

## HIST Executive Committee Meeting, April 2, 2017

Grand Hyatt San Francisco, CA; Redwood B

Meeting started at 5:10pm

**Attending: Ron Brashear, Carmen Giunta, Seth Rasmussen, Mary Virginia Orna, Roger Egolf, Nic Tsareskvy, Dan Rabinovich, Joe Jeffries, Tom, Strom, Vera Mainz, Gary Patterson**

### AGENDA

- 1) **Welcome and announcements**, Ron Brashear
  - a. Ron welcomed all to his first meeting as chair.
  - b. He attended the ACS Leadership Institute in Dallas in January and found it very helpful in terms of information and connections. Roger also attended.
  - c. The plans are to have a joint Society for History of Alchemy and Chemistry (SHAC)/HIST meeting at the Chemical Heritage Foundation (CHF) in June 2018. Ron (as chair of HIST), Robert Anderson (chair of SHAC) and Carin Berkowitz (CHF representative) form the organizing committee.
  - d. Jeff Seeman submitted an IPG for a meeting in Cuba about the history of chemistry in Cuba (and perhaps other South American countries), to be held in January 2018. It has been approved and funded for the full \$7500.
  - e. Ron will be at the international conference on the history of chemistry at Trondheim, Norway, in August, representing HIST and CHF. It is hosted by Norwegian University of Science and Technology.
  - f. Ron was contacted by Regina Malchevski from the Midland ACS local section. That local section is celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2019 and wants a history symposium at the CERM (Central) regional meeting in Midland in 2019. Mary Virginia suggested that they go for an IPG as DAC is specifically looking for proposals with the types of connections available here: regional meeting, a 100th anniversary, industry (Dow), division (HIST) sponsorship, etc.
- 2) **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**, Vera Mainz
  - a. Minutes of the August 21, 2016, Executive Committee meeting were approved via email vote on February 13, 2017.
  - b. The HIST Administration and Treasurer's Report for 2016 were filed on time and are now posted on the HIST website.
  - c. In terms of reporting, the HIST funds in the Vanguard Funds are all allocated to the HIST Award Endowment Fund. The return on investment was 6% in 2014 and 2015, 5% in 2016. See the summary below.

#### HIST Award Summary

	Dividends		
2011-2012	\$	1,543.76	4%
2013	\$	3,813.53	8%
2014	\$	3,749.04	6%
2015	\$	3,871.57	6%
2016	\$	2,837.36	5%

	Income	Expenses	Difference
2013	\$ 6,675.33	\$ (6,882.90)	\$ (207.57)
2014	\$ 6,119.04	\$ (4,440.65)	\$ 1,678.39
2015	\$ 6,454.58	\$ (4,789.32)	\$ 1,665.26
2016	\$ 6,218.05	\$ (7,286.86)	\$(1,068.81)
2017			
TOTALS	\$ 25,467.00	\$ (23,399.73)	\$ 2,067.27
	Available	\$ 3,611.03	

- d) In a general way HIST is doing well. There is \$82,479.54 of unobligated funds as of August 16, 2016. Pacifichem 2015 speaker reimbursements totaled \$17,892.84. We have submitted a request for a \$17,667.84 reimbursement from ACS. [The difference is \$225 in ineligible expenses for which Tom Tidwell was reimbursed. That was my error and I apologize.] I have been in touch with Nancy Todd, requesting information about the status of Pacifichem reimbursements. The last email exchange was August 15, 2016, and I was told that because Pacifichem is now incorporated apparently reimbursements to Divisions must be approved by the Board of Directors. That is supposed to happen soon, so hopefully this will be resolved before the end of the year.
- e) Vera noted that she was the victim of a very targeted phishing attack last fall, right after the Philadelphia meeting. Emails requesting payment via electronic fund transfer (EFT) were received from someone purporting to be Gary, noting a vendor needed immediate payment after the "meeting." Some warnings have gone out to chairs and treasurers of divisions and local sections to be on guard about requests for "emergency" EFT payments supposedly requested by a chair to the unit treasurer. Vera paid out \$2000 due to this scheme. It has been reported to the police but likely the money is simply lost. In the future no request for an EFT payment will occur without telephone confirmation from the executive committee member and the vendor.
- f) Treasurer's Report. The Quicken summary of income/expense for 2017 to date is **attached**. We received the allocation for 2017 - \$12,800, which was about \$400 less than 2016.

**TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS as of 3/26/2017**

Citations	\$ 2,453.56
Archives IPGA + James J. Bohning Memorial Fund	\$ 2,506.44
StopGap Funding	\$ 3,800.00
Citations Travel	\$ 4,428.16
MVO Nat Inv IPGA	\$ 265.08
Past Pres IPGA	\$ 2,715.14
SERMACS IPGA	\$ 2,222.30
HIST Award (Total Contributions + Dividends) - Total Expenses	\$ 8,143.42
See and Be Seen	\$ 500.00

Fontina Book Fund - Fontina HIST membership	\$	250.00
Past Pres	\$	2,715.14
HIST Award Symp Phil Fall2016	\$	500.00
HIST - Ted Benfey Symposium	\$	500.00
Ted Benfey Symposium (donations)	\$	420.00
HIST - Chemistry in America: 1676-1876	\$	500.00
HIST - CC Price - Past ACS Pres	\$	500.00
Video Archive IPGA	\$	(113.70)
High School Teaching IPGA	\$	5,000.00
HIST - CCB - Bob Curl Symposium	\$	500.00
	\$	<b>37,805.54</b>

Checking account	\$	20,360.93
Total checks not cleared	\$	(417.90)
Deposits not cleared	\$	-
<b>AVAILABLE - Checking</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,943.03</b>
<b>AVAILABLE - Savings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100,342.05</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>120,285.08</b>
<b>TOTAL UNOBLIGATED FUNDS as of 8/15/2016</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>82,479.54</b>

3) **Report from Program Chair, Seth Rasmussen**

- a) The summary of current and upcoming symposia is **attached**.
- b) Seth announced that he has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship which will keep him in Australia for one year. The fall national meeting in Washington, DC will be his last meeting as program chair. Nick will take over for the Spring 2018 meeting, or technically after Washington DC. Seth does plan to continue keeping the HIST facebook page and will continue in his Springer editorial duties. Seth raised the issue of on-going support for the program chair. The current model of reimbursing only air fare for one meeting/year for the program chair is no longer realistic. Home universities are no longer supportive of these activities. Seth made a motion requesting that minimum support for the program chair should be \$1000/meeting for travel (including lodging). The motion was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- c) The meeting is going great so far. The Sunday afternoon session was very successful. The upcoming day and a half Perceptions symposium should also be successful. He noted that this meeting has set records in turn of withdrawals - 9 - including the no show this morning.
- d) Programming for the upcoming Washington DC meeting includes: a full day on Ladies in Waiting (Vera and Tom Strom), 1/2 day on Darryl Bush/Past President, and 1/2 day for the NHCL 25th anniversary on Monday.
- e) At the Spring 2018 New Orleans meeting we will have a full day for the 2017 HIST Award for Jeff Seeman; Fall 2018 Boston should have 1/2 day for the 2018 HIST

Award and possibly another ACS Past Presidents symposium. For Spring 2019 Orlando the archaeological symposium is being organized by Seth and Mary Virginia. Many former ACS presidents were/are from the Boston area, so Roger will discuss organizing a symposium with Jan. Gary said he could do a symposium for New Orleans and will let Seth/Nick know. 2020 San Francisco might be where Seth would have a Springer Briefs symposium (10 years since the initial discussion of the series). Some suggestions of additional symposia are Fall 2019 San Diego Pioneers of Magnetic Resonance (Vera and Tom Strom) and Fall 2019 San Diego 150 years of the Periodic Table (Carmen). The last topic is also one of two themes identified for the World Congress of IUPAC in 2019. Other suggestions: 2020 San Francisco for Glenn Seaborg Past ACS President (Janan Hayes). Full day on the history of chemical nomenclature (Seth) but doesn't have a year yet. Disabled chemists at CHF are doing a project on oral histories. Roger said he would contact Jan directly about a Past President's symposium for Fall 2018 Boston. Gary said he would look into organizing a symposium for New Orleans 2018.

- f) Seth has some specific and general issues with ACS. He had lots of problems with ACS and M&E staff at this meeting. Latrice has moved on to other responsibilities, so Robin Preston is the new person and is trying but not experienced. Venue assignments came very, very late this year. Seth got them from the technical on-line program first and didn't get the information from ACS until much later. When he did get them from ACS that information did not agree with the on-line program. There have been lots of errors and multiple problems. Kevin Edgar is chair of M&E (Roger is now on M&E). M&E did a room request for this meeting by pulling one from Philadelphia; once Seth told them the problem, no one would own up to anything. This morning all the rooms were wrong in the app and on-line system (this was pointed out to ACS staff a month ago and was still not fixed). Withdrawn papers were still shown as active in the on-line program. M&E already met so Roger can't bring it up at this meeting. Vera noted that ComSci were told about a complete reorganization of ACS staff with lots of people being moved around. When Seth gets home from this meeting he will write a complete report of the problems to Robin and copy Nick.
- g) Remote presentations. In Dan and Nick's symposium we have a speaker from England who is giving a talk via skype. ACS staff has been in a habit of telling Seth that things can't happen without any justification or real policy to back them up. Seth could find nothing that prohibited a talk by skype as long as the speaker is registered. Robin agreed it would be allowed and forwarded the request to other people in programming. M&E made an unreasonable suggestion about what would be needed to make this happen and wanted to charge \$1000 for it. Seth wrote them back and told them what we needed, and they finally agreed. We should be set for this meeting but this may continue to be an issue. ACS doesn't want us to do this type of thing although they can't prohibit it.
- h) Seth noted that the next program chair might want to be a little more careful about a symposium where no one is a member of HIST. The symposium on Design organizer (Stephanie) had unrealistic expectations about how much her presenters would contribute to the symposium. None of her presenters were chemists and most of them did not register, hence making it easier for them to withdraw.

