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The Fall ACS National Meeting is August 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Find more info on the [ACS Meetings webpage](#).

**Call for Nominations:** We are calling for nominations for the 2020 Puget Sound Section Executive Committee elections. The window for submitting nominations closes August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Terms start January 2021. Volunteering is a great way to develop leadership skills and expand your network. See details on [page 5](#). It's been great to see new faces get involved over the last few months!

The 2020 Linus Pauling Medal Award recipient is Professor Paul Chirik of Princeton University! Read more on [page 11](#).

Don't forget to "Like" our [Facebook page](#)  and follow us for upcoming programming!



*Jonathan Clark*

Newsletter Editor

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**AUG** Executive Committee Meeting

**10**

Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Virtual Video Conference Only

**AUG**

**17**

**AUG**

**20**

260<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting - Fall 2020

Theme: Moving Chemistry from Bench to Market  
Location: Virtual Only

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261<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting - Spring 2021

Theme: Macromolecular Chemistry: The Second Century  
Location: San Antonio, Texas

# PUGET SOUND SECTION

## Celebrating our 50, 60 and 70-Year Members

By: Despina Strong

On behalf of the 2020 Chair of the Puget Sound Section (PSS) of ACS, Jennifer Marsalla, the PSS Senior Chemists Committee, and the entire Executive Committee of the Local Section, we want to congratulate the 50, 60 and 70-year members of our section. See list below.

As the Chair of the Senior Chemists Committee of PSS, it is an honor to officially welcome them to the elite group of 50, 60 and 70-year members of ACS. We congratulate them for this personal achievement and their extraordinary commitment to ACS.

Our section has had a standing tradition of honoring long-term service members to ACS by hosting an awards dinner in their honor. The pandemic and common-sense dictate a different course of action in 2020. We plan to celebrate these outstanding individuals in the virtual environment over the next few months as follows:

- We are pleased to share with you the list of the members in the August edition of our Newsletter.
- In September we hope to share with you short bios and photos of some of the members.
- Later in the fall, the section plans to host a webinar to hear directly from some of the members and to give us an opportunity to join in to congratulate them in "person".

### 50-Year Members

Mr. Laurence Ashley  
Mr. Dan Crevensten  
Dr. David Klein  
Dr. Kenneth Krohn  
Dr. Robert Login  
Dr. Randall Nelson  
Mr. Herbert Page  
Dr. Y Rao  
Mr. Thomas Shultz

### 60-Year Members

Mr. Donald Beardsley  
Dr. Yuan Chow  
Dr. Gary Christian  
Dr. Richard Douthart  
Dr. O Griffith  
Dr. John Nelson  
Mr. Stanley Palmer  
Dr. Karl Raab  
Ms. Karen Sandberg  
Dr. Dale Van Sickle  
Mr. Jim Wilson

### 70-Year Members

Dr. Leland Chinn  
Dr. Thomas Hutton  
Dr. Howland Larsen  
Mr. Ernest Oxtan

## Call For Nominations

### 2020 Puget Sound Section Executive Committee Elections

The ACS Puget Sound Section is calling for nominations for its Executive Committee officers for positions starting in January 2021. There are five positions up for election. A brief description of the duties of each position is provided below. Please note that attendance at Executive Committee meetings is a responsibility for all positions.

#### Section Chair-Elect/Chair/Past-Chair

#### **(1 Year Term per Position – One open position for 2021 - 2023)**

This is a three year commitment serving one year each as Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past-Chair. The duties vary slightly with each position.

#### Chair-Elect

- attends Executive Committee meetings and facilitates meetings in the chair's absence
- heads the program committee
- attends the Leadership Institute training sponsored by ACS

#### Section Chair

- prepares agenda and leads monthly Executive Committee meetings
- appoints committee chairs
- ensures timely completion of business tasks

#### Past-Chair

- attends Executive Committee meetings
- provides support to the Chair, Chair-Elect, and the Executive Committee
- completes annual report for previous year
- leads the Nominating Committee

## Call For Nominations *[Continued]*

2020 Puget Sound Section Executive Committee Elections

### Secretary (1 Year Term – One open position for 2021)

The Secretary's primary duties include

- taking and distributing notes at Executive Committee meetings
- creating and managing the election ballot and working with election Tellers to validate election results
- submitting the election results and committee nominations to the national office.

