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THE JACOB F. SCHOELLKOPF MEDAL

The Western New York Section of the
American Chemical Society
invites you to be present
for the presentation of the
Jacob F. Schoellkopf Medal

TO

*Eva Zurek
for 2023*

AND TO

*Timothy Gregg
for 2024*

Wednesday evening, the sixteenth of October
two thousand twenty-four

Cash bar with cold and hot hors d'oeuvres at six o'clock
Dinner at seven o'clock

Presentations to follow dinner

The Hotel at the Lafayette

391 Washington St. | Buffalo, NY 14203

Details about attending the 2024 Schoellkopf Banquet
will be available soon, in the newsletter, and at
<https://wnyacs.org>

NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL SECTION ELECTIONS FOR 2025

The Western New York ACS local section is currently seeking candidates to fill officer positions that will start in January of 2025. To submit or discuss a nomination, please contact the section chair, Luis R. De Jesús Báez, or another officer. The ballot to fill the positions listed below will be finalized before the start of November, 2024.

Chair
Chair-Elect
Vice-Chair
Secretary
Councilor
Member at Large



American Chemical Society
ACS Fall 2024 Meeting
Denver, Colorado
August 18 – 22, 2024

Councilor's Report

Meeting Attendance

ACS Fall 2024 was held from August 18 – 22, 2024. As of August 22, there were 11,569 registrations (10,245 in-person and 1,324 online).

Actions of the Council

Election Results: Elected Committees of Council (*elected)

-By electronic ballot, the Council elected Donna Friedman, Matthew Grandbois, Diane Grob Schmidt, and Kimberly Wozniak for three-year terms (2025 – 2027) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC). Sheila Murphy was elected for a two-year term from 2025 – 2026 to fill the unexpired term of Jeanette Van Emon, who was elected to the ACS Board of Directors.

-By electronic ballot, the Council elected Allison Aldridge, Mary Engelman, Katherine Johnson, Daniel Rabinovich, and Brian Mathes for three-year terms (2025 – 2027) on the Committee on Committees(ConC).

-By electronic ballot, the Council elected Peter Dorhout, Holly Davis, Kevin Edgar, Donivan Porterfield for three-year terms (2025 – 2027) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E).

Other Council Actions:

Highlights from Reports and Key Actions

-On the recommendation of CPC, Council approved the Petition for Global Representation on Council, as amended on the Council floor [Yes 375 (90.58%) / No 39 (9.42%)]. This petition allows for the creation of Global Electoral Zones for the election of Councilors by ACS members living outside the territory of existing Local Sections. The petition was amended [Yes 400 (97.09%) / No 12 (2.91%)] to count these Councilors elected by Zones with Councilors elected by Local Sections for the purpose of calculating the number of Councilors elected by Divisions as shown in the equation below. This petition will be referred to the ACS Board of Directors for confirmation.

-On the recommendation of ConC, and with concurrence of CPC, Council approved [Yes 394 (99.49%) / No 2 (0.51%)] the Petition to Amend the Name of the Committee on Technician Affairs (CTA) to the Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals (CTP). This change recognizes the fact that the term “technician” does not adequately reflect the variety of titles used for these positions across the broader chemical enterprise

-On the recommendation of ConC, and with concurrence of CPC, Council approved [Yes 393 (99.75%) / No 1 (0.25%)] continuance of the Committees on Ethics; Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols; and Project SEED and, subject to the concurrence by the ACS Board of Directors, the Committees on Chemical Safety; Chemistry and Public Affairs; Community Activities; Minority Affairs; Professional Training; Science; Senior Chemists; Women Chemists; and Younger Chemists. -On the recommendation of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA), Council approved the Academic Professional Guidelines, as amended to reflect the shared responsibility and accountability with the academic institution, faculty, and other mentors in creating a safe environment, [Yes 392 (98.49%) / No 6 (1.51%)] and the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct [Yes 382 (96.71%) / No 13 (3.29%)].

-On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities (IAC), Council approved the creation of the following International Chemical Sciences Chapters, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors: Bangladesh [Yes 375 (96.40%) / No 14 (3.60%)], East and Northeast India [Yes 377 (96.67%) / No 13 (3.33%)], and West India [Yes 370 (96.61%) / No 13 (3.39%)].

-The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) reported the certification of bylaws for a total of 11 units with five Local Sections: Columbus, Permian Basin, Inland Northwest, Midland, and Pensacola; three Divisions: Divisions of Colloid and Surface Chemistry (COLL), Environmental Chemistry (ENVR), and Biochemistry and Chemical Biology (BIOL); and three International Chemical Sciences Chapters: Switzerland, Egypt, and Guangdong, China.

-The Committee on Younger Chemists (YCC), in celebration of their 50th anniversary, encourages early-career chemists to join ACS. Through September, new members can join ACS for a 50% discount off their first year of annual dues by using discount code YCC24 when joining online.

Actions of the Board of Directors - Executive Session

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on August 16-17, 2024, in Denver, CO. 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) focused on inclusive hybrid meetings.

Board Actions

-Upon recommendation of the ACS Chief Operating Officer, the Board voted to approve that the Arthur C. Cope Fund utilization be revised to include a two-year postdoctoral fellowship program to be awarded to Ph.D. candidates or postdoctoral researchers within their first two years of pursuing postdoctoral research in organic chemistry, providing support up to \$85,000 per year for two years, beginning in 2025.

-Upon recommendation of the Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E), the Board voted to approve to **change the ACS Spring 2028 meeting location and date from San Diego, CA, March 5-8, to Houston, TX, March 19-23**

-Upon recommendation of M&E, the Board voted to approve to **change the ACS Fall 2029 meeting location from Boston, MA, to Los Angeles, CA, August 19-23.**

-The Board voted to approve the use of \$20,000 from the 2024 Presidential budget to support the ACS LEADS Conference.

-The Board voted to approve the use of \$10,000 from the 2024 Presidential budget to support the ACS Student Chapter Membership Campaign.

-Upon the recommendation of the Editor Search Committee, the Board voted to approve the appointment of an Editor-in-Chief of Organic Process Research & Development. 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.

-Upon recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F), the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee for 2025 spring and fall meetings: \$549 for in-person and \$249 for virtual.

Reports

-The CEO, Albert Horvath, and his staff, reported on the evolution of membership engagement, planning for the 150th anniversary of ACS, the ACS Brand, financials, organizational objectives, and other ACS activities.

- The presidential succession shared updates with the Board on their significant activities and initiatives on behalf of the Society and its members.

-ACS General Counsel, Tokë Vandervoort, provided an update on the Youth Protection Policy and Volunteer Background Check process. The communications will roll out to the ACS member community beginning on August 26, 2024.

- ACS Secretary, Kimberly Knight, reflected upon her first 30 days in the role and plans to meet with each Board member over the next 60 days.

- Written reports were reviewed from the General Counsel, Executive Vice President for Human Resources, Treasurer, and the Committees on Budget and Finance, Chemical Safety, Chemistry and Public Affairs, Chemists with Disabilities, Community Activities, Education, Environment and Sustainability, International Activities, Minority Affairs, Patents and Related Matters, Professional Training, Publications, Science, Women Chemists, and Younger Chemists.

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