- i) Seth gave an update on the Pacificchem book. It is just about done. Seth is waiting on the final chapter from Ned and the final version of Roger's and Tom Tidwell's chapters. The book has 15 chapters, 20 authors, and runs 400 pages.
- 4) **Report from Councilors**, Mary Virginia Orna and Roger Egolf (**report attached**)
  - a) Roger reported that he is an associate member of M&E (Meetings & Expositions). He went to his first meeting today and spoke up more than a new councilor should because some things bother him about how M&E operates. He has been especially concerned about the reliance on the meeting app when it has so many problems and the issue of the physical program book no longer being available in convention center and only in available for pick-up in two hotels (and no specific information on the ticket as to where to find those pick-up points). Mike Morello (former chair of DAC) is vice-chair, and Roger believes that Mike understands division needs and is very defensive of divisions. Some points have come from program chairs that want to do something unusual as well as recommendations from a consultant's report. All these things were discussed in M&E. Some points: divisions should hold their own events and buy event food; should drop Thursday programming; have fewer simultaneous sessions; or have more sessions at the convention center. For example, ORGN is running 12 simultaneous sessions in large rooms with low attendance. So, supposedly 70% of the people attending a meeting are presenting a paper. On average, each person may go to about 20-25 talks (Roger's guess). So the average session can likely have no more than 35 people; so if the big events have hundreds of attendees, most of the rest will have fewer than 35 attendees. Should ACS contract for venues with more smaller rooms? Roger believes some of these ideas are pushing against each other. Are the meetings losing more money? The San Diego meeting took in about \$4.5M and had \$2.9M in direct expenses. ACS billed them for \$1.8M in indirect expenses (which pays for running ACS headquarters, etc.), so overall the meeting lost ~ \$450,000. These indirect costs have nothing to do with the meeting. So, the profit or loss for the meeting is whatever ACS wants it to be. ACS staff did note that some organizations do not tax their meetings with the indirect costs.
  - b) Mary Virginia is now on DAC (Division Activities Committee) and attended and met with the subcommittee deciding on the IPG awards. The subcommittee members had already reviewed all proposals and had a spreadsheet with their comments on the proposals. She learned what they are looking for and believes that will be helpful to HIST in the future. HIST proposals tend to be interdisciplinary and collaborative. She attended the plenary meeting this morning and talked about proposals for the two new divisions, Materials Science and Space Chemistry. There was little enthusiasm for the change by very many people (some called them niche disciplines that cut across a number of other disciplines) but a lot of enthusiasm by very few people. She believes DAC will likely not approve either one. With respect to Space Chemistry, a lot of electioneering is happening (someone is going around asking divisions to change their vote), and they had HIST listed as not giving a response even though we had. DAC will keep the current allocation for now. Going forward there may be a policy to have a reward for divisions to program at regional and international meetings.
- 5) **Report from Chair-Elect**, Dan Rabinovich

Dan gave a brief report on symposia at SERMACS that HIST is supporting. First, one where the keynote speaker is Keith Lindblom from ACS and the Woodward Centennial symposium with Jeff Seeman as keynote speaker. We believe it is the first time two separate HIST symposia will be supported by HIST at a regional meeting.

6) **Report from Past Chair, Gary Patterson**

- a) 2016 was a busy year. The 2017 HIST Award is going to Jeff Seeman but he is not having the award symposium until spring 2018. Ursula Klein declined to serve on the HIST Award jury committee so Roger Egolf agreed to serve a one year term for just this year. Two members need to be appointed for 2018 as Ernst Homburg will rotate off. Gary suggested that we appoint one person for two years and another for one year as Jeff Seeman will come on in 2019. John Sharkey agreed to take the two year appointment, which will expire in 2018. Vera suggested that the one year term person should be a historian of chemistry. But, it will depend upon who is available. It is time to actively solicit nominations and send them to Gary. Gary will solicit the current chair of SHAC to submit a nomination.
- b) The High School Teacher Workshop in Philadelphia was very successful but won't be repeated because of the cost of the workshop and the travel expense for attendees. We should have a website on the HIST website so any high school teacher can go to it and find one lecture length material on the history of chemistry. AACT (American Association of Chemistry Teachers) are not having meetings. They program with ChemEd (high school group). Bob Belford (CINF) would appreciate this resource so colleges could offer courses on history of chemistry as a special topics course for seniors. Gary will curate articles for the proposed website which should have a link to the national science teacher association.