### Treasurer (1 Year Term – One open position for 2021)

The Treasurer's primary duties include

- preparing a monthly budget and managing the section's accounts
- managing cash inflows and outflows
- working with the finance committee to review the section's finances and prepare the annual budget
- completing the financial section of the annual report.

### Councilor Position 1 (3 Year Term – One open position for 2021-2023)

The Councilor's primary duties include

- representing the section at the two National meetings and serving on national committees
- advising the chair, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairs
- volunteering or be assigned to serve on section committees and subcommittees

### Alternate Councilor Position 1 (3 Year Term – One open position for 2021 -2023)

The Alternate Councilor's primary duties include

- fulfilling the role of a councilor when the councilor is not available
- attending the regional NORM meeting
- volunteering or be assigned to serve on section committees and subcommittees.

### Councilor Position 4 (3 Year Term – One open position for 2021-2023)

The Councilor's primary duties include

- representing the section at the two National meetings and serving on national committees
- advising the chair, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairs
- volunteering or be assigned to serve on section committees and subcommittees

### Alternate Councilor Position 4 (3 Year Term – One open position for 2021 -2023)

The Alternate Councilor's primary duties include

- fulfilling the role of a councilor when the councilor is not available
- attending the regional NORM meeting
- volunteering or be assigned to serve on section committees and subcommittees.

## Call For Nominations [*Continued*]

2020 Puget Sound Section Executive Committee Elections

### Nominations and Elections Timeline

Call for nominations	May 1 <sup>st</sup> – August 31 <sup>st</sup>
Voting (mail and online)	~September 16 <sup>th</sup> – October 7 <sup>th</sup>
Election Validated	By October 14 <sup>th</sup>

### Nominating Committee

Leonard J. Andrews, Nominations Committee Chair  
Gary Christian  
John Macklin  
David Munch  
Carole Berg

### Nominations or questions?

Send your nominations and /or submit any questions using this form:

[ACS PSS Election Nominations and Comments Form](#)



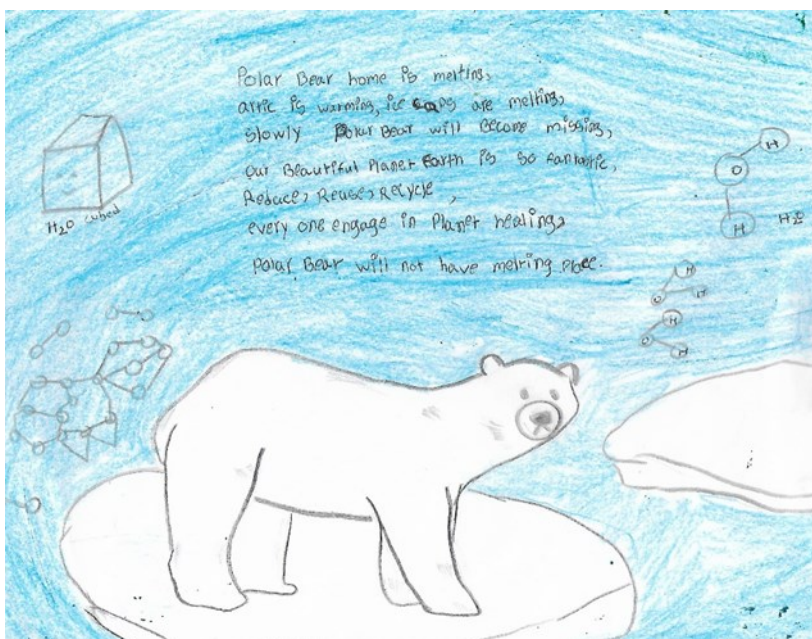
## Sustainability Committee

August 2020

This year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day! In honor of that, we had a local Illustrated Poetry Contest as a “stay home, stay safe” activity for students, K-12th grade. We submitted our winners to the National ACS Illustrated Poetry contest, whose winners were announced last month. <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/outreach/ccew/plan-an-event/illustrated-poem-contest/winners.html> None of our winners won in the National contest, however, in our local contest all participants are slated to receive a copy of Theodore Gray’s “The Elements” book and, for winners in each age category, they will also receive a check for \$25.00, while the contestant who also won overall for our local Puget Sound Section contest, will receive \$50.00.

