

Division of Chemical Health & Safety
Executive Committee ACS Fall 2026 Meeting

Monday, August 24th 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Location: McCormick Place Convention Center **W375C**

Zoom Link: <https://american-chemical-society.zoom.com/j/81366326037?pwd=QSbOzaTpyNa3tiTnaQIE5N4bQnFcvA.1>

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August 6, 2026

Dear CHAS Members,

As we navigate an active year for CHAS, I want to thank you for the energy, leadership, and volunteer commitment you continue to bring to our Division. From National Safety Month activities to ACS Fall planning, recognition, and new collaborations, CHAS continues to advance safer science through education, engagement, and community.

[National Safety Month](#) in June was an excellent opportunity for CHAS and our partners to offer programs that made safety practical, visible, and actionable across the chemistry community. Highlights included events focused on safety conversations for graduate students, strengthening safety culture and risk management in research labs, integrated approaches to departmental safety, greener and safer solvent choices, and the Lab Safety Showdown. These activities reflected the best of CHAS: practical education, peer engagement, and a shared commitment to building safer research and teaching environments.

I am also pleased to share that CHAS has been recognized as [ChemLuminary Award finalist in four categories](#) that reflect the breadth and impact of our work. These nominations highlight the launch of the ACS Safety Network, our industry and academic safety engagement efforts, global partnership activities, and innovative service to CHAS members through programs such as CHAS Chats and the two-year college safety community. This recognition belongs to the many volunteers and partners who helped turn ideas into visible, impactful programs.

We recently completed our **2027 CHAS elections** and are pleased to welcome both new and familiar faces to the Executive Committee. Please join me in congratulating **Daniel Jacques** (2027 Chair-Elect), **Jennifer Maclachlan** (2027-2029 Member-at-Large); **Sammye Sigmann** (2027-2029 Councilor), **Frankie Wood-Black** (2027-2029 Alternate Councilor), **Joe Pickel** (2026-2028 Alternate Councilor). These dedicated leaders bring diverse experience, fresh perspectives, and a strong commitment to advancing the mission of CHAS. Congratulations to all, and I am excited to have the opportunity to work alongside them as Immediate Past Chair in 2027.

Looking ahead, CHAS will have a strong presence at **ACS Fall 2026 in Chicago**. Please review the [CHAS in Chicago](#) and make plans to join CHAS sessions, workshops, networking opportunities, and ACS150 programming. The Fall meeting is an important opportunity to celebrate ACS's 150th anniversary while also showcasing CHAS's contribution to shaping safer science for all. CHAS will participate in the ACS Connect Reception and Division Spotlight at the

Member Lounge, offering additional opportunities to connect with members, volunteers, and ACS leaders.

We are excited to launch the **Research Faculty Safety Workshop pilot** in Chicago, in partnership with I&EC, CCS, and ACS Safety Programs. This workshop is designed for faculty who supervise research groups, mentor graduate students, or influence departmental safety expectations. It will provide practical tools to strengthen research safety leadership, including application of the RAMP framework, safety planning, near-miss learning, coaching, accountability, and action planning.

CHAS will also continue expanding professional development opportunities this fall, including **Professional Development Workshops in October**. These workshops are part of our broader commitment to provide accessible, practical learning opportunities for safety professionals, educators, researchers, and students. More details will be shared as plans are finalized, and I encourage you to participate and help promote these opportunities within your networks.

We are also proud to recognize the **ACS Fellows nominated by CHAS: Dave Finster and Pete Reinhart**. Fellows recognition is an important way to celebrate members whose professional accomplishments and service have advanced chemistry and strengthened our community. Thank you to those who helped identify, nominate, and support outstanding CHAS members for this honor.

Together, these activities show the continued momentum of CHAS in 2026. We are strengthening safety culture through education, building bridges across industry and academia, expanding global engagement, recognizing volunteer excellence, and making chemical health and safety more visible across ACS and the broader chemistry enterprise.

Thank you for your continued support of CHAS. I look forward to seeing many of you in Chicago and continuing this important work together.

With gratitude,



Kalyani Martinelango, Ph.D.
2026 Chair, ACS Division of Chemical Health and Safety

DRAFT MINUTES: DCHAS EC MEETING

Thursday, July 21st at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Virtual attendees: Kalyani Martinelango, Frankie Wood Black, Debbie Decker, Marta Guron, Randy Heald, Sandra Keyser, Jitesh Soares, Joe Pickel, Dwayne Henry

1. Officer Reports

a. Chair (Kalyani)

- i) [202607_CHAS EC Meeting.pptx](#) was used during meeting and can be found in Basecamp
- ii) Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm
- iii) Timing for the CHAS EC meeting needs to be determined relative to the networking lunch.
 - (1) Invitation of the president-elect candidates to CHAS EC meeting should lead to a 1.5h EC meeting
 - (2) The networking lunch is in the west building, first floor. The EC meeting is in the west building on the third floor. CAAG has the room detail
- iv) Branding – division kit will be purchased
- v) Attendance at Chicago for CHAS-related or -relevant activities – need volunteers

b. Secretary (Sandra Keyser)

