

American Chemical Society
Virtual Council Meeting
March 23, 2022

Actions of the Council

Election Results

Candidates for President-Elect, 2023

- ✦ The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2023: Frank Blum, Mary Carroll, Rigoberto Hernandez, and Ingrid Montes. By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Marry Carroll** and **Rigoberto Hernandez** as **candidates for 2023 President-Elect**. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election

Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- ✦ The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following **candidates for Directors-at-Large** for 2023-2025 terms: **Milagros (Milly) Delgado, Malika Jeffries-El, Will E. Lynch and Ellene Tratras Contis**. 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 all Councilors around October 1, 2022.

Council Actions

Committee on Committees Actions

- ✦ The Council approved the *Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities*.
 - This petition sought to change the language in the duties of CWD from **students** to **persons** to be more inclusive to ACS members of all levels and backgrounds participating in the Society's meetings and events.
- ✦ The Council approved the continuation of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities
 - The Committee on Committee reviews each Society Committee no less often than every five years and advises the Board of Directors and Council whether they should be continued. ConC completed the performance review for the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities and recommended its continuation.

Committee on Budget & Finance Petition

- ✦ The Council approved the *Petition to Amend the Use of Dues*.

- The petition has two major components. The first changes the basis for developing the total pool of allotments available for local sections and technical divisions. The second eliminates the connection between dues revenue and C&EN.
- The total resource pool available for distribution to Local Sections and Divisions will be funded via a quasi-endowment established from the Society's unrestricted investment balances. This replaces the previous pool that was funded through the allocation of 20% of dues revenue to local sections and divisions.

Committee on Divisional Activities Action

- ✦ The Council approved a division name change.
 - Effective January 1, 2023, the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry (CARB) will change its name to the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry & Chemical Glycobiology (CARB).

Committee on International Activities Petition

- ✦ The Council approved a *Petition to Charter an International Chemical Sciences Chapter*
 - This petition, contingent on approval by the ACS Board of Directors, allows for a new International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Switzerland.

Committee on Membership Affairs

- ✦ The Council approved the extension of market testing of the international dues discount program based on World Bank country income levels.
 - The test provides reduced dues for international members residing in emerging nations, which host an ACS chapter, and as defined by World Bank income criteria.
 - The test results to date have suggested a positive impact on membership through new members and the expanded inclusivity that a wider global community provides.
- ✦ The Council approved the 2023 Schedule of Membership
 - The 2022 Schedule went live a few short months ago, and the 2023 Schedule was designed to add more value and increased choice for membership by adding clarity and a more intuitive explanation of how our membership works.
 - The 2023 Schedule of Membership did not change any dues, benefits, eligibility, or privileges from the 2022 Schedule.

Resolutions

- ✦ The Council passed several resolutions:
 - in memory of Past President Nancy B. Jackson;
 - in memory of deceased Councilors;
 - to officers and members of the San Diego Local Section.

Highlights from Committee Reports

Budget and Finance

In 2021, ACS generated a net from operations of nearly \$79 million, which was almost \$48 million higher than budgeted. Total revenues were \$660 million, which was 5.2% or \$32.6 million over budget. Expenses for the year were \$581 million, or 2.5% below budget. This overall result was attributed to strong revenue performance from the Society's Information Services units (CAS and ACS Publications), reduced spending due to COVID-19 related impacts, and careful management of expenses across the ACS.

The Society's overall financial position strengthened considerably in 2021 as Unrestricted Net Assets, or reserves, increased by \$123 million to \$676 million on December 31. The increase was primarily the result of the \$79 million net from operations and growth of the Society's investments totaling \$71 million.

The Board's Committees and Task Forces

- ✦ Pending the approval by Council of the Petition to Amend the Use of Dues, the Board of Directors resolved to authorize the creation of a quasi-endowment from proceeds in the ACS General Fund. This would have an initial principal amount of \$85 million, the annual payout from which would fund individual technical divisions and local sections per the allotment policies established by the Committees on Divisional Activities (DAC) and Local Section Activities (LSAC). Further, the amount of funding available made available for this purpose would be the standard payout from this quasi-endowment or \$3.2 million, whichever is greater.

Other Society Business

Also, the Board adopted the resolution in memory of ACS Past President Nancy B. Jackson, who passed away in January.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ACS PITTSBURGH SECTION – COUNCILOR’S CORNER

This is a new way for the ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors to introduce ourselves to the ACS Pittsburgh Section Membership. This will be a monthly edition for the Crucible.

I am Rich Danchik, Senior Councilor for the Pittsburgh Section. I will introduce myself with my background and general information followed by the ACS National Spring Meeting Councilor Report.

Have been a Councilor for the Pittsburgh Section for over 26 years. I started in the Pittsburgh Section as Assistant Secretary in 1971. I have been a member of the ACS for over 52 years.

Received my B.S. in Chemistry from Duquesne University and earned my Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from Wayne State University. Joined Alcoa (Aluminum Company of America) in the Analytical Chemistry Division of Alcoa Laboratories where my research interests included Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy, Electroanalytical techniques, selective ion electrodes and the development of automated process control systems.

Became the Manager of ALCOA’s Environmental Health Laboratory and had the responsibility for the development of new methodology and instrumentation in the field of Industrial Hygiene Chemistry. I am now consulting in the areas of Analytical Chemistry, Environmental and Industrial Hygiene Chemistry.

Served as the 1991 Chairman of the Pittsburgh Section and am active in the National ACS as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. Have been a member of the International Activities Committee and Subcommittee Chair of the Meetings and Exposition Committee. Served on numerous committees for the Pittsburgh Section.

Been actively involved with the Pittsburgh Conference (Pittcon) for over 50 years and served as the 1986 President. I was also Chairman of the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh (1979-1980) Also active with ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials) and was Chairman of ASTM D22 Committee on Air Quality (2000-2006). Served on the Advisory Board of Analytical Chemistry and have authored or co-authored a number of technical articles.

Married Dr. Rita Windisch, Ph. D. in Biochemistry and Clinical Chemistry. We met as members of the Pittsburgh Conference Committee.

Outside of the Chemistry World, I like to golf, garden and am a musician. I have had a band since eleven and still play the accordion in my group. I was a member of the Duquesne University Tamburitzans and performed in the United States and Europe as a musician and dancer.

Hope this gives you a more insight into my background and interests. I look forward to continuing my service to the Pittsburgh Section and the National ACS.

Sincerely submitted,

Rich Danchik