7) **Report from the HIST Awards Subcommittee**

- a) Gary noted that the Jury Committee for the 2017 award was established and changes to the SOP for the award committee were followed, see 6b).
- b) Ron reported that the Jury Committee for the 2016 Outstanding Paper Award had an open spot which Steve Weininger has agreed to fill.
- c) Vera gave a short report on the CCB 2017 Awards. The ones for 2017 have been announced and are on the HIST website. The plaques are in process as are plans for the award ceremonies.

8) **Report from Archivist, John Sharkey**

John reported that the HIST archives are up to date.

9) **Report from Bulletin Editor, Carmen Giunta**

Volume 41(1,2), a double issue, is finished. Volume 42(1) is going to Agnes Soderbeck for typesetting this month. Several lengthy papers are in the completion phase or near completion, including Ursula Klein's HIST Award address. Another 6 or 7 papers are in the pipeline. We continue to receive papers from known and new contributors. Carmen noted that money for printing and mailing (done at Le Moyne College) needs to be sent. Vera mentioned that the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has agree to host the Bulletin issues on-line and establish the appropriate doi numbers for the contents. Carmen has a list of submissions to help with that.

10) **Report from Historian, Gary Patterson**

Gary noted that he needs the biography for HIST Award winner Jeff Seeman. He has another HIST Chair bio ready to go up on the website. CINF has expressed interest in

using the HIST website to make materials available, see 6b). Gary will make some examples of what he is looking for. Mary Virginia made the suggestion, wednesday, periodic footprints in ... - Lars R. Ostrum; Swedish chemist who wrote a book The Last Alchemist in Paris - any chapter in book would be model for what you'd like on site.

11) **Report from the Alternate Councilors**, Art Greenberg and Joe Jeffers

MPPG Meeting Themes, attached. The budget for any given meeting is \$30K, with \$7500 off the top going to ACS and the other \$22.5K available to help support symposia Washington - NO - food energy water nexus; Nanotechnology nanoscience and beyond; Orlando - chemistry of new frontiers; San Diego - chemistry of waters; philly - macromolecular chemistry, the 2nd century; SF - From Bench to Market

12) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) ACS Fellows Program - Ned nominated Seth. We will see what happens.
- b) HIST Division 100th Anniversary - we need to keep in mind that we need to form a Committee to write the Division history and plan a symposium.

13) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Ron brought up a proposal by Jeff Seeman HIST endowment proposal - start a general HIST endowment; he thinks there should be an opportunity to put HIST in their will; blurb in newsletter;
- b) We need to do a membership drive. Vera was reminded she needs to send membership offers to everyone participating in the CINF symposium. We should advertise with AACT. We discussed possibly having HIST members "man" a booth at regional meetings in order to be more visible.
- c) Mary Virginia discussed an issue that came up with respect to the Lost Elements book. It was reported to the publisher and the editor of Lost Elements that someone had found places in the book that he believed had been plagiarized; he put this info up on website. Mary Virginia investigated and found that there was a problem. Oxford recalled all copies of the book and at the direction of Oxford legal counsel Mary Virginia wrote a letter of apology to the person whose material was plagiarized. Options are the removal of the entire last section with this material or rewrite the section. She'll be talking to the OUP editor later at the meeting.
- d) Dan Rabinovich noted that the Savannah River local section is hosting SERMACS in 2018.

The meeting ended at 7:30pm.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Quicken Summary, Income/Expenses to date