- i) June and July meeting minutes will be voted upon in August
- ii) August report requests will be emailed soon to the EC
- iii) Quorum was **not** achieved

c. Immediate Past Chair/Nominations and Elections (Mike Koehler)

- i) Nominations and elections (Sandra)
 - (1) Election through SnapBallot ends this Monday. Approximately 250 people have voted.
- ii) Restarting the awards committee
 - (1) An email has been distributed by Mike to restart this
 - (2) Mary

d. Chair-Elect (Dwayne Henry)

- (1) Joint promotion with CCS of Greener Alternatives for Dichloromethane poster during July 2026
- (2) Please encourage others to attend the next LST workshop, “Empowering Academic Researchers to Strengthen Safety Culture...”

e. Treasurer (Mary Beth Koza)

- i) Current budget

Spring ACS bill of \$5,055.27

CHAS Year to date

Total income \$ 50,626.21
Total Expenses 44,160.79
Net Income of \$ 6,465.72

CANN Year to date

Total income 625.00
Total Expenses 7,353.62
Net income -6,627.62

- f. Councilors (Frankie Wood-Black, Debbie Decker)
 - i) Council agenda was posted earlier this week
- g. Member-At-Large Report (Kendra Denlinger, Russ Phifer)
- 2. **Updates from ACS Office of Safety Programs**
- 3. **Cannabis Subdivision Report (Russ Phifer)**
- 4. **Reports of the Committees**
 - a. Education/Workshops (Russ Phifer)
 - i) Frankie - the dates for the workshops were not favorable. Offering these workshops again would be favorable.
 - b. Social (Russ Phifer)
 - i) IPA for Spring 2027 was submitted, as recommended by the chair of DAC
 - ii) In lieu of the CHAS social, EC will hold a dinner for no more than 25 people in Chicago
 - c. Awards (R. Izzo)
 - d. Membership (A. Chung)
 - e. Programming (D. Decker, M. Hensley)
 - i) CHAS-at-a-glance will be distributed to the EC soon
 - ii) Symposium proposals are being accepted differently now
 - iii) Symposia list for Spring 2027 are available

- Spring 2027 symposia list
 - Lab Safety In The 2YC
 - Beyond the Blackbox, the Science inside gas and fire detection systems
 - Safety Team in Universities
 - Compliance-Driven Circularity in Chemical Health and Safety: Safer Waste Systems, Audit-Ready Data, and Scalable Reduction Strategies
 - Cultivating a Culture of Safety Through Intentional Mentoring
 - Safer by Design: Integrating Safety Across R&D and Process Innovation
 - Safer and Greener Chemistry: Aligning Sustainability with Laboratory Safety
 - General papers
 - CHAS 2026 Awards

CANN Programming will also include their EISohly awards, CANN general papers and a joint CANN/CHAL symposium.

Additional symposia may continue to be added, as opportunities arise.

- f. Outreach (M. Guron)
 - i) Update on communication improvement grant project
 - ii) Lab Safety Showdown, an outreach event, was quite successful!
 - (1) 116 people showed up from 81 institutions. 46 people played. Survey was distributed

5. Old Business / New Business

6. Adjourn

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Keyser, DCHAS Secretary

Attendance

Present	Absent (invited, did not attend)
- Kalyani Martinelango - Joe Pickel - Mike Koehler - Marta Guron - Rob Toreki - Mary Beth Koza - Russ Phifer - Sammye Sigmann - Dwayne Henry - Randy Heald - Ranjana - Frankie Wood Black - Amanda Chung - Marta Gmurczyk - (read.ai.meeting notes)	• Keyser, Sandra (Meeting Organizer) • Debbie Decker • Neal Langerman • David C. Finster • Mary Beth Mulcahy • Robin M. Izzo • Ming Yang • Schroeder, Imke

- Determine that we have quorum (9) and proceed
- APPROVE Minutes from May meeting (Mike Motion, Russ second) -
 - Passes on voice Vote, no objections or comments
- Review CHAS Calendar
- Elections
 - Everyone is showing p as "Sammyra Alexandra" last name)
 - Question if there is concern about letting people vote with this issue in place- no concern, could create larger issue
- Note that Amanda will not be able to go to meeting
- CHAIR
 - Need EC approval - SERMACS meeting grant for \$500
 - Note that there is an application
 - Where does one find the application?
 - JMP questions... why are we getting bogged down on the process / form that no one seems to know about- could the email be sufficient?
 - Mary Beth/Sammye – indicate information is needed if there is not a CHAS sponsor
 - Awards committee assembled - Mike, Joe, MBK, Debbie
 - Noted that we'd like to establish some processes for the awards
 - Robin has provided no information regarding the award nominations, Mike has access to email
 - Note that Kimi previously created guidance docs for awards
 - Fall Grants due 7/15
 - MBK- notes that we have 2 open IPG
 - Communications is not an IPG per Kalyani / Mike(so we only have one)
 - Russ- indicates that there are 4 categories of grants
 - Kalyani - requests Russ to send out info
- Treasurer (Mary Beth Koza)
 - \$4500 from DOW for faculty workshop
 - MBK points out that net income is 14k...
 - We don't have that much funding considering net income
 - MBK recommends holding off on social until next year