**Winners:** Our Puget Sound Section ACS Earth Day Illustrated Poetry Contest had four winners, one in each category of Kindergarten -2<sup>nd</sup> Graders; 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Graders; 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, and 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders, with our 6<sup>th</sup> Grader winning Overall. Please see below.

### Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>: Winner, Saanvi Swargam 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



## Sustainability Committee [Continued]

August 2020

Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>: Winner, Lindsey Galeana, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### My Acrostic Poem Celebrating Trees

Thanks for cleaning the air that I breathe Every day

Recycling oxygen your entire life

Every day the environment is blessed by your beauty

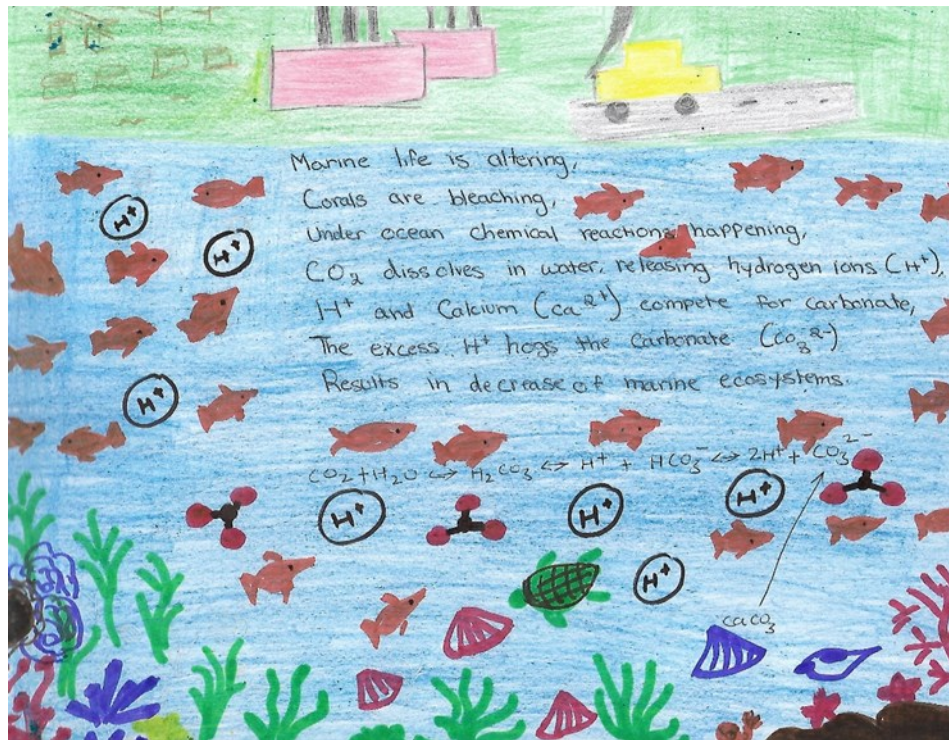
Earth is lucky that you are a natural creation

Sun feeds you everyday

By Lindsey Galeana

Discovery Elementary School

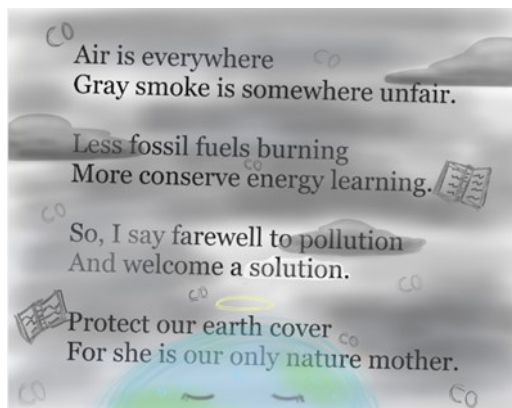
Grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> :Winner, Sahasra Swargam, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Best Poem of the 2020 Puget Sound Contest



## Sustainability Committee [*Continued*]

August 2020

Grades 9th -12th: Winner, Keira Wong, 9th Grade



**ACS.ORG Sustainability LINK:** Please see this national ACS link for our Sustainable Development Goals, Sustainability news, grants and awards as well as videos of the Green Chemistry webinars in June:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/sustainability.html>

Also at the link, you will find classroom resources and featured content on Climate Science and Sustainable Energy as well as Sustainability Toolkits to aid educators and scientists.

