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**Report on: ACS FALL 2021 NATIONAL MEETING – Atlanta, GA (Hybrid)**

Four of ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors participated in the Virtual Council Meeting (Atlanta)

The meeting attracted approximately 8,205 registrations (1895 hybrid and 6,310 virtual) and no exposition.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced that Council elected Donna G. Friedman, Matthew Grandbois, Fran K. Kravitz and Louise M. Lawter for three-year terms (2022-2024) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC).

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced that Council elected Allison Aldridge, Holly L. Davis, Peter K. Dorhout, Silvia Ronco, and Martin D. Rudd for three-year terms (2012-2024) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E).

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced that Council elected Mary K. Engelman, Malika Jeffries-El, Brian M. Mathes, Susan V. Olesik and Susan M. Scheible for three-year terms (2022-2024) on the Committee on Committees (ConC).

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 8,205, (1895 hybrid and 6,310 virtual). Of the approximately 1,200 oral sessions held, 71 were in-person, 244 were hybrid, and 855 were held virtually.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, and the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Minority Affairs. The Petition was amended on the floor of Council to strike the word “minority” in Standing Rule VIII, Sec. 1, b, (9). The Board added its approval in its meeting on August 28.

The Council (and then the Board) also approved the continuation of the Committee on Environmental Improvement.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council (and then the Board) approved the 10<sup>th</sup> version of the Professional Employment Guidelines.

President Cheng introduced and led a special discussion on ideas to increase involvement and membership from business and industry. For the last 5 years there has been a steady decrease in industry members. This can be attributed to a variety of factors, but there have been ongoing efforts to decrease the cost-related attrition while increasing member value.

To address value, ACS has a variety of offerings available to members to advance, discover, connect, and share. To address cost, actions were taken by the Council this past spring in the schedule of membership for 2022 that will provide industry members with flexibility as to membership options. Councilor input was then requested on the following two questions:

1. How can we improve the value that ACS provides to its industrial and business members?
2. How can we encourage academic inventors and entrepreneurs and support start-ups?

The Council passed several resolutions:

1. In memory of two deceased Past Presidents, Helen M. Free and Daryle H. Busch;
2. In memory of deceased Councilors: Dr. Esther A. H. Hopkins, Ms. Jane V. Thomas, Dr. Joseph M. Antonucci, and Dr. Mark D. Frishberg;
3. Expressing thanks to the officers and members of the Georgia Local Section;
4. Acknowledging H. N. Cheng's service as ACS President and presiding officer of Council.

The Society's 2021 financial performance through June 30 yielded a Net Surplus from Operations of \$55.0 million, which is \$33.6 million favorable to budget and almost \$6 million greater than the same period in 2020. These mid-year results are based on total revenues of \$324.4 million that are 4.3% favorable to budget, and total expenses of \$269.4 million, or 7% below budget, with unrestricted new assets estimated at \$645 million.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board approved the ACS 2022 Spring and Fall Meetings in-person/hybrid member registration fee at \$399 and the virtual member registration fee at \$199, both within a range of +/- 15%.

We should all be proud for the involvement, commitment and outstanding work that the members of the Pittsburgh Section exhibit !! Thanks to all for your great work.

Pittsburgh Section  
Councilors

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