- Note: Russ is not in favor of a Social, but recommends an EC dinner
 - We will NOT be doing a multidivisional social
 - Plan is EC plus super volunteers- nothing publicized
 - MBK- is offering up to \$2000
- CHAIR ELECT (*Duane Henry*)
 - *Reports on June safety month*
 - *Recap of 2YC3 Regional Conference*
 - *Kaylani notes support from ACS Office of Safety*
- Mike (nominations elections)- Election items noted previously
- Russ: No Member at Large report
- Councilor: (Debbie/Frankie does not present at time of discussion, Kalyani reads from notes)
 - Fall 2026 registration is open
 - Council meeting agenda book being prepared
- Marta Guron raised concern regarding registration / issues with comp registrations. Marta Gm. responses
- Workshop program discussed – some questions about cost
 - Announcement being held until resolved
- Membership -
 - List serv- Amanda reports high utilization/good discussions
 - Russ asks do we still have that process in which Access to list serv for 6 months is provided without having to join?
 - Amanda- yes... we have that, but it is part of our 1 year free membership
 - Thanks to Marta Gm. For help with this
 - Marta Gu- asks if we have seen any membership changes as a result of June events
 - Amanda- data will not be available for 1-2 months
 - Marta Gm - discusses Community interest form used for specific activities
 - Amanda has not received any guidance regarding how to manage potential commercial submissions to list serve
 - Joe suggests that the committee should validate this approach and provide Amanda with the support she needs
- Workshops planned for July (4 workshops)
 - (Email) discussion about cost of workshops, costs to members
 - Russ notes that workshops are #2 revenue source behind dues
- CHAT discussions
 - Rob T working on DCHAS-L archive - requests emails from pre-2021
 - Rob T receives suspected SPAM from ACS President, requests President email address
- Programming - Update from Debbie
 - JMP notes that it would be good to get the general program out there as soon as possible to let people sign up for the conference. In past years we knew at least days at this point (ok not to know exact rooms!)
- Outreach - Marta Guron
 - Safety professionals signing up for this event- idea is to encourage non-safety people to engage

PICKEL Signs off at 1250 due to prior commitment!



TREASURER'S REPORT

- August 9, 2026
- Mary Beth Koza
- Data as of August 9, 2026

Treasurer's comments

- Reimbursement requests due:
 - **September 30, 2026**
 - Send reimbursement requests to
 - Mary Beth Koza
(mbkoza2@gmail.com)
 - Note address changes in transmittal email & on form
 - All receipts in single PDF; XL file as Excel
 - Name files: YourlastnameNM2026
 - Financial condition of CHAS: Good

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

		As of ...	12/31/2024	12/31/25	August 9,2026
ASSETS					
	Current Assets				
		Checking	127,620.12	146,391.88	154,754
		Saving/Cds	102,066.64	102,102.68	103,874
	Investments				
		TIAA-CREF inception value as of 1/6/2015			
		\$89,514	\$138,023.61	\$151,993.19	158,189
		Reserve Goal: 1.5 x Operating Budget \$189,750			
TOTAL ASSETS					
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	Liabilities		0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Equity		367,710.37	400,487.75	416,817
			367,710.37	400,487.75	416,827
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY					

Annual Budget Process

- January - Prepare ACS Annual report & Schedule Audit Committee review
- February - Submit ACS Annual report
- March – May Prepare and submit Federal Taxes
- April –June Solicit budget requests for following year & latter half of current year
- June 30th Budget request deadline
- July -Prepare next year's budget
- August – Present and vote approval of next year's budget at Fall ACS Mtg
- December – year end forecasting

BUDGET SUMMARY

Calendar Year, 2026

	Budget	Actual year to date
Income	\$72,749	\$54,352
Expenses	\$72,000	\$44,670
Operating Gain/Loss	\$2,500	\$9,682
Capital Gain	\$10,000	\$ 6,196

Budget Proposal

Item Category		2025 Year End	2026 Budget	2026 YTD	2027 Budget
Income					
	Grants/Innovative Funding	17,999	17,999	12,000	15,000
	Donations	10,605	9,750	4,000	5,000
	ACS Councilor Rebate	8,000	8,000	4,000	8,000
	Workshops	5,229	7,000	1,401	5,000
	ACS Dues & Assessments	30,778	30,000	32,951	32,000
	Total Income	72,611	72,749	54,352	65,000
Expenses					
	Awards	10,000	7,500	4,900	
	Innovative Funding	10,500	3,000	0	7,500
	National Meeting Expenses	18,000	6,000	12,630	18,000
	Socials	5,000	15,000	11,252	15,000
	Administrative	7,000	26,800	11,790	13,000
	Publications Expenses		1,700	667	750
	Workshops	10,000	5,000	1,370	4,000
	Regional meetings	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
	ACS Leadership Mtg	4,000	5,000	2,061	3,000
	Outreach & Education (new for 2027)				1,500
	Chair Fund (new for 2027)				1,000
	Total Expenses	66,500	72,000	44,670	65,750