ACS is committed to supporting our members and working with partners to address global sustainability challenges. Bring opportunities to the attention of your local section Sustainability committee.

Chair: Natalie Merrill, Sustainability Committee, ACS PSS

# NEWS BRIEFS

## 260<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting | Fall 2020

August 17<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | Virtual Only

Theme: Moving Chemistry from Bench to Market



## 2020 Pauling Award Recipient Announced!

Professor Paul Chirik of Princeton University

Professor Paul Chirik of Princeton University has been selected as the 2020 recipient of the Linus Pauling Medal Award for his work on catalysis with Earth-abundant elements and his impact on sustainable chemistry. The symposium where the medal will be presented is typically held in the fall (details TBD).

[Learn more about the 2020 Pauling Award.](#)



## 2020 Chemistry Olympiad

Annual, Multi-tiered Competition for High School Students

The U.S. Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) is an annual, multi-tiered competition for high school students. The Puget Sound Section proctors the Local Examination in March followed by the National Examination in April. Winners of the National Examination move on to compete at the international level in the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) in July.

The Local Examination is used to select the finalists that will move on to the national level of the Chemistry Olympiad (i.e the National Examination). The Puget Sound Section of the ACS is allowed a maximum of 13 finalists to move on to the national level. There is a limit of 2 finalists per school.



Please contact Dr. Clarita Bhat (cbhat@shoreline.edu) with any questions.

More information about the local and national exams can be found at:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad.html>

## Science Cafés

Grassroots Speaker Events Open to the Public

Science Cafés are gatherings open to the public held in pubs, restaurants, or bookstores where non-scientists can meet and talk with scientists about the latest issues in an informal atmosphere. There is no central organization for these grassroots Science Cafes which reflect their focus on local communities. You can learn more at: <http://www.sciencecafes.org/>

## Science in the City

Lectures by the Pacific Science Center

The Pacific Science Center organizes an excellent Science Lecture series. The lectures are free and open to the public. They are held at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, WA.

**Pacific Science Center  
Lectures Webpage**

## Science on Tap

Seattle Science Café

Science on Tap events are free and open to the public.

**Science on Tap  
Webpage**

## Olympia Science Café

Science Café in Lacey, WA

## Puget Sound Section | Awards and Scholarships

The ACS PSS Education Committee offers the following awards and scholarships:

The \$1500 College Student Scholarship application forms have been updated and are linked below. Application forms for the other awards/grants will be available on the [website](#). Please [send us a message](#) or email Jennie Mayer (Education Committee Chair; [jennie.mayer@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:jennie.mayer@bellevuecollege.edu)) with any questions.

### K-12 Educator Grants, up to \$500.

Grant applications are accepted at any time during the year. Click on the application link for details.

Application Form: ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#)) [Applications are accepted until funds are spent.](#)

### 2-year College Student Scholarships (William J Wasserman Memorial Scholarship), \$1500.

Click on the following links for the application forms, due dates and other details.

Application Form: ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#)) **Application Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

([Puget Sound Section Colleges List](#))

### 4-year College Student Scholarships (Julia Ann Rutherford Memorial Scholarship), \$1500.

Click on the following links for the application forms, due dates and other details.

Application Form: ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#)) **Application Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

([Puget Sound Section Colleges List](#))

### High School Teacher of the Year Award, \$250 plus \$750 for Chemistry Lab Supplies.

The Section accepts nominations from January 1 - April 30 each year and selects one teacher for this award.

Nomination Form: ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#)) **Application deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### ACS Student Affiliate Chapter Grants for activities and/or travel, up to \$500.

A request must be submitted to the Executive Committee with details well in advance of the need.

Funding is limited and may be granted on a first come first served basis.

Application Form: ([Word](#)) [Applications are accepted until funds are spent.](#)

The committee welcomes new members! Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in joining.

