

**This message is being sent on behalf of Rodney Bennett, Chair,
Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC)**

Dear Division Leader,

DAC is happy to provide you with the latest version of "Division Leader Updates."

As you can see, DAC is continuing to work on a number of issues of great importance to divisions. We will keep you posted on our progress.

For now, best wishes on a successful New Orleans National Meeting!

Rodney Bennett
Chair, Committee on Divisional Activities

Technical Session Badging Experiment in New Orleans

At the direction of the Committee on Meetings and Expositions, the ACS Meetings Department will begin scanning registration credentials/badges for entry to ALL technical session presentations and Sci-Mix. We will honor requests from attendees who prefer not to have their badge scanned.

This will not affect the session attendance procedures for session presiders. They will still need to complete the online form for attendance to be counted toward division allocation calculations. Use of scanned attendance numbers in place of session presider estimates for division allocations will be assessed for future meetings.

Questions about this badging experiment can be directed to Robin Preston (r_preston@acs.org).

DAC Seeking Council Approval for New Formula to Allocate Dues Funds

DAC is seeking to change the formula it uses to allocate dues funds to divisions. The goal of the change is to provide financial support to divisions that participate in ACS regional meetings and select international meetings.

In order to support divisions and local sections, the ACS makes available to them a total of 20% of dues funds from a given year. Of that 20% amount of dues funds, 55% goes to Local Sections and 45% goes to Divisions. DAC is responsible for developing a formula to distribute to the 32 divisions the funds ACS makes available. For example, in 2018, DAC will distribute to divisions a total of \$1,329,000. It is DAC's job to figure out how much of that amount each division will get. There is a formula that we use to accomplish this goal.

The table below will help you understand the current formula, and the changes being proposed.

Allotment Category	Current	Proposed
Base Amount:	15%	15%
Per Member:	12.5%	12.5%
Innovative Projects:	10%	10%
# Attendees at NM Oral Sessions:	31.25%	25%
# of Members at NM:	15.625%	12.5%
# of Posters presented at NM:	15.625%	12.5%

ACS Regional Meeting Participation:		
# of 1/2 day sessions organized		2.5%
# of Division Members registered		5%
ACS Sponsored/Affiliated International Meeting Participation: (Meetings held outside the Continental United States):		
# of 1/2 day sessions organized		5%

DAC believes that in order for divisions to be more successful, they should take advantage of opportunities to engage more often at the regional and international level. Consequently, the committee wants to provide financial rewards for doing so.

In short, we plan to somewhat reduce the amount of funding we provide to the divisions in the following areas:

1. Number of division attendees at national meeting oral sessions
2. Number of division members at the national meeting
3. Number of posters presented by the division at the national meeting

The 'savings' from these three areas would fund division participation at the regional and international levels.

So what do we mean by the term 'international meetings?' With respect to such meetings, the initial task confronting DAC, as it worked on this new formula, was defining such meetings. For the purpose of this formula, the committee defines such meetings as the following:

- Held outside the continental United States
- ACS-Sponsored or ACS-Affiliated by virtue of formal approval by the ACS Executive Director; this approval typically takes the form of an MOU or an official co-sponsorship. Examples of such meetings include Pacificchem, Atlantic Basin Conference on Chemistry (ABCCChem), and division-specific meetings such as the recently approved MOU between the ACS Biochemical Technology Division and the European Society of Biochemical Engineering Sciences.

To see a list of approved ACS-sponsored and ACS-affiliated meetings, please visit the [DAC website](#).

In terms of how this would impact each division, making such a projection is extremely difficult to do in any meaningfully accurate way. We would need to forecast not only how much of one division's engagement with regional and international meetings would change, but also, how each of the other 31 divisions' level of activity in this area would change as well. In short, the divisions – acting individually and collectively – will determine how the changes will affect them.

If this formula is approved by Council in New Orleans, it would become effective with allocation checks mailed in 2020.

Connecting Division Program Chairs to One Another

At the request of DAC, ACS Web Strategy and Operation staff set up a pilot Technical Programming forum on the ACS Network in February. The forum is set up as a collaboration space for those doing national meeting programming at ACS National Meetings. This private space will help programming chairs to establish contacts for meetings in 2019 and beyond, share ideas about programming, develop shared programming, and avoid duplicate symposia.

The forum is currently being tested by ACS staff in the Scientific Advancement and Membership and Society Services Divisions, with wider release to division programming chairs expected shortly after the Spring National Meeting.

Questions on this new forum can be directed to Kevin McCue (k_mccue@acs.org).

Division Officer/Councilor Caucus in New Orleans is Tuesday, March 20

All division officers and councilors are invited to join DAC at the Division Officer and Councilor Caucus on Tuesday, March 20. The caucus itself will run from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., with a reception immediately following, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Details appear below. If your schedule permits, please plan to join us.

Division Officers and Councilors Caucus & Reception

Tuesday, March 19, 4:00–5:30 PM
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Grand Salon B, Sec 7, 1st level

1. Call to Order and Welcome Remarks
Mary Ann Meador, Chair, Division Officers Caucus
Michael Appell, Chair, Division Councilors Caucus

2. Approval of Washington, DC Minutes

Reports

3. Board of Directors, John Adams	4:05 – 4:15 p.m.
4. Committee on Committees, TBD	4:15 – 4:25 p.m.
5. Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Dean Adams	4:25 – 4:35 p.m.
6. Committee on Budget and Finance, Janet Smith	4:35 – 4:45 p.m.
7. Committee on Divisional Activities, Rodney Bennett	4:45 – 5:00 p.m.
8. Committee on Meetings and Expositions, Kevin Edgar	5:00 – 5:10 p.m.
9. Joint Board/CPC Task Force, William Carroll	5:10 – 5:20 p.m.
10. Old Business/New Business	5:20 – 5:30 p.m.
11. Adjourn	5:30 p.m.