FINANCIAL DETAILS

- Documentation attached
 - 2026 CHAS TYD Profit & Loss Statement
 - CANN P&L all years
 - CANN 2026 P&L



Division of Chemical Health & Safety

Profit and Loss
January 1-August 9, 2026

	Total
Income	
A1 CONTRIBUTIONS	
A1E14D Faculty Workshop Grant -Dow	4,500.00
A1E15 IPG IPG Communication Grant 2026	7,500.00
A1I REBATE FROM ACS	
A1I1 Councilor Expenses	4,000.00
Total for A1I REBATE FROM ACS	\$4,000.00
Total for A1 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$16,000.00
A4 CONF/WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS	
A4A WORKSHOPS	
A4A14 Grad Student RAMP workshop	538.75
A4A15 ACS CHAS EMPOWERING ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS TO STRENGTHEN SAFETY CULTURE	862.00
Total for A4A WORKSHOPS	\$1,400.75
Total for A4 CONF/WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS	\$1,400.75
A5 DUES & ASSESSMENTS	\$24,312.06
A5A ACS DUES - JAN - JUNE	3,725.46
A5B ACS DUES - JULY - DEC	4,288.40
A5CANN CANN membership dues	625.00
Total for A5 DUES & ASSESSMENTS	\$32,950.92
A8 OTHER	
A8B MISCELLANEOUS	
A8B1 SOCIALS, DINNERS	4,000.00
Total for A8B MISCELLANEOUS	\$4,000.00
Total for A8 OTHER	\$4,000.00
Total for Income	\$54,351.67
Gross Profit	\$54,351.67
Expenses	
B1 CONTRIBUTIONS EXP.	
B1A MEETING GRANTS/AWARDS	
B1A6 Regional Meetings	400.00
B1AM ACS Leadership Grant	4,500.00
Total for B1A MEETING GRANTS/AWARDS	\$4,900.00
Total for B1 CONTRIBUTIONS EXP.	\$4,900.00
B2 NATIONAL MEETING EXPENSES	
B2E PLANNING EXPENSES	
B2E1 EXEC. COMM. MEETING	\$5,203.69
B2E1b REFRESHMENTS	1,858.92
Total for B2E1 EXEC. COMM. MEETING	\$7,062.61
Total for B2E PLANNING EXPENSES	\$7,062.61
B2F Councilor Travel Expense	3,144.44
B2G A/V EQUIPMENT FEES	2,423.35

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Profit and Loss
January 1-August 9, 2026

	Total
B2I SOCIAL EVENT NAT MTG	11,252.02
Total for B2 NATIONAL MEETING EXPENSES	\$23,882.42
B5 PUBLICATION EXPENSES	
B5B NEWSLETTER	
B5B2 BALLOT PRINTING	198.00
B5B3 NEWSLETTER MAILING -Mailchimp	391.50
Total for B5B NEWSLETTER	\$589.50
B5E POSTAGE & SHIPPING	
B5E1 POSTAGE	78.00
Total for B5E POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$78.00
Total for B5 PUBLICATION EXPENSES	\$667.50
B6 CONF/WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS EXP	
B6B OTHER	
B6B6 GRADUATE STUDENT SAFETY WORKSHOP	\$169.90
B6B6a GRAD STUDENT Facilitator FEE	800.00
B6B6b GRAD STUDENT Moderator EXP	400.00
Total for B6B6 GRADUATE STUDENT SAFETY WORKSHOP	\$1,369.90
Total for B6B OTHER	\$1,369.90
B6B14 Grad Student RAMP instructor fee	400.00
Total for B6 CONF/WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS EXP	\$1,769.90
B7 ADMINISTRATIVE	
B7F ACS Leadership CONF EXP	\$639.52
B7F1 ACS Leadership ATTENDEE EXP	1,421.81
Total for B7F ACS Leadership CONF EXP	\$2,061.33
B7G SUPPLIES & OPERATIONS (9G)	91.00
Total for B7 ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,152.33
B8 OTHER EXP (9G)	\$72.76
B8A CREDIT CARD PROCESSING	68.25
B8B ACCOUNTING EXPENSES	1,744.20
B8C ADVERTISING	706.64
B8F Web Services	622.50
B8F1 G suites for CHAS	229.07
Total for B8 OTHER EXP (9G)	\$3,443.42
B9 CANNABIS SUBDIV EXP	
B9A1 Advertising/Promotional	\$578.14
B9A12 CANN Promotion	18.00
Total for B9A1 Advertising/Promotional	\$596.14
B9A2 Heidolph North America scholarship	5,597.18
B9A5 CANN ADMIN & POSTAGE	\$36.00
B9A52 Web - G Suite	1,212.20
Total for B9A5 CANN ADMIN & POSTAGE	\$1,248.20

