



**American Chemical Society  
ACS Spring 2023 Hybrid Meeting  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
March 27-30, 2023**

## 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 in a hybrid manner on March 29, and the Board of Directors meetings, held on March 24-25, 2023.

### **Actions of the Council**

#### Election Results:

#### **Candidates for President-Elect, 2024**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2023: Mary K. Engelman, Dorothy J. Phillips, and Florian J. Schattenmann. The fourth nominee withdrew for personal reasons prior to the Council meeting. By electronic ballot, the Council selected Dorothy J. Phillips and Florian J. Schattenmann as **candidates for 2024 President-Elect**. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall 2023 National Election.

#### **President-Elect 2024<sup>a</sup>**

Nominee	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
<b>Mary K. Engelman</b>	45	-
<b>*Dorothy J. Phillips</b>	194	214
<b>*Florian J. Schattenmann</b>	164	187
<b>Total</b>	403	401

<sup>a</sup>403 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 202 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, Mary K. Engelman, 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 District III and VI

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election held prior to the hybrid Council meeting; to select candidates from the list of nominees for Directors from District III and District VI on the Board of Directors for the term 2024-2026. By internet ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected Diane Krone and Helen (Bonnie) A. Lawlor as District III candidates, and Janet L. Bryant and Jeanette M. Van Emon as District VI candidates. Ballots will be distributed to members residing in District III and District VI around October 1, 2023, for election of a Director from each District.

#### DISTRICT III<sup>a</sup>

Nominee	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
Benny C. Chan	6		
*Diane Krone	16	18	25
*Helen (Bonnie) A. Lawlor	14	15	21
Stephanie J. Watson	11	14	
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>

#### DISTRICT VI<sup>b</sup>

Nominee	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
*Janet L. Bryant	17	21
*Jeanette M. Van Emon	14	18
Susan Kauzlarich	7	-
Richard V. Williams	7	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>

<sup>a</sup> The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1<sup>st</sup> round column. 47 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 21 being the majority. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the lowest vote-getters, Benny, C. Chan and Stephanie J. Watson, were dropped and their second-preference votes were distributed in two subsequent rounds. 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. 45 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 21 being the majority. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the lowest vote-getters, Susan Kauzlarich and Richard V. Williams, were dropped and their second-preference votes were distributed in one subsequent round. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were declared elected as candidates.

### Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for the 2024-2026 term: **Wayne E. Jones, Jr., Daniel Rabinovich, Carolyn Ribes, and Joseph P. Stoner**. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council around October 1, 2023.

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- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Daniel Rabinovich** for a two-year term (2023-2024) on the Committee on Committees (ConC).

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\*Daniel Rabinovich

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### Other Council Actions

#### Highlights from Committee Reports and Key Actions

- On the recommendation of the Council Policy Committee (CPC), Council approved the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Council Policy Committee to authorize CPC to review the conduct of Councilors.
- As required by the ACS Governing Documents, CPC has set the divisor for Local Section and Division representation at Council for the period 2024-2027. The formula is based on membership numbers as of December 31, 2022. Notification will be sent by the Secretary to all affected units by May 1, with details on how they will be impacted.
- CPC reviewed the Councilor Expense Program and voted to approve a streamlined process for fall 2023. The committee also voted to review further streamlining options for the program going forward.
- 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 Environmental Improvement to change the name of the committee to the Committee on Environment and Sustainability.
- ConC announced that the opening of the online preference form to all ACS members begins on April 3 and will run through July 3. Councilors interested in serving on an ACS Committee in 2024 should go to [CMTE.acs.org](https://cmte.acs.org) to complete their preferences.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition to Add Plan B to Council Meetings, which authorizes the postponement of voting at Council in case of technology failures or natural disasters.
- N&E reminded Councilors that any petition candidates to ACS National Office must be certified by the July 15 deadline to be placed on the ballot this fall.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC), Council approved the 2024 Schedule of Membership.
- The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) announced the launch of the ACS Speaker Directory, a new resource for our component group leaders to access a wide range of speakers for their in-person, hybrid, and asynchronous events.

