



FOR DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE



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Academic Record: Tulane University, B.S., 1971; University of Wisconsin, Ph.D., 1976.

Honors: ACS Fellow, 2012; Shirley B. Radding Award, Santa Clara Valley Section, ACS, 2014; Walter B. Petersen Award, California Section, ACS, 2010; Rochester Section Award, ACS, 1991; Chemical Sciences Excellence Award, Elan Pharmaceuticals, 2009; Gold Team Achievement Award, Kodak Research Labs, 1992; NIH Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1977-79; Phi Beta Kappa, 1971; Sigma Xi, 1971.

Professional Positions (for past ten years): NeurOp, Inc., Head of Chemistry, 2014 to date (a virtual pharmaceutical company); Consultant, 2011 to date; Elan Pharmaceuticals, 1995-2011, Senior Director, Process and Analytical Chemistry, 2005-11, Chemical Hygiene Officer, 2004-10; Lecturer, San Francisco State University, 2012.

Service in ACS National Offices: Council Policy Committee, (Voting) 2013-15, (Nonvoting), 2010-12; Task Force on Councilor Divisor, 2015, Chair, 2015; Task Force on Councilor Travel Reimbursements, 2013-14, Chair, 2013-14; Committee on Local Section Activities, 2007-12, Chair, 2010-12; ACS Fellows Oversight Committee, 2010-11; Committee on Public Relations and Communications, 2003-06, 1994-98, Committee Associate, 2001-02, 1993; Board Committee on Planning, 2010-12; Leadership Institute,

Track Leader for Local Sections, 2010-12; Leadership Institute Planning Group, 2011-12; Canvassing Committee, Grady-Stack Award, 1996-98.

Service in ACS Offices: Member ACS since 1972. *California Section:* Councilor, 2004-15; Alternate Councilor, 2003; Chair, 2004; Chair-Elect and Program Committee Chair, 2003; Long Range Planning Committee, various committees. *Division of Organic Chemistry:* Liaison to Multi-Program Planning Committee, 2014-15. *Rochester Section:* Alternate Councilor, 1991-93; Chair, 1988; Chair-Elect, 1987; many other committees. *Philadelphia Section:* NCW Committee, 1993-94. *Santa Clara Valley Section:* NCW Committee, 1998. *Western Region Board:* Chair, 2014 to date; Vice-Chair, 2010-13. *California Section Representative,* 2007 to date. *Western Regional Meeting:* General Co-Chair, 2013. *Northeast Regional Meeting:* Organic Program Chair, 1981.

Member: American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. *ACS Divisions:* Business Development and Management; Chemical Education; Chemical Health & Safety; Chemistry and the Law; History of Chemistry; Industrial & Engineering Chemistry; Medicinal Chemistry; Organic Chemistry; and Small Chemical Business.

Related Activities: District VI Caucus Chair, 2009; LSAC Sub-Committee on Grants and Awards (IPGs), Chair, 2008-09; Chemists in the Community, Co-organizer, San Francisco ACS National Meeting, 2006; Interview Skills Workshops, Co-founder, joint project of California and Santa Clara Valley Sections, and NorCal Section of AIChE, 2004 to date; Tulane University, School of Science and Engineering Board of Advisors, 2006 to date; University of California–Davis, R. Bryan Miller Symposium Committee, 2013-15; Rochester Council of Scientific Societies, President, 1990-93; Kodak Research Labs, 1979-93; Sterling Winthrop Inc., 1993-95; Adjunct Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology, 1985; Visiting Adjunct Professor, University of Rochester, 1982-83; post-doctoral research at University of California–Berkeley, 1976-77 and University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, 1977-79; Co-inventor on >55 issued U.S. Patents, > 35 publications and invited presentations.

STATEMENT

The statements of the candidates represent their opinions and do not necessarily represent the views of the ACS.

The American Chemical Society (ACS) has made a critical difference at every phase of my career. Working on challenges for the ACS has been a productive and rewarding opportunity to apply my experience. I want to share with you my focus and enthusiasm and hope to receive one of your votes to take the momentum of my efforts to the Board of Directors.

As a professional society, we have unparalleled volunteer and financial resources to benefit members, chemistry and science. The transformations in the employment landscape for chemists at all stages of their careers are critical issues, both in type of work and location. The ACS provides many opportunities to develop, grow, lead and achieve. With careful resource

management, experimentation and vision, the Board can look beyond the moment in meeting the ACS Strategic Plan built with the voices of volunteer leaders and regular members.

A co-worker's request for help began my ACS career over three decades ago. At each move in my career, I found ACS friends and resources critically important to finding new positions and getting started. I've also been able to significantly assist ACS colleagues in finding new positions through my network. My outstanding member benefit has been networking!

I've worked in large and small companies that have dissolved beneath me. I now work in a small company, increasingly the path for chemists. The virtual nature of the company and its videoconference style gives me the time flexibility to meet the challenges of serving on the Board.

Throughout my ACS career, involvement at the section, division and national levels has been delightful and rewarding. In recent years I've worked with the Board and other leaders in critical decision areas as chair of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) and its subcommittee on Innovative Project Grants (IPGs), and as a member of the Council Policy Committee (CPC) and chair of CPC task forces on travel reimbursements and the divisors. As leader of the Local Section Track in the Leadership Institute, I heard directly about the issues of local sections. These efforts have given me a thorough knowledge of ACS governance, structure and resources, key member issues, local section and division issues and activities. Committee work continues to build the network of members and staff that I am delighted to call friends and collaborators.

Now and in the future, the Board and Council face a changing landscape of substantial issues in information management and publications, education support and development, breadth of access and opportunity for budding scientists in a diverse America, continual turnover/outsourcing of industrial positions, growing jobs in a global environment, and a solid public understanding of science and chemistry and their contributions. The efforts of sections and divisions "on the ground" are critical to success. I believe achieving progress in these and other areas comes incrementally by focus, care and experiment.

I particularly want to work with the Board, Council, members and staff in the following areas. We need greater **member engagement** in local sections and divisions, especially by our industrial members who make up over half the membership. Successful communication and direct interaction have a major impact on member retention and participation.

Increased communication of our public advocacy to members and the public is a critical need to inform and amplify our messages in STEM, job creation and training. I would also like to see a greater effect externally of our public advocacy through the leverage of more than 158,000 members.

Education support and engagement are critical to student success in chemistry and many other subjects. Besides the substantial efforts in our Education Division, there are many programs in local sections and divisions that support and enhance education. We need to highlight these programs and grow and develop others.

Regional meetings are great achievements in volunteer service and play a critical part in the range of ACS opportunities, often being more accessible than national meetings to many

members. I want to focus greater ACS resources to enhance the ability of local sections to host a meeting.

The ACS is about opportunity for its members in so many ways. It has certainly been so for me. I enjoy the teamwork to meet new challenges, new colleagues, and apply my experience to make a difference. I ask for your vote to join the ACS Board of Directors and their work to keep the opportunities flowing.