Today's Presentations

Welcome and Introductions
Lisa Houston – Vice Chair, ACS Council Policy Committee
Councilor, Energy & Fuels Division

Role of Council in ACS Governance
Linnette Watkins – CPC Member and Councilor, Virginia Section

Responsibilities and Benefits of Councilor Service
Mark Frishberg – Councilor California Local Section
Andrea Twiss-Brooks – Councilor, Chemical Information Division

The First Year: What I Learned As A New Councilor
Susan Del Valle – Councilor Tampa Bay Section
Rosa Allen – Councilor, Chemical Education Division

Special Presentations

Leadership Opportunities for ACS Councilors
Amber Hinkle – Chair, ACS Committee on Nominations and Elections
Councilor, Greater Houston Section

Getting Involved with ACS Committees
Caryn Nibes – Chair, Committees on Committees
Councilor, Brazosport Local Section

Special Welcoming Remarks
Bonnie Carpenter – ACS President
Luis Echegoyen – ACS President-Elect
John Adams – ACS Board Chair
Thomas Connolly, Jr. – ACS Executive Director & CEO

The Role of Council in ACS Governance

Linnette Watkins – Councilor, Virginia Section
What is Your Role in ACS Governance?

Election to Council is an opportunity to participate in ACS leadership at the national level. You will have an opportunity to become part of a vibrant network of volunteers and staff, and participate in events that will enhance your leadership skills. The following are a few key areas of focus as you grow in your role as a Councilor:

- Governance Structure
- Council Duties and Composition
- Council Meetings and Other Meetings to Attend
- Councillor Responsibilities – Representing Your Constituency
- Active Participation in ACS Committees

Council Duties

- Studies, recommends, and acts on all activities of direct and indirect interest to the members of the ACS
- Nominates candidates for President-Elect and District Director
- Elects Directors-at-Large and members of elected committees
- Advises the Board of Directors
- Charters local sections and divisions
- Amends Constitution (with member ratification) and Bylaws (with Board confirmation)
- Votes on dues levels

Council Composition

- Local Section Councilors – 3 year term
  - Every section has at least one Councilor
  - Number of section Councilors determined by size of section (if of members ÷ constant, set every 4 years)
- Division Councilors – 3 year term
  - Every division has at least one Councilor
  - Largest divisions have maximum of 4 Councilors
- Ex-Officio Councilors
- By-law Councilors
Council Meeting Agenda

- Minutes of previous meeting
- Elections – President-Elect and District Director candidates; Elected Committees (Councilors vote for Director-at-Large by mail or e-ballot)
- Items for Council action (Councilors develop most petitions)
  - Yellow sheets - petitions for consideration
  - Green sheets - Committee action
  - Blue sheets - action
- Reports both oral and written

Meeting Preparation

- Review Council Agenda and mailings
- Seek guidance from Local Section or Division on petitions
- Attend Town Hall Meeting to learn about candidates for President-Elect (tomorrow afternoon) or Directors-at-Large (at fall meetings)
- Attend your district or divisional caucus

Council Meetings

- Bring your credential card (see staff or N&E representatives if you forget it)
- Early arrival (~7:00) allows time for networking, introductions and continental breakfast
- Seating
  - Card received at check-in must be visible
  - Open, but many sections and divisions sit together
- Usually end by noon

Council meetings can be daunting

[Image of a crowded meeting room]
Questions?

JUST ASK. Who?
- Fellow Councilors – from your section or division or others you meet
- Councilor Mentor
- CPC
- ACS Staff

Councilor Responsibilities
Your primary responsibility is to represent your constituency in decisions that impact the Society, the members, and the chemical profession, including:
- Attend Council Meetings
- Attend a District/Division Councilor Caucus and Town Hall Meeting
- Report from Council Meetings to Local Section/Division
- Participate in Council committees
- Attend Local Section or Division Executive Committee meetings
- Report Expenses

Responsibilities and Benefits of ACS Councilor Service
Mark Frishberg
Councillor, California Local Section
Andrea Travis-Brooks
Councillor, Division of Chemical Information

Councilor Report from ACS National Meeting
- Highlights from the [Location, Date] Meeting
- Report from the Council Meeting and other Society governance activities
- Affiliations/comments from our Councilors
- Looking ahead to [Location, Date of Next] National Meeting
- News you might use
- Interesting Statistics (reference: www.cfalacs.org)
Committee Reports

ACS Council

Hannah Brandt, Susan Lurie, and Andrea Trues-Brooks (Chair)

The Council of the American Chemical Society meets in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, August 23, before the 214th national meeting and exhibition, to hear reports and consider the following business:

- Nominations and Elections
- By-elections
- Council Meeting and Councilor Caucus Information
- Talking Points from Previous Council Meetings
- ACS Handbook for Councilors
- Committee Reports

http://www.acs.org/councilors

How to Make the Most of Your Councilor Role

- Fuel up with Breakfast and Networking with other Councilors
- Take advantage of ACS Leadership Development opportunities
- Get Involved - Seek committees appointment
- Attend local and regional meetings to extend your network
- Join the Councilor Group on the ACS Network and Connect
  https://communities.acs.org/groups/councilor-group
- Get to know the ACS Staff

Questions?

