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Filling the Gap: Geographic Representation on Council



Mary K. Carroll, ACS President and
CPC Chair

The Petition for Global Representation on Council is up for action at ACS Fall 2024. About 20% of ACS members do not belong to a local section. [This petition](#) would give all ACS members the ability to be represented in Council geographically as well as through any technical divisions they choose to join. A [recorded webinar](#) provides context and addresses concerns heard by

CPC after the petition was provided for consideration earlier this year. CPC anticipates, and supports, an amendment from the floor of the Council meeting in response to feedback received from the Committee on Divisional Activities. CPC welcomes questions and comments, as well as invitations to discuss the petition in committee meetings and caucuses: cpc@acs.org.

Help Build Trust in Science!

[Trust in Science and Scientists](#) is a hot topic, and data shows the key to improving trust is US- scientists ourselves! We at ACS are working on ways for you to participate!

As part of my presidential initiative and in collaboration with the ACS Office of Science Communications stay tuned for the FREE email course to sharpen your skills in talking with non-scientists to help build trust! It's a simple 3-step process that helps you communicate with HEART! Available for members and non-members starting June 26. Here's the link to get involved.



Judy Giordan, ACS
Immediate Past President

[Sign Up Today](#)

Have any ideas for building trust in science and scientists you want to try out? [Check out our new grants!](#)

Greetings from ACS President-Elect Dorothy Phillips



Dorothy Phillips, ACS
President-Elect

I just wanted to tell you how honored I am to be serving as the first African American woman in the presidential succession within the Society. My initiative during my three years in the presidential succession will be Building Chemistry Careers Inclusively. This will be in line with ACS Strategic Goal 3: Support excellence in education and Goal 5: Embrace and advance inclusion in chemistry. Thank you to everyone that has reached out to me to provide invaluable advice, and who has offered to assist with my Presidential initiatives. Please continue to share your ideas and suggestions with me at d.phillips@acs.org.

Report of ACS Chair of the Board Wayne E. Jones, Jr.

Flint Lewis, who served as ACS Secretary and General Counsel for nearly 30 years, announced his retirement last year. The decision was made to split Flint's position back into two, as it was prior to 2004. On March 4, [Tokë Vandervort](#) joined ACS as General Counsel and Interim Secretary, you may have seen her at the ACS Spring Meeting in New Orleans.

The ACS Secretary role is critical to ACS governance, and as an officer of the Society, is also one that is elected by the Board of Directors. Given the importance of this position, my colleagues on the Board and I worked closely with ACS CEO Al Horvath, HR, and two executive search firms to identify highly qualified candidates to

serve in this role. We are pleased to welcome [Kimberly \(Kim\) Knight](#) as the next ACS Secretary.



Kimberly Knight, ACS Secretary

Kim comes to ACS from AARP, where she served as both Assistant Corporate Secretary and Vice President of Board Governance. Prior to joining AARP, she served as a Section Director at the American Bar Association and Executive Director of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia. She has a B.S. in management, with a minor in global business and public policy as well as an MBA from the University of Maryland Global Campus. Kim joined ACS on June 28, and looks forward to working with all ACS governance before, and during, the ACS Fall meeting in Denver, Colorado.



Wayne E. Jones, Chair of the Board of Directors and Director-at-Large

ACS Hybrid Council Meeting - Fall 2024

The Council agenda is available [online](#). As a reminder, the Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21, beginning at 8:00 a.m. MDT. For Councilors attending in-person, the Council meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center Hotel, in the Centennial Ballroom. In order to participate fully in Council, voting Councilors should submit their Councilor Credential Card no later than July 31. If you are unable to attend, please consult your Section or Division secretary to ensure that an Alternate Councilor can participate in your place. Non-Councilors who would like to observe the Council meeting may do so from the designated observers' section of the room. Those wishing to observe online may contact secretary@acs.org to request the meeting observation link, which will be sent 1 – 2 days before the meeting.

ACS Fall 2024 Governance Meetings and Councilor Caucus Schedule

The schedule for the [Council Meeting](#), District, Division, and Younger Chemists' Caucuses, Board Open Meeting, Director-at-Large Town Hall, Council Policy Committee Open Meeting, and all other committee meetings can be found on the [ACS Governance website](#).

Directors-at-Large Town Hall

Don't miss the Director-at-Large Town Hall on Sunday, August 18, from 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. MT at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center: Capitol Ballroom 4. Questions for the candidates may be submitted in advance via [Slido](#). Please note that this is an in-person event. [View the flyer](#) for more information.

Council Policy Committee Open Meeting

The Council Policy Committee (CPC) will open the floor during its meeting at 11:30 a.m. MT on Monday, August 19. All Councilors who would like to raise issues of concern that affect them, their local sections, or their divisions are encouraged to attend. Please contact Donna Friedman, Vice-Chair of CPC, for further information at cpc@acs.org.

Join the ACS Board of Directors and CAS for the latest Board report, and an insightful talk about how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming science!