Our current committee members are: Leonard Andrews, Sailaja Arungundram, Clarita Bhat, Gwen Gross, Jennie Mayer (Chair), David Munch, Despina Strong, Alicia Taylor, Lauren Wugalter, Amar Yahiaoui and Kirby Zornes

For more details and applications, visit our [webpage](#):

**Scholarships, Grants  
and Awards Webpage**

## Heros in Chemistry Award

National American Chemical Society Award

[Heroes of Chemistry](#) is an annual award sponsored by the American Chemical Society that recognizes talented industrial chemical scientists whose work has led to the development of successful commercialized products ingrained with chemistry for the benefit of humankind.



The nomination period for the 2020 Heroes of Chemistry Award opened November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and ended February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

For more information on the application process, please visit the [Nominations Procedures](#) page. You can also email [chemhero@acs.org](mailto:chemhero@acs.org).

## ACS-HACH Professional Development Grants

Professional Development Grants for High School Teachers

The application period for the [ACS-Hach Professional Development Grant](#) is currently closed. With this grant, high school chemistry teachers can request up to \$1,500 to pursue opportunities that advance their professional development and enhance the teaching and learning of chemistry. Applications are accepted between October 15<sup>th</sup>-January 4<sup>th</sup> annually.



## National Women Chemists Committee Awards

Awards for Women Chemists

[WCC Awards Page](#)





## Israel Award Goes to Marilyn Mackiewicz

Stanley C. Israel Northwest Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences

The [2020 Stanley C. Israel Northwest Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences](#) has been awarded to Dr. Marilyn Rampersad Mackiewicz. The Israel Award recognizes individuals who have advanced diversity in the chemical sciences and significantly stimulated or fostered activities that promote inclusiveness within the Region. Due to the postponement of NORM 2020, Dr. Mackiewicz will be honored at NORM 2021.

Marilyn Rampersad Mackiewicz is a Trinidadian born-American Chemist and currently an Assistant professor at Oregon State University. She graduated from Hunter College the City University of New York with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Chemistry where she was an NIH Minority Access to Research Careers scholar. She moved to College Station, Texas, where she earned her Ph.D. in 2005 at Texas A&M University working with Marcetta Y. Darensbourg in Bioinorganic and Organometallic Chemistry. Before moving to Oregon State University, she was at Portland State University as an investigator leading an undergraduate research program with diverse students whose work centered on designing nanostructured materials for biomedical applications. Besides being an incredibly dedicated researcher, Dr. Mackiewicz has a strong passion for mentoring, supporting, and advocating for students, particularly those from underserved communities, and received Portland State University Presidents Diversity award in 2017 in recognition of her commitment to creating diverse and equitable research, teaching, and adaptive learning environments. Her efforts to inspire and coach students in STEM motivated her to build a unique capstone on empowering and advancing women and underrepresented minorities that addressed barriers to success and the hidden curriculum skills necessary for women, black, indigenous, and people of color success in STEM. This work carried over with the NIH-funded Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD) and Enhancing Cross-disciplinary Infrastructure Training at Oregon (EXITO) program, where she led and developed their sophomore enrichment programming to prepare students for research learning communities. Dr. Mackiewicz attributes her passion for helping students build resilient professional and scientific identities and a sense of belonging to her mentors throughout her career. She is incredibly grateful for this recognition and thanks all those that have worked and continue to work with her to advance diverse students in the chemical sciences.



## YCC Monthly Meetings

August 2020

The YCC advocates for and provides resources to early-career chemists and professionals in the chemical sciences and related fields. If you may not be an 'early-career professional', the YCC still welcomes you to help ignite the curiosity and success of young minds.

We would love to have you join us every month and learn how you can get involved with your local ACS section! Anybody is welcome to attend these meetings so please feel free to invite your friends/colleagues.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Pacifichem 2020: A Creative Vision for the Future

December 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | Honolulu, Hawaii

Pacifichem is a conference that is organized by seven host societies, including the American Chemical Society.

Learn more on the Pacifichem website: <https://pacifichem.org/>

## 261<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting | Spring 2021

March 21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | San Antonio, Texas

Theme: Macromolecular Chemistry: The Second Century



# CAREER RESOURCES

## ACS Career Resources

Powerful Career Advancement Tools

Many opportunities and career resources are available on the ACS website for ACS members! Check them out!



