



American Chemical Society
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
August 21-25, 2016

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Actions of the Council

Election Results

Elected Committees of Council

- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Harmon B. Abrahamson, Lissa A. Dulany, Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks, and Sally B. Peters** for a 2017-2019 term, **Martin D. Rudd** for a 2017-2018 term, and **Karl S. Booksh and Ella L. Davis** for a one-year term, 2017, on the Council Policy Committee.
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Lisa M. Balbes, Thomas H. Lane, Amber S. Hinkle, Alan M. Ehrlich, and Alan A. Hazari** for a 2017-2019 term and **Neil D. Jespersen** for a one-year term, 2017, on the Committee on Nominations and Elections.
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Wayne E. Jones, Jr., D. Richard Cobb, Stephanie J. Watson, Dee Ann Casteel, and Emilio X. Esposito** for three year terms, 2017-2019, on the Committee on Committees.

Other Council Actions

Continuation of Select Committees

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, the Council voted to approve the continuation of the Committee on Analytical Reagents, and the Committee on Chemical Abstracts Service, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

Change in Local Section Territory

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities, the Council approved a petition from the Permian Basin Local Section to annex the Texas counties of Pecos and Brewster, and the petition from the Upper Peninsula Local Section to annex unassigned and

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adjacent territory, and one Michigan county (Menominee) now currently assigned to the Northwest Wisconsin Local Section.

Unemployed Members' Dues Waiver

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs, the Council approved a petition to amend the ACS Bylaws to extend the Unemployed Members' Dues Waiver, which will extend waivers for unemployed members' dues from the current two years to three years, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, the Council approved the *Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct*, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

Charter Bylaws

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the Council approved the *Bylaws for Divisions in Probationary Status* and the *Charter Bylaws for New Local Sections*.

International Chemical Sciences Chapters

- On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities, the Council approved the establishment of ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapters in Greater Beijing, Southwestern China, and Iraq, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

Resolutions

- The Council passed resolutions in memory of deceased Councilors; acknowledging President Donna Nelson's service as presiding officer of the Council; and in gratitude for the officers and members of the Philadelphia Local Section, the host Section for the 252nd National Meeting, the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers, and ACS staff.

Special Discussion

The Council conducted a special discussion to gather input on proposed recommendations from the ACS Presidential Task Force on the U.S. Employment of Chemists. The task force has been examining and considering all known influences that can impact employment in the chemical sciences. Councilors were invited to share their thoughts, comments, and suggestions on the proposed suggestions to date, in preparation for the report's expected release later this year.

Highlights from Committee Reports

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Nominations and Elections

The Committee on Nominations and Elections solicits Councilors' input of qualified individuals for President-Elect and/or Directors for future consideration. Suggestions may be sent to nomelect@acs.org. N&E has established the Vote 20/20 Task Force, charged with examining all aspects of nominations and elections for ACS national offices, and designing an enhanced process to be in place by the year 2020. The committee welcomes ideas from all members as to how nominations and elections should be handled. Send comments to vote2020@acs.org

Budget and Finance

The Society's 2016 Probable 1 Budget calls for a Net from Operations of \$17.3 million. This is \$3.9 million higher than the Approved Budget but only \$723,000 higher than 2015. Total revenues are projected to be \$528.8 million, essentially on budget, and 3.3% higher than the prior year. Total expenses are projected at \$511.5 million, which is 0.6% favorable to budget, and 3.3% higher than 2015.

The Committee considered several program funding requests for 2017, and on its recommendations, the Board subsequently approved funding for the Atlantic Basin Conference on Chemistry, the ChemIDP Program; and the International Student Chapter Program.

Actions of the Board of Directors

The Board's Executive Session

At this meeting, the ACS Board of Directors considered a number of key strategic issues and responded with several actions.

Board Actions

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board voted to approve the Society's nominees for the 2017 Perkin Medal, the 2017 National Science Board Public Service Award, and the 2017 Alan T. Waterman Award; and to approve the revised rescission procedures for the national awards and ACS Fellows designation.
- On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of editors-in-chief for two ACS journals.

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- On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee of \$445 for national meetings held in 2017 and also authorized several program funding requests.

Board Discussions

The Board of Directors received and discussed reports from the Governance Agility Task Force, the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Committee on Planning, the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, and the ACS Governing Board for Publishing.

The Board is seeking ways to engage ACS stakeholders to identify opportunities and issues for governance improvement that will enable ACS to advance its mission in a streamlined and simplified manner. The Board and the Council Policy Committee are creating a new task force that will look at the Society's future governance needs. Per the Board's discussion, the chair's report to Council provided additional details on a proposed Society-wide initiative to ensure an agile, efficient, and effective ACS. Additionally, the Board is considering proposed changes to certain Board committee duties and roles.

The Board discussed the history, role, and contributions of its Standing Committee on Corporation Associates, and the responsibility of ACS to effectively capture the needs of industrial members and their corporations.

The presidents of Chemical Abstracts Service and the ACS Publications Division shared details on their financial performance and editorial and new product development highlights. Executive Director and CEO Tom Connelly and his direct reports updated the Board on issues relating to Human Resources, ACS Finances, and Education.

The Board heard reports from members of the Presidential Succession on their key priorities and activities as they relate to those of the Board and for the purposes of coordinating their ongoing activities on behalf of the Society.

The Board's Regular Session

The Board held a well-attended regular session which featured a discussion on ACS National Meetings of the Future. Board Chair Pat Confalone opened the discussion by stating ACS National Meetings are a key way that ACS fulfills its obligation to deliver scientific information. These National Meetings are successful, but we are always looking for ways to improve and to anticipate what members' future needs – as to these meetings and other subjects – will be. Almost two dozen audience members came forward to offer comments, observations, and suggestions, prompted by a list of questions designed to help focus the discussion.



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Prior to the presentation, members of the presidential succession and the Executive Director and CEO offered brief reports on their activities. The officers provided more extensive reports on their activities and/or future plans as part of their written and oral reports to the Council.