Join the ACS Board of Directors and CAS to hear the latest Board report, and an insightful talk about how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming science at the Board Regular (Open) Meeting being held at the Colorado Convention Center in Bluebird Ballroom 1A on Sunday, August 18, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. MT. The session is open to all ACS Fall 2024 attendees and lunch will be available for the first 200 attendees. ACS Board Chair Wayne E. Jones, Jr. will provide his report



Wayne E. Jones Jr.,
Chair of the Board
of Directors and
Director-at-Large



Andrea Jacobs,
Assistant Director,
Strategy for CAS

and Andrea Jacobs, Assistant Director, Strategy for CAS, will discuss how AI is impacting research across the chemistry enterprise, the role of high-quality data in AI advancements, and share ways that CAS is leveraging AI in its products and for customer success. [Read more.](#)

You're Invited: Connection and Reception for ACS Councilors and Committee Chairs on Sunday, August 18 in Denver, CO



ACS Councilors and Committee Chairs are invited to the "Connection and Reception" on Sunday, August 18, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. MT at the Hyatt Regency Denver Hotel, Centennial Ballroom F.

Come and network with other ACS leaders and learn about becoming more involved in ACS governance.

RSVP by Friday, August 9 if you plan to attend. For questions, contact cpc@acs.org.

This event is hosted by the Council Policy Committee, in partnership with the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

Updates from the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) ACS Governing Documents June 1, 2024, edition

The June 1, 2024, edition of the ACS Governing Documents is available [here](#). Changes were made per the Schedule of Dues and Benefits (formerly the Schedule of Membership) and the following petitions: Petition on Dues and Benefits, Petition to Remove Inconsistencies and Add Missing Provisions, and Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

All Local Sections, Divisions, and International Chemical Sciences Chapters, please check when your unit's bylaws were last updated. If provisions in the unit's current bylaws are no longer applicable or needs to be changed, it's time to consider updating the bylaws. Please contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) at bylaws@acs.org if you have any questions or comments or would like our assistance in helping you to update your bylaws.

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws will have an open meeting in Denver on August 18, 2024, from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. MT. All are welcome to attend. Send an email to bylaws@acs.org for additional details.

Polling forms for the Petition for Global Representation on Council that will be up FOR ACTION at the fall 2024 Council meeting in Denver are due not later than **noon on August 20, 2024**.

In addition, the petition deadline to amend the Constitution and Bylaws is December 4, 2024 (16 weeks before the March 26, 2025, spring Council meeting).

Leadership Workshops in Denver

Sign up for a workshop in Denver including [Science of Managing Teams and Engaging and Motivating Volunteers](#).

Women Chemists Committee (WCC) Fall 2024 Events and Awards

"Elevating Chemistry" is an excellent way to describe the WCC special events planned for ACS Fall 2024. Symposia led by WCC will include hot topics for all chemists and renown panelists. Come and join us in Denver for the Merck Research Award Symposium, the Inclusive Hiring Practices Symposium, and the WCC Celebrates Chemistry Beyond the Binary Symposium that will take place August 18-21 at the Colorado Convention Center.



Left: Kelly Chacón, Arthur F. Scott Associate Professor of Chemistry / Right: Colleen Kelley, Creator & Founder of Kids' Chemical Solutions

WCC will host its Women in the Chemical Enterprise Networking Breakfast “Celebrating Chemistry Beyond the Binary” on Monday, August 19 featuring Kelly Chacón, Arthur F. Scott Associate Professor of Chemistry, Reed College and the Women Chemists Committee Luncheon “Molecular Literacy for Ages 8–108” on Tuesday, August 20 with Dr. Colleen Kelley, Creator & Founder of [Kids' Chemical Solutions](#), as the keynote speaker. Winners of the Overcoming Challenges, Priscilla Carney Jones Scholarship, Merck Research, and Eli Lilly Travel Awards will be recognized. The WCC breakfast and luncheon will take place at the Hyatt Regency Denver Hotel and are ticketed events. Update your registration [here](#) to attend. For more information, please visit www.acswcc.org. See you in Denver!

Committee on Minority Affairs Invites You

Join CMA this Fall 2024 for exciting events, including a half-day symposium on How to Foster Diversity in the Chemical Sciences and the ACS PROF Elevating Undergraduate Education symposium. Don't miss our CMA Luncheon on Monday, August 19, with guest speaker Angel Marti, Ph.D., Chairman and Professor of Chemistry at Rice University.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW)



In celebration of CCEW, ACS Local Sections, International Chemical Sciences Chapters, and numerous other groups developed a combination of in-person and online events, workshops, and fairs.

The ACS Office of Science Outreach executed its biannual ACS Kids Zone event on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in New Orleans, LA. There were approximately 300 participants. Highlights included the “Build a Battery Workshop,” and selfies with Meg-A-Mole. The upcoming outreach campaign is National Chemistry Week, which will be **October 20-26, 2024**. For more information contact acs@outreach.org.

Committee on Ethics Workshop at Fall Meeting

The Committee on Ethics invites Fall meeting attendees to attend its workshop entitled "Ethics Education in the Digital Age". The four-hour interactive session will provide insights into the practical implementation of ethics education in online learning environments with gamification elements. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Denver Convention Center. Attendance is limited and pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20.00.

The Ethics Committee Open Meeting will take place in Denver and virtually on Sunday, August 18, 2024, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. MT. All are welcome to attend. Send an email to ethics@acs.org or l_rembertlang@acs.org for additional details. Workshop registration is available at the Fall meeting registration link.

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