Appendix 2: Future Symposia Schedule

Appendix 3: Councilors' Report from San Francisco

Appendix 4: Report from MPPG - Thematic Programming



# 2017 Itemized Categories Report - Year To Date

1/1/2017 through 3/29/2017

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	T... Clr	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>						<b>22,996.81</b>
<b>Allocation ACS</b>						<b>12,800.61</b>
<b>Other Allocation ACS</b>						<b>12,800.61</b>
3/17/2017	Busey...	DEP	ACS/EFT Remittan...	2017 Allocation		12,800.61
<b>Bulletin - Lib</b>						<b>490.00</b>
1/1/2017	Busey...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#263...	2017 Tokyo Kogyo U	R	40.00
1/1/2017	Busey...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#263...	2017 Bibl Hist-Valencia	R	50.00
1/30/2017	Busey...	DEP	EBCSO - Ck#2649...	2017 Univ New Hampshire	R	40.00
1/30/2017	Busey...	DEP	EBCSO - Ck#2653...	2017 Roy Soc Chem	R	50.00
2/11/2017	Busey...	DEP	... IPG - Brazil	IPG - Brazil	R	50.00
3/23/2017	Busey...	DEP	Univ Of Cincinnati ...	2017		40.00
3/23/2017	Busey...	DEP	Linda Hall Library	2017		40.00
3/23/2017	Busey...	DEP	Cornell University ...	2017		40.00
3/23/2017	Busey...	DEP	Lehigh University	2017		40.00
3/29/2017	Busey...	DEP	... Istituto Museo di St...	2017		50.00
3/29/2017	Busey...	DEP	... Museum Boerhaave	2017		50.00
<b>Dividend</b>						<b>1,524.48</b>
<b>HIST Award</b>						<b>1,524.48</b>
1/1/2017	Busey...	DEP	Vanguard Wellesle...		R	631.82
1/1/2017	Busey...	DEP	Vanguard Wellingt...		R	892.66
<b>Donations</b>						<b>600.00</b>
<b>Perception-SF2017</b>						<b>600.00</b>
3/29/2017	Busey...	DEP	... McGrawHill Educat...	Rabinovich Perceptions S...		600.00
<b>Dues Income</b>						<b>7,552.00</b>
<b>ACS</b>						<b>7,552.00</b>
3/13/2017	Busey...	DEP	ACS/EFT Remittan...	June-Dec 2016		7,552.00
<b>Int Inc</b>						<b>29.72</b>
1/31/2017	Busey...	DEP	Interest		R	15.85
2/28/2017	Busey...	DEP	Interest		R	13.87
<b>EXPENSES</b>						<b>-6,144.03</b>
<b>Award</b>						<b>-3,000.00</b>
<b>Ladies in Waiting</b>						<b>-3,000.00</b>
3/23/2017	Busey...	1259	Portal Theatre	1/2 payment in advance		-3,000.00
<b>Bank Chrg</b>						<b>-23.95</b>
<b>PayPal Transaction Fee</b>						<b>-23.95</b>

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2/11/2017	Busey...	DEP	... IPG - Brazil			R	-1.75
3/29/2017	Busey...	DEP	... McGrawHill Educat...				-17.70
3/29/2017	Busey...	DEP	... Istituto Museo di St...				-2.25
3/29/2017	Busey...	DEP	... Museum Boerhaave				-2.25
<b>Bulletin</b>							<b>-1,460.00</b>
<b>Other Bulletin</b>							<b>-1,460.00</b>
1/30/2017	Busey...	1253	Agnes Soderbeck	No. 41(1,2)		R	-1,460.00
<b>Election</b>							<b>-204.00</b>
<b>Other</b>							<b>-204.00</b>
3/5/2017	Busey...	1258	... Vera Mainz	Surveymonkey subscription			-204.00
<b>Office</b>							<b>-405.00</b>
<b>Tax Prep</b>							<b>-405.00</b>
3/1/2017	Busey...	1257	Daniel E. Holder A...	2016 Tax Prep Form 990-EZ			-405.00
<b>Other Travel</b>							<b>-946.82</b>
1/30/2017	Busey...	1254	Roger Egolf	2017 Leadership Insti.		R	-490.71
2/7/2017	Busey...	1255	Ronald Brashear	2017 Leadership Inst.		R	-456.11
<b>Postage</b>							<b>-104.26</b>
<b>Election</b>							<b>-39.90</b>
3/5/2017	Busey...	1258	... Vera Mainz	USPS			-37.60
				USPS			-2.30
<b>Office</b>							<b>-45.61</b>
3/5/2017	Busey...	1258	... Vera Mainz	USPS - stamps			-28.20
				USPS - councilor reimb ACS			-2.93
				USPS - councilor reimb ACS			-3.06
				USPS - postage			-4.26
				USPS - past chair pin			-7.16
<b>Separates</b>							<b>-18.75</b>
3/5/2017	Busey...	1258	... Vera Mainz	USPS - separates to Philly			-18.75
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>							<b>16,852.78</b>