Division Officers and Councilors Reception
5:30–6:30 PM
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Grand Salon B, Sec 10, 1st level

MEDI Pilots New Service for Members: Year-in-Review Article

In order to deliver more value to MEDI members, the division produced a 2017 year-end review article featuring insights from a number of prominent MEDI officers on topics of interest to the division's membership. The article featured insights from the year just-concluded, as well as a look forward into 2018 and beyond. You can access the article [here](#).

This is just one example of how our divisions are looking for new ways to connect their members to the information – and to the people – to help them advance in their careers.

For more information, please contact John Katz (j_katz@acs.org).

DAC Debuts Division Row at Sci-Mix in New Orleans

DAC is looking for a new way to provide divisions with more exposure to national meeting attendees—particularly the younger chemists that divisions are eager to engage. Participation on the part of divisions is optional.

21 divisions have agreed to participate in this pilot program. Each will be provided with a standard-size (4'x8') poster board to be placed in a well-trafficked area of Sci-Mix. Participating divisions will place on the board whatever information they would like. Presumably, it will include basic information on the benefits of joining their division – perhaps slanting the content toward the younger audience that dominates a typical ACS Sci-Mix.

As a reminder, Sci-Mix will be held on Monday night in New Orleans, from 8-10pm, in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (Halls D&E). Set-up for Division Row will be from 7:15 – 8pm.

DAC will report to the divisions on the outcome of this pilot in New Orleans. For additional information, please contact Frida Akerberg (f_akerberg@acs.org).

Funding for Innovative Division Projects

The DAC Innovative Project Grant (IPG) program encourages division members to develop and implement new activities to strengthen their Divisions. All technical divisions are invited to apply for funding for up to two projects totaling up to \$12,500 per year.

The February 1 submission deadline has passed. For consideration for the Fall funding cycle, please submit your application no later than July 1.

In order to be considered for funding for new projects, divisions are required to submit a final report for any previously funded IPGs. [Complete a final report.](#)

Please note the following:

- The maximum funding per project is \$7,500; the maximum funding for two projects is \$12,500.
- Divisions can submit joint applications describing inter-divisional activities for a maximum of \$12,500. If funded, funds are split evenly between partnering divisions. These joint applications require identical proposals from each partnering division.
- IPG funds may not be used for contemporaneous events within the meeting where the funding decision is made.

If your proposal is successful, there are several requirements you must honor:

- Funds must be used to support the proposed Division project
- Funds must be expended within two years following receipt of IPG funding
- A final report describing the use of funds and the effectiveness of the project is required within three months after conclusion of the project.
- Final reports must include a poster for presentation at the subsequent ACS national meeting Sci-Mix session, and posted on the ACS Technical Division Innovative Project Grant webpage.
- PLEASE NOTE: A funded project is considered active until a final report is submitted

For complete IPG guidelines, please visit: www.acs.org/divisionipg. If you have questions, please contact Frida Akerberg at f_akerberg@acs.org.

Selecting Themes at ACS National Meetings

The Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group (MPPG) is charged with selecting themes and planning Society-wide thematic and multidisciplinary programming for ACS National meetings. It also has the charge to look at new programming formats that will enhance multidisciplinary interactions in as well as outside the ACS.

MPPG meets in New Orleans on Saturday, March 17 from 1 - 3 pm in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside (Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130) Grand Salon C, Sec 16, 1st level. Each technical division and programming committee is asked to send a representative or an alternate. During the meeting, representatives will:

- Network with the future national meeting Thematic Program Organizers, programming committees, and technical division representatives
- Receive thematic program updates for the 2018 - 2020 national meetings from the organizers
- Participate in discussions on future thematic programming, communications, and outreach led by the Subcommittee Chairs

More information about MPPG, its subcommittees, and future national meeting themes can be found at www.acs.org/mppg or email mppg@acs.org.

Annual Reports 2017

Thank you to those divisions that have completed, submitted and approved their Annual Report Administration and Financial Forms. To those divisions that have not done so, this is a reminder that the deadline has passed. We encourage you to complete those forms so that the Divisional Activities Committee members can proceed with their reviews and ACS can begin the allocation process. Log into FORMS at www.acs.org/FORMS and navigate to the Annual Report page by clicking the Annual Report tab. These [guidelines](#) will assist you with the review process. If you experience any difficulties with the Annual Report site, please send an email to: forms@acs.org to request assistance.

Get Your Technical Division Involved in CCEW 2018 – And Dive into Marine Chemistry!



Inviting all technical divisions to join in the 15th anniversary celebration of [Chemists Celebrate Earth Week \(CCEW\) from April 22-28, 2018! CCEW](#) encourages chemists and chemistry enthusiasts to build awareness of chemistry at the local level. The CCEW 2018 theme is "Dive into Marine Chemistry," focusing on the chemistry of seashells and seaweed, bioluminescence, ocean acidification, oil spills, and more.

Activities are planned nationwide, organized by ACS Local Section CCEW Coordinators, and many resources are available. Technical division members can support CCEW's goals by communicating the importance of chemistry to the public or planning theme-related technical programming. Find out more at www.acs.org/ccew, and keep up with the latest CCEW news on your favorite social media – follow us on the [ACS Network](#) or like us on [Facebook](#). [Contact your CCEW Coordinator](#) today to see how you can get involved!

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