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## Councilor Talking Points: Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

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The following summary is provided to help Councilors report to their Local Sections and Divisions on key actions of the [ACS Council](#) meeting held August 23, 2017 and the Board of Directors meetings held August 18-19, 2017, at the [2017 ACS fall national meeting](#) in Washington, District of Columbia. Full reports will be posted on the [ACS Website](#) as they become available.

### Actions of the Council

#### Election Results: Elected Committees of Council

- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Karl S. Booksh, Mark D. Frishberg, Zaida C. Morales Martinez, and Linette M. Watkins** for three-year terms (2018-2020), and **Ella L. Davis** for a one-year term (2018) on the Council Policy Committee (CPC).

*Karl S. Booksh	209	Lydia E.M. Hines	165
James C. Carver	180	Will E. Lynch	190
Dwight W. Chasar	140	*Zaida C. Morales Martinez	215
*Ella L. Davis	203	Barbara P. Sitzman	150
*Mark D. Frishberg	207	*Linette M. Watkins	260

- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Michael Appell, Neil D. Jespersen, Mamie W. Moy, Eleanor D. Siebert, and Julianne M.D. Smist** for three-year terms (2018-2020) on the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E).

Anthony W. Addison	159	*Neil D. Jespersen	237
Joe D. Allison	103	*Mamie W. Moy	269
*Michael Appell	165	*Eleanor D. Siebert	252
Mark A. Benvenuto	149	*Julianne M.D. Smist	228
Arindam Bose	140	Keith R. Vitense	134

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- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Mitchell R. M. Bruce, Jetty Duffy-Matzner, Martha G. Hollomon, Diane Krone, and Robert A. Pribush** for three-year terms (2018-2020) on the Committee on Committees (ConC).

*Mitchell R. M. Bruce	225	Judith M. Iriarte-Gross	163
*Jetty Duffy-Matzner	223	Russell W. Johnson	123
Rick Ewing	177	*Diane Krone	192
Barbara R. Hillery	115	*Robert A. Pribush	227
*Martha G. Hollomon	187	Susan M. Schelble	184

### Other Council Actions

#### **Amendments to the ACS Bylaws**

- A recommendation by the Committee on Membership Affairs that Council approve the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters narrowly failed to achieve the two-thirds majority required to amend the Bylaws. The proposal would have amended Bylaw IX, Section 4, to permit financial support for International Chemical Sciences Chapters and to remove language from the Bylaws prohibiting Chapters from having representation on Council.

#### **Probationary Division of Space Chemistry**

- The Council defeated a proposal from the Committee on Divisional Activities that it establish a probationary Division of Space Chemistry, effective January 1, 2018.

#### **Change in Local Section Territory**

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities, the Council approved a petition from the South Jersey Local Section to annex the unassigned and adjacent territory of Ocean County, New Jersey.

#### **Resolutions**

- The Council passed resolutions in memory of deceased Councilors; acknowledging President Allison A. Campbell's service as presiding officer of the Council; and in gratitude for the officers and members of the Chemical Society of Washington, the host Section for the 254th National Meeting, the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers, and ACS staff.

### Highlights from Committee Reports

#### ***Nominations and Elections***

The Committee on Nominations and Elections solicits Councilors' input of qualified individuals for President-Elect and/or Directors for future consideration. Suggestions may be sent to [nomelect@acs.org](mailto:nomelect@acs.org).

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Ballots for the 2017 fall national election will be distributed on September 29, with a voting deadline four weeks later, on October 27. In a change of procedures, all members with an email address on file and eligible to vote will receive an electronic ballot with the option to request a paper ballot. Those members with no email address on file will be sent a paper ballot with the option to still vote electronically. The ACS election vendor, Survey & Ballot Systems, will send three email reminders during the voting period to those who have not voted as of the reminder date.

### ***Budget and Finance***

The Society's 2017 Probable 1 Projection calls for a Net from Operations of \$25.3 million. This is \$2.1 million favorable to the Approved Budget and \$1.6 million higher than 2016. Total revenues are projected to be \$553.0 million, which is \$2.4 million unfavorable to the budget, but 5.0% higher than the prior year. Total expenses are projected at \$527.6 million, which is \$4.5 million favorable to the budget, and 4.9% higher than 2016.

The Committee considered several program funding requests for 2018, and on its recommendations, the Board subsequently approved funding for the *ACS Online Course in Laboratory Safety* and the *New Faculty Workshop Series* for inclusion in the 2018 Proposed Budget and the 2019-2020 Forecast.

Additional information can be found at [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org), at the bottom of the page, click 'About ACS', then 'Financial'. There you will find several years of the Society's audited financial statements and IRS 990 filings.

### ***Washington Meeting Attendance***

The theme of the 254<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting was "Chemistry's Impact on the Global Economy." As of Tuesday evening, August 22, attendance was:

Attendees	7,938
Students	2,997
Exhibitors	1,068
Expo only	475
Guest	426
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,904</b>

### ***Petitions to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws***

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than November 29 to be included in the Council agenda for consideration at the spring 2018 meeting in New Orleans. Contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws with any questions or requests for information at [bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org)

## Actions of the Board of Directors

### *The Board's Executive Session*

At this meeting, the ACS Board of Directors considered a number of key strategic issues and responded with several actions.

