



**COUNCILOR TALKING POINTS  
SUMMARY OF GOVERNANCE ACTIONS/REPORTS  
(Edited for the Virginia Section)**

**American Chemical Society - 246th ACS National Meeting  
Indianapolis, Indiana - September 8-12, 2013**

**ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**Election Results**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council several candidates for membership on the **Committee on Committees**. The Council elected Janet L. Bryant, Dee Ann Casteel, Amber S. Hinkle, Wayne E. Jones, Jr., and V. Michael Mautino for the 2014-2016 term.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council several candidates for membership on the **Council Policy Committee**. By electronic ballot, the Council elected Harmon B. Abrahamson, Judith H. Cohen, Alan M. Ehrlich, and Angela K. Wilson for the 2014-2016 term.
- The Council Policy Committee presented to the Council several candidates for membership on the **Committee on Nominations and Elections**. The Council elected Lisa M. Balbes, Jeannette E. Brown, Martha L. Casey, D. Richard Cobb, and Lissa Dulany for the 2014-2016 term.

**Candidates for President-Elect and Board of Directors**

**Candidates for President-Elect, 2014**

Dr. G. Bryan Balazs, Associate Program Leader, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Livermore, CA  
Dr. Charles E. Kolb, Jr., President and CEO, Aerodyne Research Inc., Billerica, MA  
Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt, Section Head R&D, The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH

**Candidates for Directors-at-Large, 2014-2016 (two will be elected)**

Dr. Susan B. Butts, Independent Consultant, Susan Butts Consulting, Midland, MI  
Dr. Thom H. Dunning, Jr., Director, National Center for Supercomputing Applications and Professor, Distinguished Chair for Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL  
Dr. Dorothy J. Phillips, Retired, Waters Corporation, Milford, MA  
Dr. Kathleen M. Schulz, President, Business Results, Inc., Albuquerque, NM

**Candidates for District II Director, 2014-2016**

Dr. George M. Bodner, Arthur Kelly Distinguished Professor of Chemistry Education and Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
Dr. Alan A. Hazari, Director of Chemistry Labs and Lecturer, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

**Committee Reports (Highlights)**

- **Society Committee on Education**  
SOCED recognized the achievement that is present in the Next Generation Science Standards, including their basis in research on teaching and learning, their formulation as performance standards, and their basis in the NRC framework and its dimensions of Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Cross Cutting Concepts.
- **Standing Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA)**  
Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs reported that employment is up and unemployment is down for ACS chemists. The complete review of the Comprehensive Salary Survey will appear in the September 23 issue of *C&EN*.

**Realignment of Electoral Districts**

- The Council voted to approve a proposal by the Committee on Nominations and Elections to realign these districts. This change takes place in 2014 and does not affect the 2013 national ACS elections. The Virginia Section will remain in District II, the Hampton Road and Blue Ridge Sections along with several North Carolina Sections are also in District II.

## **Divisions**

- After much debate, a proposed name change for the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry to the Division of Colloids, Surfaces, and Nanomaterials was defeated by the Council in a close vote.

## **Special Discussion Item**

- A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President Marinda Wu presented and moderated a discussion on “What can we – as the Society and as individual citizens – do to help create jobs or demand for chemists?” She shared five recommendations from the presidential task force “Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members to Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise” and what they might imply for our efforts to help create jobs: discover and share information about the skills and competencies that a wide range of employers will need; continue to expand resources which help our members to position themselves for successful careers in the global chemistry enterprise; enable entrepreneurs to create and strengthen their startups that hire chemistry professionals; advocate for policies that improve the business climate and promote the creation of chemistry jobs; and work with other stakeholders to understand and influence the supply and demand of chemists and jobs. Following the presentation, numerous Councilors engaged in a discussion of this focused topic on possibilities to encourage jobs creation and offered several suggestions.

## **ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

### **The Board’s Committees and Working Groups**

- The Board held a lengthy strategic issue discussion on the topic “Connecting Chemists with Each Other.” It considered what the role of ACS should be in helping chemists develop relationships with other chemists and the strategies that enable those relationships; how these strategies encourage and support younger and international members; and how these strategies develop relationships to leverage the world renowned chemists/innovators that comprise our membership.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board voted to approve Society nominations for the National Science Board’s Public Service Award and the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Alan T. Waterman Award.
- The working group on Society Program Portfolio Management is charged with delivering a process for portfolio management of Society programs in the divisions of Membership and Scientific Advancement, Education, and the Office of the Secretary and General Counsel (Office of Public Affairs) and pilot programs.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F), the Board voted to approve an advance member registration fee of \$380 for national meetings held in 2014. The Board also voted to reauthorize funding in next year’s proposed budget for the ACS International Center, and the ACS Entrepreneurial Initiative, and to authorize funding for a new initiative, the National Association of Chemistry Teachers (NACT). This association will be an ACS program to provide teachers a professional home. Through NACT they will have access to specialized resources and the broader ACS community.
- The Board confirmed the recommendation of the ACS Executive Director/CEO of the new President of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS, Manuel (Manny) Guzman, most recently Executive Vice President of Learning and Research Solutions of Cengage Learning.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COUNCILORS

The following is a list of URLs and email addresses presented on slides at the Council meeting. You will find the information noted on these sites helpful.

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

Showcases stories and photos submitted by members describing what best defines their ACS membership experience. If your story is selected, you receive a T-shirt.

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

The ACS Councilors Handbook sets out reasonable lists of duties and expectations of Councilors, their role in governance, and information on governance organization and operations.

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

ACS offers many ways to get involved at the local, regional, and national levels. There are opportunities for everyone, whether you are a student, just starting your career, or a seasoned professional.

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

Information about the Committee on Technician Affairs and its fiftieth anniversary will be posted here.

[www.ACS.org/ChemistryAmbassadors](http://www.ACS.org/ChemistryAmbassadors)

Visit the Chemistry Ambassadors website for ideas and resources to engage your community with positive messages about chemistry.

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

If you are a Councilor who has not yet committed to service on an ACS committee and would like to try Constitution and Bylaws, to make an impact on the Society's governing documents and unit bylaws, please send an email.

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

A revision of the Professional Employment Guidelines is in the Council Agenda Book for consideration (page 95). Send revisions or comments by November 1, 2013.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE VIRGINIA SECTION COUNCILORS:

**Jerry Bass** - Jerry had served on the Local Sections Activity Committee (LSAC) and its Grants and Awards Subcommittee. He unfortunately announced his retirement.

**Ann Sullivan** - Continues to serve on the Local Sections Activities Committee (LSAC) and its Technology Subcommittee. LSAC reviews all annual reports and maintains communication with local section officers.

LSAC is recommending that sections apply for their many grant opportunities and perhaps add committees on Project Seed, YCC and Senior Chemist

**Kristine Smetana** - continues to serve as an associate on the Society for the committee on Chemical Education (SOCED) and she is a member of a special task force on the redesign of the Guidelines for two-year colleges. She just finished her three year commitment as a member of a special SOCED task force for two-year colleges. Recently, she has volunteered to be a Science Coach for Virginia to help science teachers enhance their programs. She has been on a SOCED working group for the ACS policy on Distance Learning. She is on a working group through SOCED with CEI and GCI for sustainability and a working group with WCC through SOCED to discuss Women in non-tenure track positions. Lastly, she is in the Councilor Mentorship program with Katie Hunt as her mentor.

**Janet Asper** - As an alternate councilor, serves on the Committee on Community Activities, CCA, and is serving on the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day 2015 Theme team.

**Linnette Watkins** -