

ACS Portland Section Council Report
Virtual Council Meeting
March 24, 2021

Actions of the Council

1. From the four candidates proposed by the Committee on Nominations and Elections, Councilors selected **Judith C. Giordan** and **John C. Warner** as **candidates for 2022 President-Elect**. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
2. Candidates for Districts I and IV were also selected. We are in District VI, so will not be able to vote for these candidates. Candidates for two Directors-at-large for 2022-2024 terms: Rodney M. Bennett, Arlene Garrison, Natalie A. LaFranzo, and Lee H. Latimer and any selected via petition. This election will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to all Councilors around October 1, 2021.
3. The Council approved the *Petition to Harmonize Committee Structures, Processes, and Terms*, as amended. This petition removes the distinction between kinds of committees and allows non-councilors and alternate councilors to be appointed to ACS National committees and also adjusts committee terms to two consecutive 3-year appointments. Exceptions are made where specific expertise is needed for a committee to run efficiently. The Petition will become effective immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors, and existing committee assignments will transition to the term limits on January 1, 2022.
4. The Council approved the *Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Local Section Activities*. If a Local Section is no longer able to function, this petition provides the Committee on Local Section Activities with the authority to support it by taking action on their behalf, including appointing an interim executive committee and/or facilitating a Local Section's election when there is a lapse in the local section's leadership.
5. The Council approved the 2022 Schedule of Membership, upon recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs: Regular dues will be \$160 for 2022, and two new categories will be established with fewer benefits and lower cost.
6. The Council was updated on modifications to the ACS Strategic Plan. A fifth strategic goal is implemented 'To Embrace and to Advance Inclusion in Chemistry' and to make clear that Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect are just as important as our other long-standing four strategic goals.
7. After review, the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Ethics were recommended for continuation.
8. Distribution of funds for Divisional Activities was discussed. A new allocation formula will increase the base allotment and the per division member allotment portion of the pool to be distributed among the 32 Divisions. A 7.5% cap on the year-to-year distribution gain/loss by a division is intended to increase stability and give divisions a chance to adjust to the new formula.

The portion of the pool devoted to Innovative Project and Strategic Planning Grants will increase from 10 to 15%. The intent is to support division strategic planning, expand the scope of innovative projects grants, and fund shortfalls due to the capping of year-to-year losses. This formula is considered transitional and will be reviewed by the Committee on Divisional Activities yearly.

Other:

Committee Reports were received from Budget and Finance, Nominations and Elections, Meetings & Expositions.

Councilors are asked to complete their on-line committee preference form.

Actions of the Board of Directors:

1. The ACS Board of Directors met virtually in Executive Session on March 19 and March 26, 2021 and considered a number of key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions. The Board opened its session with a reflection on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect (DEIR), led by Dorothy Phillips.
2. The Board received and discussed reports from its committees on Executive Compensation and on Professional and Member Relations, the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications, the Highly Effective Professionals Team, and the Task Force on Future Meetings. Some of these committees requested and obtained Board action on one or more items.
3. Other topics include the Chief Executive Officer's report, a confirmation of Council actions and a resolution to commemorate the memory of former Board members who have passed.
4. On April 14, the Board will sponsor a keynote session on the "Future of Science in the U.S.: National Science Board's Vision 2030" at the ACS Spring 2021 virtual meeting. This will be a moderated session with speakers from the National Science Board, as they discuss the NSB report, "Vision 2030", and explore needed changes to ensure U.S. pre-eminence in science. More information will be posted soon on the ACS Meetings and Expos Keynote Events page: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/acs-meetings/agenda/keynote-events.html>

Respectfully Submitted



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