### **The Board's Committees**

The Board of Directors received and discussed reports from its committees on the Petroleum Research Fund, Strategic Planning, Corporation Associates, Executive Compensation, Professional and Member Relations, the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the ACS Governing Board for Publishing, and the Joint Board-Council Task Force on Governance Design.

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted to approve the Society's nominees for the 2018 Perkin Medal, and the 2018 National Science Board Public Service Award.
- On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications and an Editor Selection Committee, the Board voted to approve the appointment and reappointment of several editors-in-chief for ACS journals.
- On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee for national meetings held in 2018 at \$475; and to authorize two new program funding requests: an *ACS Online Course in Laboratory Safety*, and a *New Faculty Workshop Series*.

### **The Executive Director/CEO Report**

- The Executive Director/CEO and his direct reports provided updates to the Board on the activities of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) and the ACS Publications Division. He offered current and proposed strategies to increase membership in the Society; reported on safety initiatives, resources and security; and provided an update on the Atlantic Basin Conference on Chemistry (ABCCChem) scheduled for January 2018. As part of his report, he invited the Treasurer to brief the Board on the Enterprise Financial Systems Program (EFSP), which is unifying several financial operations for Society staff; the Financial Planning Conference in early November; and ACS Development Activities.

### **Other Society Business**

- The Board held discussions with members of the Presidential Succession on their current activities and those planned for 2018.

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- The Board also held a discussion with officers and members of the board of directors of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) on what governance participation might look like at the organizations' annual meetings, possible meetings between ACS and NOBCChE at the ACS Leadership Institute, dual membership between both organizations, strategic alliances of student chapters at the local section and regional levels, and ACS Board participation at NOBCChE Annual Conferences.

### *The Board's Regular Session*

The Board held a well-attended regular session which featured a discussion on the role ACS and its members play in advocating for adoption of important public policy priorities to foster scientific advancement and innovation. Mr. Glenn Ruskin, Director, External Affairs & Communications in the Office of the Secretary and General Counsel, and Mr. Anthony Pitagno, Director of Government Affairs and Outreach, External Affairs & Communications, spoke about the critically important role federal investment in basic research plays in driving U.S. innovation, job creation and economic growth. A question and answer session followed the presentation, first with the presenters, and then with the Board for general concerns and comments.

Prior to the presentation, members of the presidential succession and the Executive Director and CEO offered brief reports on their activities. The officers provided more extensive reports on their activities and/or future plans as part of their written and oral reports to the Council.

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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR COUNCILORS

The following is a list of URLs and email addresses for supplemental information presented in reports at the Council meeting.

#### **Officers**

Allison A. Campbell, President [a.campbell@acs.org](mailto:a.campbell@acs.org)  
Peter K. Dorhout, President-Elect [p.dorhout@acs.org](mailto:p.dorhout@acs.org)  
Donna J. Nelson, Immediate Past President [djnelson@ou.edu](mailto:djnelson@ou.edu)

#### **ACS Offices**

Office of the Executive Director & CEO [executivedirector@acs.org](mailto:executivedirector@acs.org)  
Office of the Secretary & General Counsel [secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org)

#### **Committees**

##### **Budget and Finance**

[bffeedback@acs.org](mailto:bffeedback@acs.org)

[www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org) → About ACS → Financial

##### **Chemical Abstracts**

[wdcornell@yahoo.com](mailto:wdcornell@yahoo.com)

##### **Chemical Safety**

[safety@acs.org](mailto:safety@acs.org)

Safety in Academic Chemical Laboratories: [www.acs.org/SACL](http://www.acs.org/SACL)

##### **Constitution and Bylaws**

[bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org)

Governing Documents: [www.acs.org/bulletin5](http://www.acs.org/bulletin5)

##### **Economic and Professional Affairs**

Work-related Visa Working Group: [policy@acs.org](mailto:policy@acs.org)

##### **International Activities**

Asia-Pacific International Chapters Conference: [www.acs.org/APICC](http://www.acs.org/APICC)

##### **Local Section Activities**

[www.acs.org/getinvolved](http://www.acs.org/getinvolved)

##### **Minority Affairs**

Donate to ACS Scholars: [www.donate.acs.org](http://www.donate.acs.org)

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Social Media:

[www.ChemDiversity.org](http://www.ChemDiversity.org)

[www.facebook.com/ACS.CMA](http://www.facebook.com/ACS.CMA)

@chemdiversity

[www.linkedin.com/company/chemdiversity-acscma](http://www.linkedin.com/company/chemdiversity-acscma)

### Nominations and Elections

[nomelect@acs.org](mailto:nomelect@acs.org)

### Younger Chemists Committee

Catalyze the Vote:

<http://ycc.sites.acs.org/catalyzethevote.htm>

#CatalyzeTheVote

#CtV

International Younger Chemists: [www.facebook.com/IYCN.global](http://www.facebook.com/IYCN.global)

### Other

Advocacy Toolkit (President): [www.acs.org/advocacy](http://www.acs.org/advocacy)

### Online Information for Councilors

<http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/governance/councilors.html>

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