



FOR DIRECTOR, DISTRICT II



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Academic Record: Union University, B.S. in Chemistry, 1977; University of Memphis, M.S. in Science Education, 1989.

Honors: Volunteer of the Year Award, Nashville Section, ACS, 2013, 2012; ACS Fellow, 2011; E. Ann Nalley Southeast Regional Award for Volunteer Service to ACS, 2007; Union University, Alumni of the Year, Chemistry Department, 2004; Teacher of the Year, Metro Nashville Schools, 2001; President's Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teachers Finalist, 1999, 1998, 1994; Tennessee Academy Of Science, Tennessee Science Teacher of the Year, 1991; Tennessee Education Association, Distinguished Teacher of the Year, 1991; Science Teacher of the Year, University of Memphis, 1985.

Professional Positions (for past 10 years): Tennessee Scholars, Executive Director, 2003 to date; Educational Workforce Development Consulting, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Associate Vice President for Education and Workforce Development Director, Tennessee Scholars, 2003-12; Nashville School of the Arts, Chemistry Teacher, 1998-2001.

Service in ACS National Offices: Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs, 2014, Committee Associate, 2014; Committee on Public Relations and Communications, 2002-07, Committee

Associate, 2000-01; Committee on Community Activities, 2004-13; National Chemistry Week (NCW) Task Force, 2000-03, Science Coach 2010-15.

Service in ACS Offices: Member ACS since 1993. *Nashville Section:* Councilor, 2008-16; Alternate Councilor, 2005-07; Chair, 2004, 2001; Chair-Elect, 2003, 2000; NCW, Public Relations, Chair, 1994 to date; Earth Day Chair, 2008 to date; Tennessee Government Affairs, Chair, 2008 to date (2010 Helped to organize the first Legislative STEM Caucus in Tennessee); ACS Tour Speaker, 1998 to date. *Memphis Section:* Public Relations Chair, 1993-98.

Member: American Association of Chemistry Teachers; National Science Teachers Association; Tennessee Science Teachers Association; United Teachers Profession; Tennessee Academy of Science; Tennessee Science Education Leadership Association; Tennessee STEM Council; Chair of the Tennessee ACT State Organization; Women in Science and Engineers Board of Directors; Representative for Girl Inc. *ACS Divisions:* American Association of Chemistry Teachers; Chemical Education and Professional Relations.

Related Activities: Conducted more than 100 workshops for chemistry teachers, presented at three National ACS meetings, participated in 25 outreach activities at National meetings, mentored, presented more than 400 chemistry outreach events to schools, churches, museums, libraries, the local county fair, flea markets, senior citizens, and on TV. I have taken all of the Leadership Courses offered to ACS members.

STATEMENT

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

“Great Expectations! Great Rewards!” is a motto I learned through my years as an active ACS member. “To us, much is given and much is expected”. The American Chemical Society has given me so much time, resources and training in leadership and chemistry content that it is time that I give back what is expected of me as a member of the Society. That is the reason I want to be the District II representative on the ACS Board of Directors and give back to my Society.

The first time I heard the words “American Chemical Society” was in 1977 when I lost a research chemist job because the University I graduated from was not ACS accredited. I called my professor and he explained the process of becoming ACS accredited. Today that University is ACS accredited. I became a chemistry teacher and moved to Memphis where the ACS invited me to attend a local section meeting and help organized the Memphis Chemistry club for AP chemistry teachers. I joined the ACS as a high school chemistry teacher because of the help that the ACS gave me as a teacher. Since then, the ACS has given me knowledge to help further my professional career and acceptance into a society of chemists and chemical engineer who gave me the chance to touch the lives of more than high school students with the message of how chemistry improves our lives.

Since 1993, my life has truly been transformed by chemistry. I have an opportunity to network and work collaboratively with the greatest scholars in the world. I feel valued for my contributions to the Society that I love. I want to make sure that everyone in my district feels the same. ACS gives me the resources to obtain the knowledge needed to keep improving my life and others. I am constantly awed at the vast knowledge available through the ACS publications, at national meetings, and through the opportunities given to serve on committees.

I have had a chance to see my heroes of chemistry in action as we work together in committees and the Council. I am so thankful for an organization that accepts diversity and appreciates the contributions of anyone willing to serve. I am glad that the young feel comfortable with the seasoned members. For the past 23 years I have prepared myself to serve in a greater role in the Society. Volunteering to serve in a variety of areas has helped me learn more about the Society and how it is governed. My ACS goal is to make positive contribution to each committee I serve on, in the local section, in the legislature, and in any other outreach activity through the ACS.

My involvement in and commitment to serve my professional organization is something I want to contribute to the ACS. Serving as councilor, serving on committees and tasks force, participating in leadership courses, and participating in regional and national meetings have taught me the information and skills necessary to serve as District Director. My experience as a business leader, educator, legislative advocate, and innovator is also what I bring to this honor. The ACS needs a person who can lead through the changes the ACS is consistently experiencing.

I am ready, willing, and able to give the time commitment, energy, and work required of an ACS board member. I want to pursue new ways to effectively represent the local sections and communicate effectively within our District.