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Profit and Loss
January 1-August 9, 2026

	Total
B9B2a Cann Speaker Fees	325.00
Total for B9 CANNABIS SUBDIV EXP	\$7,766.52
Purchases	87.60
Total for Expenses	\$44,669.69
Net Operating Income	\$9,681.98
Net Income	\$9,681.98

Division of Chemical Health & Safety

CANN P&L

All Dates

	TOTAL
Income	
A1 CONTRIBUTIONS	
A1F DONATIONS	
A1F2 DONATION CANN SUBDIVISION	51,356.92
A1F2A Heidolph North America	78,999.00
A1F2B Perkin-Elmer CANN Donation	10,195.20
A1F2C Carbon Chemistry LLD	14,500.00
A1F2D Jerry King	9,500.00
A1F2E Donation - GenZ Therapeutics	1,500.00
Total A1F2 DONATION CANN SUBDIVISION	166,051.12
Total A1F DONATIONS	166,051.12
Total A1 CONTRIBUTIONS	166,051.12
A5 DUES & ASSESSMENTS	
A5CANN CANN membership dues	815.00
Total A5 DUES & ASSESSMENTS	815.00
A9 CANNABIS SUBDIVISION	250.00
Total Income	\$167,116.12
GROSS PROFIT	\$167,116.12
Expenses	
B9 CANNABIS SUBDIV EXP	9,215.23
B9A1 Advertising/Promotional	23,780.58
B9A1a Fall 2020 ACS meeting	1,860.00
Total B9A1 Advertising/Promotional	25,640.58
B9A2 Heidolph North America scholarship	42,509.13
B9A3 Perkin-Elmer CANN expenses	3,040.00
B9A5 CANN ADMIN & POSTAGE	6,457.26
B9A51 Zoom Account	2,135.51
B9A52 Web - G Suite	12,457.94
Total B9A5 CANN ADMIN & POSTAGE	21,050.71
B9A6 CANN Dues & subscriptions	4,427.00
B9A7 Cann networking events	8,569.36
B9A8 CANN Officer Reimbursement	582.76
B9A9 Video production	2,250.00
B9B2a Cann Speaker Fees	1,935.00
Total B9 CANNABIS SUBDIV EXP	119,219.77
Total Expenses	\$119,219.77
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$47,896.35
NET INCOME	\$47,896.35

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CANN P&L

January 1 - August 9, 2026

	TOTAL
Income	
A5 DUES & ASSESSMENTS	
A5CANN CANN membership dues	625.00
Total A5 DUES & ASSESSMENTS	625.00
Total Income	\$625.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$625.00
Expenses	
B9 CANNABIS SUBDIV EXP	
B9A1 Advertising/Promotional	578.14
B9A2 Heidolph North America scholarship	5,597.18
B9A5 CANN ADMIN & POSTAGE	36.00
B9A52 Web - G Suite	1,212.20
Total B9A5 CANN ADMIN & POSTAGE	1,248.20
B9B2a Cann Speaker Fees	325.00
Total B9 CANNABIS SUBDIV EXP	7,748.52
Total Expenses	\$7,748.52
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -7,123.52
NET INCOME	\$ -7,123.52

CHAIR-ELECT REPORT (Henry)

ACS 150th Anniversary - June Safety Month (Review)

- Virtual webinar 4-part series - one weekly
- Collaboration with CCS, ACS Safety Network
- Tapped into the ACS resources/network for more exposure ACS wide
- Looking to continue and repeat next year

Volunteering at the D-CHAS promo tables

I am currently looking for people to help staff D-CHAS promo tables. Please see me after the meeting if interested. Participants do not need to stay for the whole time.

Committee chairs

A request has been sent out to all committee chairs inquiring whether or not they would like to continue on in as chair of their respective committees. Updates will be reported at the Fall 2026 meeting.

Past Chair Report

- ACS Safety Network – A model of collaboration
- ACS Global Health & Safety Outreach –
 - Outreach to India – A model for international engagement
 - Monthly meetings to continue to connect with our members in India
 - Steering Group to advise on future directions with India
 - Collaborative effort:
 - ACS Office of Safety Programs
 - Committee on Chemical Safety
 - Division of Chemical Health and Safety
 - Other International Outreach?

ACS Fellows Program (report from Joe Pickel)

This year, CHAS submitted nominations for two long-time members who have made significant contributions to the Society through volunteer efforts and to the Chemical enterprise. Those nominations were successful and we are pleased to announce that **David Finster and Peter Reinhardt have been selected as Fellows of the ACS!**

They will be recognized during the Chicago Meeting at the [ACS Fellows Ceremony on Monday, August 24, 2026 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CDT in the Great Lakes Ballroom \(Marriott Marquis\)](#). [The ceremony will be immediately followed by the ACS Fellows Reception](#) from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM CDT in the Great Lakes Foyer (Marriott Marquis).

