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AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
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Virtual Council

After affording each member of the Council the opportunity to sign onto the Virtual Council platform, confirming that the Councilors could see and hear the meeting and ask questions at the designated times, the Council of the American Chemical Society met virtually on March 23, 2022, beginning at 8:00 a.m. PT. Angela Wilson, President of the Society and of the Council, presided. The following Councilors, Alternate Councilors, and accredited representatives totaling 441 were present (attendance list attached):

Ex-Officio: 26; ***Bylaw:*** 1; ***Divisions:*** 80 (6 were Alternate Councilors); ***Local Sections:*** 334 (18 were Alternate Councilors, and 3 Temporary Substitute Councilors); and 12 Nonvoting/Noncouncilors (staff and others). Approximately 58 observers were in attendance.

Resolutions

The Council ADOPTED the following resolution as presented by ACS Past President Catherine Hunt:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Council, Board of Directors, and Staff of the American Chemical Society note with profound sorrow the passing of their colleague and friend Nancy B. Jackson, a longtime dedicated and active member of the Society, remembering with admiration and deep appreciation her service to the Society as its President in 2011, a member of the Board of Directors from 2010 to 2012, a member of numerous ACS bodies, and a member of the Society for 42 years.

Nancy was a leader in the nonproliferation of chemical weapons, dedicated to the cause of preventing chemicals from being misused as weapons, pollutants, poisons, and explosives. From her service in the ACS Presidential Succession, she is remembered especially for her leadership and advocacy during the International Year of Chemistry in 2011, when she travelled to more than 15 countries to encourage global collaboration.

Among her many honors and recognitions, Nancy was a member of the 2013 class of American Chemical Society Fellows and received the AAAS Award for Science Diplomacy for her work to establish the Chemical Security Engagement Program and for her tireless devotion to advancing the careers of scientists worldwide - especially women chemists. As part of her efforts to promote diversity in the sciences, she worked with the American Indian Science and Engineering Society throughout her career, urged tribal colleges to join the Science and Technology Alliance, and served as Chair for the ACS Committee on Minority Affairs.

The Society's members and leaders honor her memory and her contributions to the chemistry enterprise and to the ACS, and extend sincere condolences to her family, colleagues, and friends around the world.

The Council ADOPTED the following resolution as presented by ACS CPC Vice-Chair Donna Friedman:

2. BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the American Chemical Society commemorate the passing of the following Councilors, remembering them with respect and affection, and extending sincerest condolences to their families in their bereavement:

- Thomas R. Beattie, Independent Consultant and Councilor for the San Diego Section from 2004 to 2021.
- John Z. Larese, Faculty Affiliate at the Joint Institute of Advanced Materials and the Shull -Wollan Center - Joint Institute for Neutron Sciences, and Councilor for the East Tennessee Section from 2016 to 2021.
- Doris L. Zimmerman, Kent State University, Adjunct Faculty and Councilor for the Penn-Ohio Border Section from 2008 to 2022.
- Jeff W. Seyler, Professor and Acting Department Chair, University of Southern Indiana, and Councilor for the Indiana-Kentucky Border Section from 2007 to 2019.
- Terrill D. Smith, Retired Professor, University of Central Oklahoma, and Councilor for the San Antonio Section from 2009 to 2013 and Oklahoma Section from 1990 to 2002.
- George J. Lechner, Retired, Xerox Corporation, and Councilor for the Silicon Valley from 2006 to 2019.
- Ruth Ann Woodall, Executive Director of Tennessee Scholars Nonprofit, and Councilor for the Nashville Section from 2008 to 2022.

Councilors observed a moment of silence following the presentation of the preceding resolutions.

Approval of Minutes

3. The Council ADOPTED, without objection and as distributed, the minutes of the meeting of August 25, 2021.

Nominations and Elections

Julianne Smist, committee chair, Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E), in accordance with the provisions of Standing Rule IV, Sec. 6, b. and c, presented the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect 2023: Frank D. Blum, Mary K. Carroll, Rigoberto Hernandez, and Ingrid Montes. Each of the nominees provided remarks to Council.

