



American Chemical Society  
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## Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

### Actions of the Council

#### Election Results

##### **Candidates for President-Elect, 2019**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2019: **Harmon B. Abrahamson, Luis A. Echegoyen, Thomas R. Gilbert, and Mary Virginia Orna**. By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Luis A. Echegoyen** and **Thomas R. Gilbert** as **candidates for 2019 President-Elect**. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

##### **President-Elect, 2019<sup>a</sup>**

Nominee	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
<b>Harmon B. Abrahamson</b>	84	-	-
<b>*Luis A. Echegoyen</b>	116	132	152
<b>*Thomas R. Gilbert</b>	129	168	206
<b>Mary Virginia Orna</b>	92	117	-

<sup>a</sup>421 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 211 being the majority. The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, second-preference votes were distributed in two subsequent rounds. Those marked with an \* were declared elected as candidates.

##### **Candidates for Directors-at-Large**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following **candidates for Directors-at-Large** for 2019-2021 terms: **Frank D. Blum, Lee H. Latimer, Ingrid Montes, and Angela W. Peters**. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council on or before October 1, 2018.

##### **Special Interim Election: Committee on Committees**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced that **Susan M. Schelble** received 142 votes to **Rick Ewing's** 128 votes to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Committees (ConC) for a full two-year term (2018-2019).

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### Other Council Actions

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

- The Council approved Petition on the Composition of Society Committees [Bylaw III, Sec. 3, e, (3), (4), and (8)], which will change the requirement for Councilors on Society Committees from at least two thirds (2/3) to a majority, and remove the requirement that the Chair and Vice-Chair of a Society Committee must be Councilors.
- The Petition for Election of Committee Chairs [Bylaw III, Sec. 3, c, (1); d, 3, (3), (8); e, (3), (8); g, (3); i (3)], which would allow the voting members of all ACS committees to select their own Chairs, failed to gain the approval of Council.

#### **2019 Member Dues**

- The Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance to set the member dues for 2019 at the fully escalated rate of \$175. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **Distribution Formula for Division Funding**

- The proposed formula for allocating dues funds to divisions, recommended by the Committee on Divisional Activities, was recommitted to the committee.

#### **Continuation of Committees**

- The Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Committees that the Committee on Ethics be continued; and that the committees on Publications and on Younger Chemists be continued contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.

#### **Resolutions**

- The Council passed several resolutions:
  - in memory of ACS Past President Ronald Breslow and other deceased Councilors;
  - in gratitude for the officers and members of the Louisiana Section, host for the 255<sup>th</sup> National Meeting, the divisional program chairs, symposium organizers, and ACS staff for the planning and execution of the meeting; and
  - to recognize Dr. Harry P. Schultz, former Councilor for the South Florida Section (1974-1977), on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### 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).

#### **Budget and Finance**

In 2017, ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$28.6 million, which was \$4.8 million higher than 2016. Total revenues were \$553.1 million, increasing 5.0% or \$26.4 million over 2016. Expenses ended the year

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at \$524.5 million, which was \$21.6 million or 4.3% higher than prior year. This was attributable to strong performance from the Society's Information Service units (CAS and ACS Publications) and a continued emphasis on expense management across the ACS.

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

### Membership

The ACS ended 2017 with over 150,000 members. While this means that ACS remains the world's largest scientific society, this number represents a continuing decline in overall membership for the sixth year in a row. The Committee on Membership Affairs is committed to working with Council, the Board of Directors, the Committee on Budget and Finance, ACS staff, and other stakeholders to halt this trend and return ACS to a growing and engaged membership.

### New Orleans Meeting Attendance

As of Monday, March 19:

Attendees	8,470
Students	6,432
Exhibitors	877
Expo only	301
Guests	505
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,585</b>

### Petitions to Amend Constitution and Bylaws

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than May 2 to be included in the Council agenda for consideration at the fall 2018 meeting in Boston. Contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws with any questions or requests for information at [bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org)

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR COUNCILORS

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

### Officers

Peter K. Dorhout, President	<a href="mailto:p.dorhout@acs.org">p.dorhout@acs.org</a>
Bonnie A. Charpentier, President-Elect	<a href="mailto:b.charpentier@acs.org">b.charpentier@acs.org</a>
Allison A. Campbell, Immediate Past President	<a href="mailto:a.campbell@acs.org">a.campbell@acs.org</a>

### ACS Offices

Office of Secretary & General Counsel	<a href="mailto:secretary@acs.org">secretary@acs.org</a>
Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Coordinator	<a href="mailto:outreach@acs.org">outreach@acs.org</a>

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### **Committees**

Budget and Finance	<a href="http://www.acs.org">www.acs.org</a> → About ACS → Financial Information
Constitution and Bylaws	<a href="mailto:bylaws@acs.org">bylaws@acs.org</a>
Economic and Professional Affairs	
Work-related Visa Working Group	<a href="mailto:policy@acs.org">policy@acs.org</a>
Local Section Activities	<a href="http://www.acs.org/getinvolved">www.acs.org/getinvolved</a>
Nominations and Elections	<a href="mailto:nomelect@acs.org">nomelect@acs.org</a>
Women Chemists	<a href="mailto:wcc@acs.org">wcc@acs.org</a>

### **Resources on the Web**

Committee Preference Forms	<a href="http://www.yellowbook.acs.org">www.yellowbook.acs.org</a>
Highlights of ACS Achievements	<a href="http://www.acs.org/acshighlights">www.acs.org/acshighlights</a>
Governing Documents	<a href="http://www.acs.org/bulletin5">www.acs.org/bulletin5</a>
Resources on mentoring	<a href="http://www.acs.org/grad">www.acs.org/grad</a>
Guidelines & Recommendations on	
Teaching HS / Middle School Chemistry	<a href="http://www.acs.org/mshsguidelines">www.acs.org/mshsguidelines</a>
Career Consultant Program	<a href="https://goo.gl/2sppC9">https://goo.gl/2sppC9</a>

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

- Legal Resource Manual for Divisions and Local Sections (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)
- Freedom to Meet Without Limitation