Please be sure to congratulate David and Peter when you see them!

The nominations window for the Fellows class of 2027 is expected to open in early (January-March) of 2027. If you would like to recommend a candidate to be nominated by the division, please contact Joe Pickel to discuss.

**Cannabis Chemistry Subdivision of the Division of Chemical Health and Safety of
the American Chemical Society**

National Meeting Report

Summer 2026, In-person & Virtual

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II. Words from the Chair - Kyle Boyar

CANN Vision & Mission

❖ Vision

Serving as a pillar of legitimacy for the cannabis enterprise through promoting scientific advancement and empowering community

❖ Mission

Advancing the cannabis chemistry enterprise by driving scientific innovation and integrity

CANN Officers (2025-2027)

- ❖ Chair - Kyle Boyar
- ❖ Vice Chair - Jerry King, PhD
- ❖ Past Chair - Melissa Wilcox
- ❖ Secretary - Hannah Yocum, PhD
- ❖ Treasurer - Mary Beth Koza
- ❖ [Officers Webpage](#)

Overview & Initiatives

Thanks to the support of CANN's dedicated Executive Committee, volunteers, and membership, as well as the support of ACS, sponsors, and external partners, CANN continues to make progress toward its mission, vision, and overarching goal of becoming an ACS Division.

Highlights of accomplishments and near future initiatives include:

- ❖ National Registry of Certified Chemists - Professional Cannabis Chemist Certification. Test is active
- ❖ CCC Grant Application - Submitted
- ❖ A full programming schedule for ACS National Meetings in 2026
- ❖ Regular Journal Club Sessions

Words from the Chair, Continued:

CANN applied to become an ACS Technical Division in 2025, as supported by the senior advisors of its parent division (the Division of Chemical Health and Safety), through ongoing strategic planning, and CANN historical recount meetings. Unfortunately, the organization encountered some setbacks before making it to Council as the initiative was voted down by the other Divisions. We have decided it is in the best interest of the organization to take this time to regroup and continue to build. We have recently established partnerships with two of the leading cannabis science conferences in the country, CannMed and National Cannabis Research Conference (NCRC) and will have booths at both as well as organize a session for the latter. Additionally, we are continuing to bolster our membership hosting Membership Drives at each National Meeting.

CANN is continuing to drive the conversation about cannabis science within ACS through an Convergent Chemistry Community (CCC) grant application. The goal of the grant, if funded, would provide funds to host a meeting of Divisions where cannabis chemistry is within scope to host a discussion about the future of cannabis for the society especially in light of the recent updates to federal cannabis policy.

III. Treasurer Report - Mary Beth Koza

CANN Year to Date

- ❖ Gross Income: \$0
- ❖ Expenses: \$1,168.81
- ❖ Net Income: -\$1,168.81

Division of Chemical Health & Safety

CANN P&L

January 1 - March 2, 2025

	TOTAL
Income	
Total Income	
GROSS PROFIT	\$0.00
Expenses	
B9 CANNABIS SUBDIV EXP	
B9A5 CANN ADMIN & POSTAGE	30.00
B9A52 Web - G Suite	1,151.81
Total B9A5 CANN ADMIN & POSTAGE	1,181.81
Total B9 CANNABIS SUBDIV EXP	1,181.81
Total Expenses	\$1,181.81
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -1,181.81
NET INCOME	\$ -1,181.81

IV. Committee Reports

Awards Committee Report - Chair: Jason Wilson, MS

Overview

At the Spring ACS Conference we had the pleasure of awarding four ElSohly Awards to well deserving researchers in the field spanning a diversity of subject areas ranging from product and workplace safety to pharmaceutical drug development and pharmacological discoveries. Continuing this initiative we are accepting applications for the 2026 ElSohly Award.

ElSohly Award

The ElSohly Award provides researchers, students, and industry professionals with resources to present their work at the ElSohly Award Symposium at the Spring National Meeting of the American Chemical Society. The first award of its kind, this award seeks to recognize leading cannabis scientists while also defraying the cost associated with presenting scientific works at the National Meeting, providing a maximum of \$1500 per awardee. The current window for applications for the 2026 ElSohly Award closes July 31, 2026.

Our sponsorship contributions significantly dropped in 2026 compared to 2025 so CANN is exploring ways to gather additional funding for future ElSohly Awards to ensure the program can continue. We expect to be able to offer one ElSohly Award this year as compared to the four that were delivered the previous year.

Awards Committee Report, Continued:

2025 ElSohly Award

The ElSohly Award received a total of fifteen applicants for its 2025 cohort. The applications were disseminated to all of the Selection Committee members prior to voting which commenced on September 8th and concluded on September 26th. After tabulating the final scores, the Administrative Committee chose four recipients for the 2025 award, who will present their work at ACS Spring 2026. A press release for the award can be found [here](#).