## FUTURE HIST SYMPOSIA

Meeting Dates	Site	HIST symposia	HIST cosponsored symposia and Notes
April 2-6, 2017	San Francisco	(1) <i>Chemistry through the eyes of non-chemists: Evolution of the public perception of chemistry</i> (Dan Rabinovich and Nick Tsarevsky) [ <b>1.5 days - Monday AM/PM, Tues AM</b> ] (2) <i>Golden Age of Industrial Chemistry</i> (Matthew Grandbois) [ <b>Sunday PM</b> ] [co-sponsors: YCC and SCC] (3) <i>Chemistry and the Design of Physical Objects: Innovation from 1950 to the Present</i> (Stephanie E. Vasko) [ <b>Tuesday PM</b> ]	[Advanced Materials, Technologies, Systems and Processes] <b>HIST cosponsor:</b> (1) Hollyweird Chemistry (2) Textbooks & the Practice of Science: Before, During & After Gutenberg
August 20-24, 2017	Washington DC	(1) <i>Ladies in Waiting for Nobel Prizes. Overlooked Accomplishments of Women Chemists</i> (Vera Mainz and Tom Strom) [ <b>Tues Full day</b> ] [co-sponsors: WCC] (2) <i>Past Presidents: Daryl Busch</i> (Jan Hayes) [ <b>Sunday PM</b> ] (3) <i>History as Outreach: Celebrating the ACS Landmarks Program's 25th Anniversary</i> (Vera Mainz?) [ <b>Monday AM</b> ]	[Chemistry's Impact on the Global Economy] <b>HIST Tutorial: ??</b>
March 18-22, 2018	New Orleans	(1) <i>HIST Award</i> [ <b>Full day</b> ]	
August 19-23, 2018	Boston	(1) <i>HIST Award</i> [ <b>Tues pm</b> ]	
Mar 31-Apr 4, 2019	Orlando	(1) <i>Chemical Archeology</i> (Seth Rasmussen and Mary Virginia Orna) [ <b>2+ days?</b> ]	
August 25-29, 2019	San Diego	(1) <i>HIST Award</i> [ <b>Tues pm</b> ]	
March 22-26, 2020	Philadelphia		
August 23-27, 2020	San Francisco	(1) <i>HIST Award</i> [ <b>Tues pm</b> ] (2) <i>The Science and Legacy of Glenn Seaborg</i> (Jan Hayes) [ <b>Half day</b> ]	
Future		(1) <i>Disabled Chemists*</i> (Lewis) [ <b>1/2 day?</b> ] [co-sponsor: Chemists with Disabilities Committee?] (2) <i>The History of Chemical Nomenclature</i> (Seth Rasmussen) [ <b>Full day</b> ]	* idea stage

**DIVISION OF THE HISTORY OF CHEMISTRY  
COUNCILORS' REPORT  
American Chemical Society - 253rd ACS National Meeting  
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**Actions of the Council**

1. Election Results

A. Candidates for President-Elect, 2018

From the list of nominees presented to Council, Bonnie A. Charpentier and Willie E. May were selected as candidates for 2018 President-Elect according to the following recorded votes:

Nominee	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
*Bonnie A. Charpentier	200	210	242
Mark D. Frishberg	73	80	-
Anne M. Gaffney	26	-	-
*Willie E. May	132	141	158

B. Candidates for Districts III and VI

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election held prior to the San Francisco meeting to select candidates from the list of nominees for Directors from District III and District VI on the Board of Directors for the term 2018-2020. By internet ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected Alan B. Cooper and Teri Quinn Gray as District III candidates; and Rita R. Boggs and Paul W. Jagodzinski as District VI candidates. Ballots will be distributed on or before October 1 to all ACS members in District III and District VI for election of a Director from each District.

C. Candidates for Directors-at-Large

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for 2018-2020 terms: Kenneth P. Fivizzani, Wayne E. Jones, Bonnie A. Lawlor, and Barbara A. Sawrey. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among those candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council on or before October 1, 2017.

**2. Other Council Actions**

A. Amendments to the ACS Bylaws

A.1. A recommendation by the Council Policy Committee to approve the Petition for the Removal of Officers and Councilors (Bylaw III, Sec. 1, i; Bylaw VII, Sec. 1, c; Bylaw VIII, Sec. 4, d) failed.

A. 2. The Council approved the Petition on the Rights of Affiliates (Bylaw II, Sec. 1, a, 2, a, 3, b, (3) and (4)).

A.3. Procedures for Removal of a Councilor or Alternate Councilor

The Council voted to approve the Procedures for Removal of a Councilor or Alternate Councilor, contingent upon approval of the Petition for the Removal of Officers and Councilors. As the petition subsequently failed, given the interdependence of the petition and related procedures, the procedures will not take effect.

#### B. 2018 Member Dues

The Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance to set the member dues for 2018 at the fully escalated rate of \$171. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

#### C. Distribution Formula for Division Funding

On the recommendation of the Committee on Divisional Activities, the Council approved a formula for allocating dues funds to divisions, effective with allocations for 2017 division performance.