**ACS  
Career Resources**

**ACS  
Career Consulting**

**ACS National  
Job Postings**

**ACS Puget Sound  
Resources & Job Postings**

## ACS Puget Sound Section Career Event

Annual Event Focused on Chemistry Careers

The Puget Sound Section hosts a Career Event each year (usually held in February) at a local business or governmental facility. These events present great opportunities to see the scope of the activities of the hosting organizations. The event is recommended for all undergraduate science students. Admission is free. The event is open to all, however, space is usually limited and registration is required. Keep an eye on our Event Calendar for details regarding the next event.



**ACS Puget Sound  
Event Calendar**

## Internships

Opportunities for Gaining Job Experience

King County Internships

Washington Conservation Corps

Ecology Youth Corps

## Example Job Position Title

## Job Posting Key

Company or Organization Name | City, State | ACS PSS Posting Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Short description of the job position.

The company or organization's name will include a hyperlink to their website.

The job position title will include a hyperlink to any pertinent web posting for the position, if available.

## Assistant Professor of Chemistry

[Seattle Pacific University](#) | Seattle, WA | ACS PSS Posting Date: 07/31/2020

Tenure-track Assistant Professor of Chemistry to start September 1, 2021. The position is a full-time, nine-month appointment. We are specifically interested in PhD inorganic chemists or candidates with cross-disciplinary interests that are related to inorganic chemistry. SPU is a Christian university and applicants will be required to submit a faith statement with their application. Members of historically underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, with the interview process beginning November 2020. The University reserves the right to fill the position before the deadline and to close or to extend the deadline as circumstances may warrant. For more details and to submit an application online, please go to: [SPU job ad website](#)

# MEMBER BENEFITS

## Join ACS!

Benefits and Resources Available to You

[Membership Categories and Dues/Application Process](#)

[Member Benefits](#)

[ACS National Strategic Plan](#)

[List of ACS Member Benefits and Resources](#)

[About the Puget Sound Section](#)

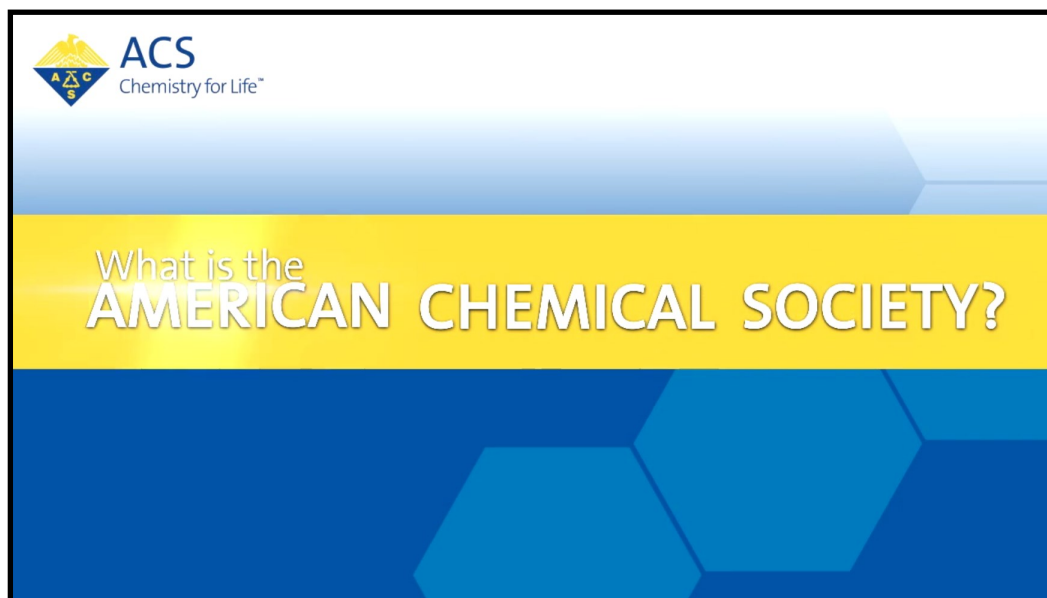


## What is the American Chemical Society?

The American Chemical Society (ACS) was founded in 1876

“With more than 150,000 members, the American Chemical Society (ACS) is the world’s largest scientific society and one of the world’s leading sources of authoritative scientific information. “

Watch a video about the American Chemical Society [here](#). Read about the history of ACS [here](#).