The 2025 ElSohly Award winners are:

- ❖ **Dr. Samm Hilston**, Northeastern University (Boston, Massachusetts)



“Recombinant Production and Selective Inhibition of Endocannabinoid Enzymes to Enhance ECS Tone”

Dr. Hilston’s research advances understanding of the endocannabinoid system by producing functional enzymes and designing selective inhibitors with potential therapeutic benefits.

- ❖ **Dr. Tess Eidem**, University of Colorado – Boulder (Westminster, Colorado)



“Mitigating Airborne Cannabis Allergen Exposure in Occupational Settings: Characterization and Control Strategies”

Dr. Eidem’s work identifies and quantifies cannabis-derived airborne allergens and demonstrates effective mitigation strategies to protect worker health in cannabis production environments.

- ❖ **Alexander Eckman**, Lake Superior State University (Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan)



“Evidence of Pre-Use Polymer Leaching in Hemp-Derived Vaporizers”

Mr. Eckman presents critical findings on material stability and safety in hemp vaporizer hardware, identifying pre-use polymer leaching and ³⁰

emphasizing the need for quality control in product manufacturing.

- ❖ **Dr. Brian F. Thomas**, Empirical Pharmaceutical Services, LLC
(Manteo, North Carolina)



“From Cannabis to Cannabinoid Chemistry: Pharmacological Promise and Regulatory Pitfalls”

Dr. Thomas explores the evolution of cannabinoid pharmacology, bridging natural product chemistry and receptor pharmacology with public health implications related to unregulated cannabinoid products.

Awards Committee Report, Continued:

2026 ElSohly Award

CANN will be opening applications for the forthcoming ElSohly Award recipients, with applications due July 31st, 2025.

Development Committee Report - Chair: Daniel Reddy, PhD

Overview

The [Development Committee Webpage](#) also provides general information and a call for donations and volunteers.

CANN is ecstatic to announce that it established the following donors for the year 2024:

Volunteers:

- ❖ Daniel Reddy, PhD, Ezra Pryor

Donors:

- ❖ Anonymous

Membership Donations 2025:

- ❖ Total - \$5000

Initiatives 2026

The Development Committee has developed a personal donation framework to complement the current corporate focused donation framework. The committee also met its aim to begin implementing personal donations, and recently formulated a letter of intent template to solicit donations from members and corporate stakeholders.

CANN is still working to create and manufacture merchandise to provide as gifts to personal donors and its membership overall with the aim to continue to increase personal donations while engaging with its membership and network.

Membership Committee Report - Chair: Brandon Canfield, PhD

2026 Membership Summary

As of May 2026, CANN's membership stands at 329, a 7.2% increase from May 2025 (307). Although our membership roster has seen an overall steady decline following the COVID-19 pandemic, the recent reversal of this trend is largely due to active recruitment efforts on the part of CANN. The most significant of these include membership drives at the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 national meetings.

A primary barrier to our efforts continues to be the lack of visibility of CANN as an ACS subdivision. The current platform for meeting technical programs prevents any sessions organized by a subdivision to be designated as such. Put another way, no CANN sessions are ever visible or searchable as such; instead they only appear designated as CHAS sessions. Feedback we receive during our membership drives overwhelmingly includes variations of the sentiments "I didn't know CANN existed" and "I've never heard of CANN before." This despite CANN existing for nearly a decade and offering consistent programming at national meetings. ACS should work with the meeting program platform developer to allow subdivision designations of symposia, as we expect that this issue is one which affects all subdivisions actively programming at the meetings, and not just CANN.

Programming Committee Report - Evan Friedmann

Overview and Initiatives

CANN continues to drive its goal of growing networking partnerships with other divisions, local sections, and regional meetings to increase outreach, co-sponsorship, and attendance of related technical symposia, as evidenced by the below programming outline for the year 2025.

Administrative Updates

CANN's Programming Chair has maintained two guidance documents to help streamline Programming Committee roles and the abstract submission process, as well as maintained the Programming Committee Webpage:

- ❖ [Programming Committee Roles and Functions](#)
- ❖ [Abstract Submission and Symposia Participation Guidelines for Participants](#)
- ❖ [Programming Committee Webpage](#)

Programming Committee Report, Continued:

2025 National Meeting Programming Summary

Spring 2025 ACS National Meeting - San Diego, CA

Technical Sessions (in-person and virtual):

- ❖ Advances and Perspectives of Cannabis Research in Medicinal Chemistry, Analysis and Bioanalysis - JOINT041A & JOINT041B, 6 Oral Presentations

Date: Monday, March 24th, 2025 & Wednesday March 26, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:25 PM; 9:00 AM - 11:40 AM

Location: Digital Session

- ❖ Insights from FOIA Data on Cannabis Testing Across the US - CHAS006A
6 Oral Presentations

Date: Tuesday, March 25th, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM - 11:55 AM

Location: Room 29D (San Diego Convention Center)

- ❖ Synthetic and Semi-Synthetic Cannabinoids - CHAS009A
8 oral presentations

Date: Tuesday, March 25th, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM - 5:55 PM

Location: Room 29D (San Diego Convention Center)