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- The Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E) is actively engaged in collaborative efforts to re-imagine ACS meetings, targeting increased value and relevancy. Councilors can expect to receive more information on the Future of Meetings project in the coming weeks, starting next month with the M&E Chair comment in C&EN.

### Council Special Discussion

President Giordan introduced and led a special discussion on the ongoing review of Society Committees. She sought Councilor input of positive ideas, key issues, and opportunities to improve the structure of committees.

Four specific prompts were posed to Councilors for their input and suggestions:

1. Ideally, for ACS to have a committee structure that is forward thinking and able to address opportunities for members, ACS and the chemistry enterprise, we would...
2. Current and future key issues impacting ACS, the chemistry enterprise and our committees include...
3. I wonder what the positive impact on committees, member involvement, and ACS would be if we were to...
4. I wish that committees at ACS could...

Councilors provided their ideas and thoughts, and relevant Society units will receive this input within the next several weeks.

### Resolutions

The Council passed several resolutions:

- In memory of deceased Presidents Brian M. Rushton and Dr. S. Allen Heininger.
- In memory of deceased Councilors Yorke E. Rhodes and Maurice M. Bursey.
- In sincere appreciation of the Indiana Local Section, host Section for the spring 2023 ACS meeting

The spring 2023 meeting was held in a hybrid manner from March 26-30. As of March 29, there were 12,623 registrations (10,792 in-person and 1,831 virtual).

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## Actions of the Board of Directors - Executive Session

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on March 24-25, 2023, in Indianapolis, IN. They considered several key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions. The Board opened its session with a reflection on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR).

### Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Board received an extensive report from the new CEO, Al Horvath, on issues relating to employee engagement, the Skilled Technical Workforce Strategic Initiative, C&EN, and upcoming events/activities.

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### Board Committees and Working Groups

The Board received and discussed reports from the Governing Board for Publishing, as well as its committees on Executive Compensation, Professional and Member Relations, and the Working Group on Structure and Representation. Some of these committees requested and obtained Board action on one or more items, as follows:

- The Board received an extensive briefing and approved several recommendations from its Committee on Executive Compensation. The compensation of the Society's executive staff continues to be reviewed regularly by the Board.
- Upon recommendation of the Society Committee on Publication, 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 the recommendation of the Editor Search Committee, the Board voted to approve an Editor-in-Chief of the journal *ACS ES&T Air*. The appointment will be announced after the individual has been notified and appropriate arrangements for their service has been made.
- The Board voted to approve the reappointment of a member of the Governing Board for Publishing who falls in the category of being a member of the Society with executive experience from academia, but who is not a member of the Board of Directors. The reappointment will be announced after the individual has 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 David A. Evans Award for the Advancement and Education of Organic Synthesis, the 2024 Othmer Gold Medal nominee, and the screened lists of five nominees each for the 2024 Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS and the 2024 Priestley Medal.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations (PA&PR), the Board voted to approve an amendment to Board Regulation VII, Sec. 3 (c) requiring Board approval of the filling of amicus briefs in legal proceedings.
- The Board Working Group on Structure and Representation provided an update on their efforts to add an International District Director to the Board of Directors in the form of the *Petition to Add International Representation on the Board of Directors*, which was considered by the Council at the spring meeting.

### Other Society Business

As is customary, the Board heard reports from the Presidential Succession on their current and planned activities for 2023 and 2024. The Board also received an update on the status of the search for the new Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Society. The Board held general discussions on two topics. The

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first focused on raising items of strategic concern from members of the Board, and the second was dedicated to sharing feedback received from ACS members, elevating their voices to all Board members.

Finally, the Board adopted resolutions in memory of ACS Past Board Members and Presidents Brian M. Rushton and S. Allen Heininger.

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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**

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Office of the Secretary & General Counsel

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#### **Resources on the Web**

Committee on Nominations and Elections

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

President and Director Nomination Form

[ACS Nominations Form](#)