4. The Council VOTED to select Mary K. Carroll and Rigoberto Hernandez as candidates for President-Elect 2023.

Smist introduced the candidates for the Board of Directors, chosen by voting Councilors in District II and District IV for the election to be conducted this fall for the 2023-2025 terms: District II, Kimberly Agnew-Heard and Marcy Towns; District IV, Christopher J. Bannochie and Lisa Houston.

Smist then announced the following candidates for Director-at-Large on the Board of Directors: Milagros (Milly) Delgado, Malika Jeffries-El, Will E. Lynch and Ellene Tratras Contis. The two successful candidates will fill the 2023-2025 terms.

Reports of Society Officers

President Angela Wilson reported the following: She organized various presidential symposia, a workshop and an outreach event during the San Diego meeting and detailed her planned presidential activities for the fall meeting in Chicago. She encouraged Councilors to access the ACS Institute to learn more about the upcoming Center for Entrepreneur Education, volunteer for national committee service, and become more involved with Project SEED and ACS Scholars Program.

President-Elect Judith Giordan reported the following: She outlined her main themes of trust in science and scientists; building and strengthening the neXus of science, career development, societal, and market need for all our members at the local section, regional and national levels of ACS; and furthering Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect (DEIR) as a foundational element. For each of these themes she outlined her current and planned initiatives for both this year and next.

Immediate Past President H.N. Cheng reported the following: Growth, Collaboration, and Advocacy continue to be the theme of his initiatives, focusing on various ways to grow the chemical enterprise. For each of these initiatives, he detailed the symposia, talks, and collaborations he has helped organize to connect ACS members.

Board Chair Paul Jagodzinski reported the following: In January, the Board conducted an orientation for new Directors, in February the Board held additional sessions devoted to membership and executive compensation. At this meeting, the Board heard briefings from the CEO and his staff, the Presidential Succession, the Governing Board for Publishing, the Committee on Executive Compensation, and the Committee on Committees. The Board took action on recommendations from the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, and the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Chief Executive Officer Thomas M. Connelly, Jr. reported the following: The Office of DEIR continues to make progress on multiple fronts, with Raj Mukhopadhyay as Vice President of this office, and Sue Morrissey, Vice President of Communications and Publisher of Chemical & Engineering News (C&EN), to his Executive Leadership Team. ACS Publications and the Education unit worked together to launch the ACS Institute, as the center for online and in-person learning and training resources for the chemistry community. In December 2021, the Board approved the launch of four strategic initiatives: Advancing the Campaign for a Sustainable Future, Fostering the Skilled Technical Workforce, Enhancing the Accessibility of Research Data and, Extending the CAS Presence in the Life Sciences.

Reports of Elected Society Committees

Council Policy Committee (CPC)

Donna Friedman, committee vice-chair, reported the following: Through its working groups, CPC is examining data and continues discussions on the future structure and composition of Council. The Long-Range Planning Subcommittee hosted a New Councilor Virtual Orientation and Networking Session. Similar to this Council meeting, CPC voted to limit oral reports to Officers, Chairs of Elected Society Committees, and Chairs of committees that have action coming before Council at the fall 2022 meeting. CPC also helped plan and participate in a mock hybrid Council meeting in preparation for the planned fall hybrid Council meeting.

Committee on Committees (ConC)

Diane Krone, committee chair, reported the following: The committee approved the hiring of an external consultant to review whether Council-related committees should be disbanded, created, combined (clustered around themes), or remain the same. A new and improved committee online preference form will be launched shortly. The third Committee Census (formerly called the Demographic Survey) was launched earlier this year, and will be conducted every other year. ConC worked with the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities to help change the language of their duties to be more inclusive.

