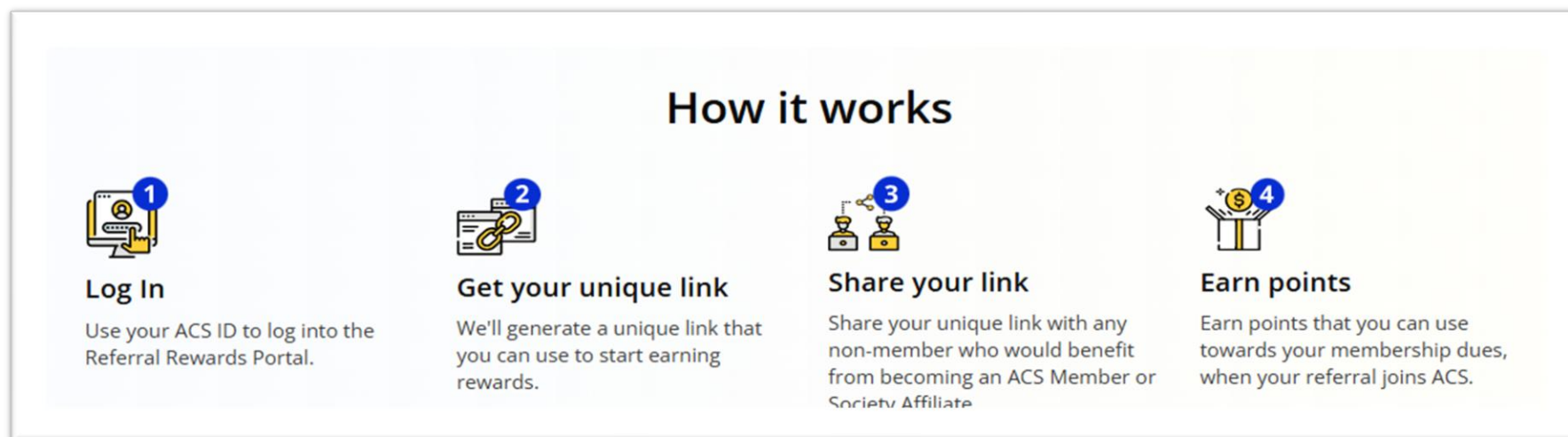
Standard Package

**Standard Package only available to Regular Members & Society Affiliates*

*Statistics omit Retired and Emeritus Members. Undergraduate Student, Graduate Student, Regular Member and Society Affiliate included. Demographics not representative of all Member & Affiliate population; Demographics are voluntarily provided. %'s based on response total

ACS Membership Referral Program

- Refer an individual to ACS and you both get rewarded!
- Members and Society Affiliates with a Standard or Premium package can refer colleagues and earn exclusive rewards.



<https://www.acs.org/membership/membership-referral-program.html>

Local Section Activities Committee

Petition for Changes in Local Section Territory

Mark O'Brien

Unassigned ACS Local Section Territory

- An LSAC Working Group identified over 600 counties and nearly 1k members within the United States that are currently unassigned to an ACS Local Section.
- Using a rubric that considered existing local section boundaries and the geographic proximity of their member populations, State & ACS District boundaries, section size (among other considerations), the working group published its preliminary recommendations to assign all unassigned counties (and members) to individual local sections.
- All local sections were contacted and provided a listing of counties to be assigned and maps highlighting the new proposed local section boundaries.
- All Local Sections receiving territory or sharing borders with unassigned territory were provided an opportunity to propose alternate assignments. Proposed changes were resolved and agreed upon by those sections impacted.

Unassigned ACS Local Section Territory by District

	Number of Sections Receiving Territory	Number of Counties to be Assigned	Number of Members to be Assigned
District I	5	10	35
District II	24	154	302
District III	3	5	6
District IV	22	159	213
District V	23	251	234
District VI	10	61	164