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Elected Leadership Opportunities for Councilors

Amber Hinkle
Chair, Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E)

Value of ACS Governance Service

Opportunity:

- Refine leadership skills
- Network
- Share best practices
- Provide ideas and solutions
- Further the mission of the Society

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- Member of Council
- Extensive familiarity with ACS committees and a broad network within the Society and chemistry enterprise
- Understand the role of the Council in serving ACS, the responsibilities of a Councilor and the governance structure
- Strong written and oral communication skills, respect for confidentiality, and diplomacy
- Available time and energy during and between National meetings to serve on various subcommittees and task force assignments by teleconference and virtual meetings

Elected Committees: QUALIFICATIONS

3 elected
Council policy
Nom & Elections
- Councilor only
- Elected by Council (in fall)

TOWN HALL MEETING
NOMINEES for ACS PRESIDENT-ELECT, 2020

Sunday, March 31, 2019
4:30 - 5:30 PM
The Hilton Orlando Hotel
Orlando V and VI
Board Member & President-Elect
DUTIES & QUALIFICATIONS

• Handouts
• Council Agendas
• N&E website

www.acs.org >> About ACS >> Governance >> Committees >> Nominations & Elections
http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/governance/committees/elections.html

Don’t forget to vote!
YOUR VOTE COUNTS

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N&E’s Open Meeting
Monday, April 1
11:30 a.m. to Noon
The Hilton Orlando Hotel
Lake Down - A

Getting Involved with Committees

Carolyn Ribes
Chair, Committee on Committees (ConC)
Councillor, Brazosport Local Section
Benefits of Committee Service

- Engaging in our Passion
- Personal Fulfillment
- Professional Development
- Professional Accomplishments
- Serving our Constituents
- Expanded Network
- Friends and Fun!!

Why does ACS have committees?

- To achieve our vision of “Improving people’s lives through the transforming power of chemistry”
- Committees play an integral role in developing and achieving the Society’s strategic plan.
- Support for Council and Board:
  - Gather input
  - Provide feedback
  - Make recommendations
  - Create and drive programs
  - Serve as the voice of the members
What's involved?

- Most committees meet during ACS National Meetings
- Subcommittees, task groups, working groups
- Conference calls, emails, projects, etc. to accomplish the work of the committee throughout the year
- Scope and responsibilities well defined in governance documents
- Committees have vision, mission, strategic plans, and annual goals
- Support: Committees have ACS Staff Liaison, some budget, and travel reimbursement policy

731 committee positions
((151,000 ACS members))

Committee Preference Forms

March 18 – June 7, 2019

- Open to any member interested in serving on a committee
- Select up to 4 preferences
- Provide justification
  - What you bring to the committee (skills, experience, interest, perspective)
  - Why you are interested
- Contact Secretary@acs.org for assistance

Be very clear.
Sell yourself.
Completely fill out for each choice.

ConC exists to ensure the ACS committees are optimally organized, resourced and engaged

Vision: ACS is served by an effective and dynamic committee system.
1. Enhance matching the needs and demands of committees with member expertise and perspectives.
2. Increase the number of qualified and committed volunteers from diverse communities.
3. Enhance communication, networking, and collaboration among committees to more effectively achieve the ACS mission and vision.
4. Identify, assess, and recommend enhancements to improve the effectiveness of the Committee System.
What can you do now?

Be Prepared:

- Learn what the committees are working on
  - Written and oral reports to Council
  - C&EN Comments
  - Attend an Open Meeting of the committee
  - Talk to the committee members
- Introduce yourself to the Committee Chair and ConC Liaison
  - Explain your interest, relevant skills, experience
- Include the justification for your committee preferences on the form!

Reminder to New Leaders

- Take an opportunity to review the ACS Strategic Plan
- Share approaches or ideas that can be applied to your local sections, divisions, committees, and student chapters.
- Connect your activities to the Society's overall mission, vision, and strategic plan of the Society.
- Mentorship Opportunities and Councilor Group

Open Questions and Discussion