5. The Council VOTED to approve the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

6. The Council VOTED to approve the continuation of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Nominations and Elections (N&E)

Julianne Smist, committee chair, noted that the committee is currently working with its vendor, RhythmQ, to develop a pilot program for more efficient and comprehensive slate development. N&E is also engaged in finalizing changes to Standing Rule IV-Elections Function. Updates and edits to the N&E Guidelines and Resource Manual have been completed. The committee reviewed the distribution of member population within the six electoral districts to assure that the districts have equitable representation. The year-end member population of each electoral district must be within ten percent of the average number of members residing in each district. The December 31, 2021, year-end report was in compliance.

Reports of Society Committees

Budget and Finance (B&F)

William Greenlee, committee chair, reported the following: In 2021, ACS generated a net from operations of almost \$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, which was \$15.2 million - or 2.5% - below budget. Unrestricted Net Assets, or reserves, increased by \$123 million to \$676 million as of 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. All five ACS financial guidelines were met in 2021, the fifth consecutive year that ACS has achieved full compliance. The committee developed a petition to change the basis for developing the total pool of allotments available for local sections and technical divisions and to eliminate the connection between dues revenue and the funding of C&EN.

7. The Council VOTED to approve the Petition to Amend the Use of Dues.

Divisional Activities (DAC)

Sheila Murphy, committee chair, reported the following: The committee approved 11 special grant awards totaling \$151,500. Two of the awards supported the creation of a pilot program titled "Convergent Research Communities" (CRCs). The committee has worked with the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry (CARB) to address their request for a division name change to the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry and Chemical Glycobiology (CARB).

8. The Council VOTED to approve that effective January 1, 2023, the name of the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry (CARB) will change to the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry and Chemical Glycobiology (CARB).

DAC scheduled a Virtual Strategic Planning Retreat for November 2021 that was postponed until February. DAC reached out to ACS Division and Committee stakeholders for their thoughts on the role of DAC in divisions.

International Activities (IAC)

Sergio Nanita, committee chair, reported the following: IAC announced its involvement in three upcoming ACS-related conferences and will be sending a representative to the ACS Research Conference in Doha, Qatar, to help lead discussions on ACS International Chapter development and activities. IAC reviewed and voted to recommend the establishment of a new International Chemical Sciences Chapter after reviewing the application and ensuring it met all requirements.

9. The Council VOTED to approve the Petition to Charter an International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Switzerland, subject to concurrence by the ACS Board of Directors.

Membership Affairs (MAC)

Laura Sremaniak, committee chair, reported the following: Regular Members now have a second choice of a benefits package, both student categories have reduced dues, and MAC has established a new way for individuals in the chemistry and allied communities to associate with ACS through the Community Associate dues category. In 2021 the membership number closed with more than 151,000 individuals, a 2% decrease from 2020 with the new Community Associate dues category totaling more than 22,000 individuals by the end of the year. MAC continues to use the international country pricing test as a resource. This test provides reduced dues for international members residing in emerging nations, which host an ACS chapter, and as defined by World Bank income criteria.

10. The Council VOTED to extend for three years the international dues discount market test based on World Bank country income levels.

MAC worked to develop the 2023 Schedule of Membership to cause the least amount of change from the previous schedule and eliminate certain benefits that were sparsely utilized.

11. The Council VOTED to approve the 2023 Schedule of Membership.

The membership transformation that Council approved last spring will be rolling out to ensure that all ACS members and potential members have access to more choices and more value. ACS members will continue receiving all their current benefits at a \$15 savings over the price through the Premium Package. Students may access the same Premium Package for \$55 for graduate students and \$25 for undergraduates. Regular Members will now have access to an intermediate option for \$80 through the new Standard Package.

New Business

Resolution

The Council adopted the following resolution:

12. BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the American Chemical Society express to the officers and members of the San Diego Section, host Section for the Spring 2022 ACS Meeting, the sincere appreciation of the Council and of the entire Society for the cordial hospitality extended to all registrants at this meeting, and that the Council convey special thanks to the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers responsible for the outstanding technical sessions, as well as headquarters staff, for the planning and execution that have assured the success of this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. PT.

Flint H. Lewis
Secretary