



Congratulations to the Pittsburgh Local Section of the ACS for winning a 2022 ChemLuminary Award!



(Left to Right): Representative from the Committee on Community Activities, Councilor Kim Woznick, Councilor Rich Danchik, President-elect Judy Giordan.

The Pittsburgh Local Section won the 2022 ChemLuminary award for Outstanding Ongoing National Chemistry Week (NCW) Event given out by the Committee on Community Activities (CCA). Pittsburgh triumphed over the other finalists, the Chicago and Dallas-Fort Worth Local Sections. A huge congratulations to Dr. Evonne Baldauff, the Pittsburgh NCW Coordinator! Great Job! Since this award is for an Ongoing NCW event, we also send a HUGE thank you to Dr. Mike Mautino who led the Pittsburgh local section in the NCW Coordinator role for 20 years! Dedicated leaders like the two of you make this great work possible!

Pittsburgh was also a finalist for the ChemLuminary for the Outstanding Performance by a Local Section in the Medium-Large size category given by the Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC). This year the award went to the Cincinnati Local Section. Pittsburgh had won this award in 2021.

For more information about the ChemLuminary Awards, please see the website:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/awards/chemluminary.html>

The full video of the 2022 ChemLuminary Award Ceremony can be found there. Look for us at the 1 hour 31-minute mark!

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**Report on: ACS FALL 2022 NATIONAL MEETING – Chicago, IL (Hybrid)**

Four of ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors participated in the Hybrid Council Meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Chicago).

The meeting attracted approximately 11,619 registrations (9,355 in-person and 2,264 virtual).

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Raychelle Burks, Anne M. Gaffney, Will E. Lynch, and Frankie K. Wood-Black for a three-year term (2023-2025) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC). Lydia E.M. Hines was elected to serve through 2023.

By electronic ballot, the Council elected William F. Carroll, Jr., Ella L. Davis, Carmen Gauthier, Thomas H. Lane, and Jason E. Ritchie for a three-year term (2023-2025) on the Committee on Committees (ConC).

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Michelle V. Buchanan, Alan B. Cooper, Kelly M. Elkins, Ellene Tratras Contis, and Kathryn E. Uhrich for a three-year term (2023-2025) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E).

On the recommendation of the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Divisional Activities, providing greater authority to step in and assist Divisions who have inactive Executive Committees.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition for a change in Section Name from the Northeast Tennessee Section to the Tennessee-Virginia Highlands Local Section. Additionally, LSAC described how generally declining membership in local sections was creating a uneven number of local sections of various sizes. They announced that they would be using different size ranges to define which local sections would be eligible for each Best Overall Local Section performance ChemLuminary Award.

President Wilson introduced and led a special discussion on “ACS for the Future.” She sought Councilor input on positive initiatives, programs or events that would greatly benefit ACS members or ACS at large.

Three specific questions were posed to Councilors for their input and suggestions:

- 1) What can be accomplished to enhance the ACS experience?
- 2) Why (or how) do you think it would make a difference?
- 3) Who would be tasked with leading this effort (e.g. a section, committee, division, or other)?

The Council passed several resolutions:

- 1) In memory of deceased Councilors: N. Bhushan Mandava, Carol Mosher, and Paul V. Smith
- 2) Congratulating Thomas Connelly for his leadership as Chief Executive Officer of the American Chemical Society for the past eight years
- 3) Expressing thanks to the officers and members of the Chicago Local Section as well as to the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers responsible for the outstanding technical sessions
- 4) Acknowledging Angela Wilson's service as ACS President and presiding officer of Council

CEO Thomas Connelly announced his retirement in May and the Board discussed the search for the next CEO. Executive search firm Korn Ferry International is assisting with the search. They are reaching out to an extensive network of organizations and individuals to solicit recommendations and applications from diverse, highly qualified individuals. The search is now underway with the goal of identifying candidates, interviewing them, and selecting our next CEO with a targeted start date of January 1, 2023.

On Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, during the ChemLuminary Awards the Pittsburgh Local Section were the winners of the Award for Best Ongoing NCW Event from the Committee on Community Activities (CCA). 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

Respectfully submitted,  
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Kristin Nuzzio

### COUNCILOR'S CORNER – Kristin Nuzzio

Hi everyone! My name is Kristin Nuzzio, and I am a new Councilor for the Pittsburgh Section this year. I have been an ACS member for 14 years and have served in a variety of roles on the local and national levels.

I received my B.S. in Chemistry and a B.A in Spanish from the University of Delaware in 2005. I then completed a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign focusing on solid-state NMR characterization of blood coagulation proteins. After graduation, I joined PPG at the Allison Park location in 2015.

At PPG, I worked in the Analytical department characterizing aerospace and industrial coatings. I then moved into managerial roles, supervising the Wet Chemistry, Analytical Regulatory, and Chromatography teams. In my current role as a Group Leader, I lead a R&D team in the decorative formulation department developing low temperature cure coatings. I also serve on PPG's Abilities First Network and was a former Co-Chair of the Science Education Council. My colleagues and I have chaired a symposium at the ACS Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference for the past four years.

My interest in service with ACS began during my undergraduate studies at the University of Delaware where I was the Student Affiliates Chapter President. During graduate school, I was an active member of the East Central Illinois Women Chemists Committee, serving as Secretary in 2010 and Chair in 2011. I then served as an Associate to the National Younger Chemists Committee in 2014 and 2015 before becoming a Member in 2016. I led the YCC track for the ACS Leadership Development Institute, and I was a Subcommittee Chair for the YCC's Governance, Interface, and Outreach and Membership Engagement teams. I had the honor of serving as the Chair of the National YCC in 2020 and 2021 and am currently serving as a Consultant to the Committee this year. I also am an active ACS Career Consultant and am a Member-at-Large for the Strategic Planning Committee in 2022.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, dancing ballet, and floral design. I look forward to continued service and engagement with the Pittsburgh Section and National ACS!

Sincerely submitted,  
Kristin Nuzzio