#### D. Extension of Market Data Collection Test: International Chemical Sciences Chapters

On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs, the Council voted to extend the provision of \$15 commissions to International Chemical Sciences Chapters which recruit new members.

#### E. Continuation of Committees

The Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Committees that the Committee on Project SEED be continued; and that the committees on Chemists with Disabilities, on Public Relations and Communications, and on Women Chemists be continued contingent on approval of the Board of Directors.

#### F. Change in Local Section Name

On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities, the Council approved a petition from the Santa Clara Valley Local Section in California to change the name of the section to the Silicon Valley Local Section.

#### G. Resolutions

The Council passed resolutions in memory of deceased Councilors; in gratitude for the officers and members of the California and Santa Clara Local Sections, hosts for the 253rd National Meeting; the divisional program chairs, symposium organizers, and ACS staff, for the planning and execution of the meeting.

### **3. Special Discussion**

The Council conducted a special discussion, "ACS Yesterday and Today: Paving the Way to Tomorrow," to gather input for the Joint Board-CPC Task Force on Governance Design. Forty Councilors approached the floor microphones to share observations, comments, and suggestions to assist the task force in identifying opportunities and issues for governance improvement. The task force offered three questions to guide the discussion: What should the Society and its governance do differently to achieve its objects? If you could change one thing about ACS governance, what would it be? What should the task force leave "as is"? A poll conducted at the conclusion of the discussion revealed that 57% (222) of the Councilors disagreed that the current governance structure, processes and procedures are already optimal to achieving the objects of

ACS in the 21st century, 16% (54) agreed, and 27% (104) needed more information. Three-hundred and six (84%) said they would be willing to provide additional input and feedback to the task force. They will be contacted by the task force in the coming weeks.

#### **4. Highlights from Committee Reports**

##### **A. Budget and Finance**

In 2016, ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$23.8 million, which was \$7.2 million higher than 2015. Total revenues were \$526.8 million, increasing 2.9% or \$15 million over 2015. Expenses ended the year at \$503 million, which was \$7.8 million or 1.6% higher than prior year. This was attributable to a continued emphasis on expense management across the organization. The Society's financial position strengthened in 2016, with Unrestricted Net Assets, or reserves, increasing from \$163.3 million at December 31, 2015 to \$206.5 million at year-end 2016. 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.

##### **B. Membership**

As of December 31, 2016, the ACS membership was 156,129, which is 0.5% less than on the same date in 2015. The number of new members who joined in 2016 is 23,700. The Society's overall retention rate is 83.5%. The Committee on Membership Affairs also reported that the number of international members has increased to 27,388, exceeding the committee's target by 5%. Retention of graduate students increased by 2% to 76.2%.

##### **C. San Francisco Meeting Attendance**

The total number of attendees was 18,850, including almost 7,000 student members.

#### **5. Other Business**

The Board is developing a statement based on the Society's Core Value of diversity and inclusion in response to the repeal of the North Carolina law known as House Bill 2 ('bathroom bill') and similar proposed legislation in Texas, and is assembling a representative group of stakeholders to advise it on actions relating to the location of Society meetings.

#### **6. HIST Councilors**

Mary Virginia Orna is serving her first term as a member of the Divisional Activities Committee and the Division Enhancement and Outreach Subcommittee.

Roger Egolf is serving his first term as an associate on the Meetings and Expositions Committee and its Technical (Programming) Subcommittee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Virginia Orna  
Roger Egolf