# MEMBER BENEFITS

## ACS Resources

Helpful Services and Resources

[ACS Publications](#)

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[C&EN Webinars](#)

[ACS Science Podcasts](#)

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[ACS National and Regional Meetings](#)

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[Project Seed](#)

[National Chemistry Olympiads](#)

[Scholars Program](#)

[SCI Scholars Internships](#)

[ACS Student Affiliate Chapters \(Chem Clubs\)](#)

[Sustainability Resources](#)

[The Yellowbook](#)

## ACS Webinars

Webinars on Chemistry Themed Topics

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LIVE every weekday at 2pm ET!



# MEMBER BENEFITS

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We post about upcoming social events that you can attend, local section meetings and other info.

<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanChemicalSocietyPugetSoundSection>

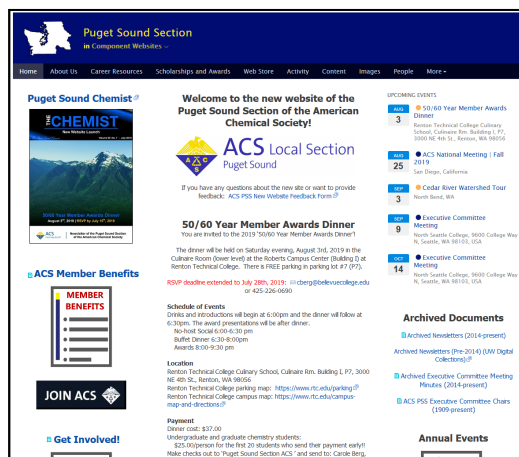


# ACS Local Section

## Puget Sound

## The Puget Sound Section Website

Find Information about ACS, Events, and other Resources



The full URL for the website is:

<https://communities.acs.org/community/society/component-websites/puget-sound-local-section>

There is a shortcut URL:

<https://www.acs.org/pugetsound>



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROSTER

Position	Election Year	Name
Chair	N/A	Jennifer Marsalla
Interim Chair-Elect	N/A	Natalie Merrill
Past Chair	N/A	Leonard J. Andrews
Secretary	Annually	Michael Meechan
Treasurer	Annually	Sheri Tonn
Newsletter Editor	N/A	Jonathan Clark
Councilor Position 1	2020	David Patrick
Alternate Councilor Position 1	2020	Gwen Gross
Councilor Position 2	2021	Gary Christian
Alternate Councilor Position 2	2021	John Macklin
Councilor Position 3	2022	Craig Fryhle
Alternate Councilor Position 3	2022	Carole Berg
Councilor Position 4	2020	Dharshi Bopegedera
Alternate Councilor Position 4	2020	Charity Lovitt
Councilor Position 5	2021	Despina Strong
Alternate Councilor Position 5	2021	Natalie Merrill

## Contact Form

[Contact Us Form](#)

# OTHER OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Position	Name
Awards Committee* Chair	Vacant
Career Event Committee Chair	Dharshi Bopegedera
Chemistry Olympiad (UNSCO) Coordinator	Clarita Bhat
Communications Committee Chair	Jonathan Clark
Earth Day Committee Chair	Karen Goodwin
Education Committee* Chair	Jennie Mayer
Employment Committee* Chair	Vacant
Finance Committee* Chair	David Munch
Hospitality Committee* Chair	Carole Berg
Pauling Medal Symposium Committee Chair	TBA
Long-Range Planning Committee* Chair	David Munch
Membership Committee* Chair	Vacant
National Chemistry Week Committee Chair	Vacant
Nominating Committee Chair	Leonard J. Andrews
Professional Relations & Status Committee* Chair	Vacant
Program Committee* Chair	Natalie Merrill
Public Affairs Committee* Chair	Vacant
Public Relations Committee* Chair	Craig Fryhle
Regional Activities Committee* Chair	Vacant
Safety Committee Chair	Natalie Merrill
Senior Chemists Committee Chair	Despina Strong
Sustainability Committee Chair	Natalie Merrill
Undergraduate Research Symposium Committee Chair	Neal Yakelis
Webmaster	Jonathan Clark
Women Chemists Committee Chair	Despina Strong
Younger Chemists Committee Chair	Michael Meechan

\*Standing Committee (per the bylaws)



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