## *National Meeting Themes and Organizers*

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Organizer(s)</b>	<b>Email</b>
232 <sup>nd</sup> , September 10-14, 2006, San Francisco, CA	Recovery from and Prevention of Natural Disasters	Ruth Hathaway	ruthhathaway@msn.com
233 <sup>rd</sup> , March 25-29, 2007, Chicago, IL	Chemistry for a Sustainable Future: Energy, Food and Water	Ken Anderson, Sharon Shoemaker, Benito Marinas	spshoemaker@ucdavis.edu marinas@illinois.edu
234 <sup>th</sup> , August 19-23, 2007, Boston, MA	Biotechnology for Health and Wellness; Chemistry of Systems Biology; Nutritional Genomics	Han Shen; Les McQuire; John Finley	jfinley@agcenter.lsu.edu Les@LesMcQuire.org
235 <sup>th</sup> , April 6-10, 2008, New Orleans, LA	Energy in the Environment: Energy, Environment, Water	Mike Morello, M. Mercedes Maroto-Valer, Andrew Jackson, Eberhard Morgenroth	mike.morello@pepsico.com
236 <sup>th</sup> , August 17-21, 2008, Philadelphia, PA	Chemistry for Health: Catalyzing Translational Research	Kinam Park	kpark@purdue.edu
237 <sup>th</sup> , March 22-26, 2009, Salt Lake City, UT	Nanoscience: Challenges for the Future	Paul Weiss	psw@cnsi.ucla.edu
238 <sup>th</sup> , August 16-20, 2009, Washington, DC	Chemistry and Global Security: Challenges and Opportunities	Sadiq Shah	sadiq.shah@csuci.edu
239 <sup>th</sup> , March 21-25, 2010, San Francisco, CA	Chemistry for a Sustainable World	Laura Pence	lpence@hartford.edu
240 <sup>th</sup> , August 22-26, 2010, Boston, MA	Chemistry for Preventing and Combating Disease	John Finley and Kenneth Jacobson	jfinley@agcenter.lsu.edu kajacobs@helix.nih.gov
241 <sup>st</sup> , March 27-31, 2011, Anaheim, CA	Chemistry of Natural Resources	Ann-Christine Albertsson	aila@kth.se
242 <sup>nd</sup> , August 28 - September 1, 2011, Denver, CO	Chemistry of Air, Space, and Water	Ronald Cohen	rccohen@berkeley.edu
243 <sup>rd</sup> , March 25-29, 2012, San Diego, CA	Chemistry of Life	Peter Senter	psenter@seagen.com
244 <sup>th</sup> , August 19-23, 2012, Philadelphia, PA	Materials for Health and Medicine	Xinqiao Jia	xjia@udel.edu
245 <sup>th</sup> , April 7-11, 2013, New Orleans, LA	Chemistry of Energy and Food	James Seiber	jnseiber@ucdavis.edu
246 <sup>th</sup> , September 8-12, 2013, Indianapolis, IN	Chemistry in Motion	Robert Weiss	rweiss@uakron.edu
247 <sup>th</sup> , March 16-20, 2014, Dallas, TX	Chemistry and Materials for Energy	Michelle Buchanan & Nitash Balsara	buchananmv@ornl.gov; nbalsara@berkeley.edu
248 <sup>th</sup> , August 10-14, 2014, San Francisco, CA	Chemistry and Global Stewardship	Robin Rogers	rdrogers@as.ua.edu

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249 <sup>th</sup> , March 22-26, 2015, Denver, CO	Chemistry of Natural Resources	Robert Weber	Robert.Weber@pnnl.gov
250 <sup>th</sup> , August 16-20, 2015 Boston, MA	Innovation from Discovery to Application	Carston R. Wagner	wagne003@umn.edu
251 <sup>st</sup> , March 13-17, 2016, San Diego, CA	Computers in Chemistry	Kenneth M. Merz	kmerz1@gmail.com
252 <sup>nd</sup> , August 21-25, 2016, Philadelphia, PA	Chemistry of the People, by the People and for the People	Rudy Baum	r_baum@acs.org
253 <sup>rd</sup> , April 2-6, 2017, San Francisco, CA	Advanced Materials, Technologies, Systems and Processes	Kathryn Beers	kathryn.beers@nist.gov
254 <sup>th</sup> , August 20-24, 2017, Washington, DC	Chemistry's Impact on the Global Economy	Nancy Jackson	nbjacks@sandia.gov
255 <sup>th</sup> , March 2018, New Orleans, LA	The Food, Energy, Water Nexus	Jerry Schnoor	jschnoor@engineering.uiowa.edu
256 <sup>th</sup> , August 2018, Boston, MA	Nanotechnology	Paul Weiss	stm@ucla.edu
257 <sup>th</sup> , March 31-Apr. 4 2019 Orlando, FL	Chemistry for New Frontiers		
258 <sup>th</sup> August 25-29, 2019, San Diego, CA	Chemistry of Water	Chris Avery Elise Fox	christopher.avery@gmail.com elise.fox@srnl.doe.gov
259 <sup>th</sup> , March 22-26, 2020 Philadelphia	Macromolecular Chemistry: The Second Century	Timothy Lodge Kris Matyjaszewski	lodge@umn.edu km3b@andrew.cmu.edu
260 <sup>th</sup> , August 23 - 27, 2020 San Francisco	Chemistry from Bench to Market	Judy Giordan	judy@jgiordan.com
261 <sup>st</sup> , March 21 - 25, 2021 San Antonio, Texas			
262 <sup>nd</sup> , August 22-26, 2021 Atlanta, Georgia			
263 <sup>rd</sup> , March 20-24, 2022 San Diego, California			
264 <sup>th</sup> , August 21-25, 2022 Chicago, Illinois			