Fall 2025 ACS National Meeting - Washington DC

- ❖ Four sessions planned
 - ❖ What is Cannabis Quality?
 - ❖ Cannabinoid Beverage Roundtable
 - ❖ Pharma Canna API Approvals and Candidates Roundtable
 - ❖ Science of Smokeability Panel

2026 National Meeting Programming Summary

Spring 2026 ACS National Meeting - Atlanta, GA

Technical Sessions (in-person and virtual):

- [EISohly Awards Symposium](#)

Date: Monday, March 23rd, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM - 5:05 PM
Location: Room C206 (Georgia World Congress Center)
- [Quality, Character and Chemistry: Cannabis Quantified](#)

Date: Tuesday, March 24th, 2026
Time: 8:00 AM - 11:35 AM
Location: Room C206 (Georgia World Congress Center)
- Cannabis and Medicinal Chemistry: A Growing Alliance (2 sessions)

Date: Wednesday, March 25th, 2026

Time: [10:00 AM - 1:20 PM](#); [3:00 PM - 6:00 PM](#)

Location: Digital Session

Fall 2026 ACS National Meeting - Chicago, IL

- Two symposia scheduled
- **From Natural Scaffolds to Lead Compounds: Medicinal Chemistry Approaches to Cannabis and Plant-Based Drug Development**

Date: Wednesday, August 26th, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM - 11:50 AM



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH 8AM – 12PM CT

FROM NATURAL SCAFFOLDS TO LEAD COMPOUNDS

Interactive Workshop Session

Session Chairs: Suliman Sharif; Evan Friedmann

TITLE	PRESENTING AUTHOR	START TIME	END TIME
Session Intro		8:00 AM	8:10 AM
End to end human AI pipeline for cannabis derived cancer therapeutics: from extraction to Neuroinformatic trial design	Sharif, Suliman	8:10 AM	8:35 AM
Workshop Module 1		8:35 AM	9:05 AM
From natural to synthetic hybrid compounds: a rational approach in Cannabis-based drug discovery	Pellati, Federica	9:05 AM	9:30 AM
Workshop Module 2		9:30 AM	10:00 AM
From saturated cannabinoid scaffolds to oncology leads: Translational development and mechanistic insights	Cruces, Westley	10:00 AM	10:25 AM
Workshop Module 3		10:25 AM	10:55 AM
From concept to IND-ready assets: A practical framework for small molecule translation	Pittiglio, Monica	10:55 AM	11:20 AM
Workshop Module 4		11:20 AM	11:50 AM



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH 2PM – 4:15PM CT

CONSUMER RELEVANT QUALITY METRICS IN CANNABIS

Session Chair: Evan Friedmann

TITLE	PRESENTING AUTHOR	START TIME	END TIME
Opening Remarks		2:00 PM	2:05 PM
Particle size characterization and thermal stress modeling for shelf-life assessment of cannabis emulsions	Nguyen, Taylor	2:05 PM	2:25 PM
Deep eutectic solvents incorporating cannabinoids: The influence on water on stability	Cazzaniga, Candela	2:25 PM	2:45 PM
Formulation-driven modulation of hydrogenated cannabinoid permeability: Comparative evaluation of surfactants, cosolubilizers, and vesicular delivery systems	Ramirez, Giovanni	2:45 PM	3:05 PM
Chemical composition and antioxidant activity of essential oils and cannabinoid extracts from three Cannabis sativa L. varieties grown in Trinidad and Tobago	Gopee, Leshawn	3:05 PM	3:25 PM
Food protein ingredients as novel emulsifiers for cannabinoid delivery	Li, Xin	3:25 PM	3:45 PM
Panel Discussion		3:45 PM	4:15 PM

Publication Committee Report - Chair: Twinkle Paryani

Overview

The Publication Committee has maintained its Journal Club Sessions promoting recently published journal articles with members from the industry and academia. The publication committee is also supporting the ACS Symposium ebook on hemp and semi-synthetic cannabinoids. The ebook will be representative of our March 2026 meeting symposium (Semi-Synthetic and Hemp-Derived Cannabinoids), with additional insight on pharmacognosy and the current testing landscape.

Journal Club

Journal Club is held via an online webinar format and hosts some of the industry's most prominent experts in cannabis chemistry and affiliated fields. Our last several journal clubs have been on new research published within the last 3 years! Each session includes an academic presentation on a peer reviewed paper or hot topic followed by a live Q&A session moderated by a member of the Publication Committee. The Q&A session provides a platform for audience members from all walks of life to actively engage with and learn from leading cannabis scientists. See below for highlight graphics and links of sessions held throughout 2026

- ❖ February 2026 - Kyle Mastropietro - Cannabis and Driving - “Short-term residual effects of smoked cannabis on simulated driving performance”

JOURNAL CLUB
FEB 19TH - 11AM PST
CANNABIS & DRIVING
Presented by Kyle Mastropietro - UC San Diego
Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology
Neuropsychology; with special guest
appearance his advisor Dr. Thomas D Marcotte

Short-term residual effects of smoked cannabis on simulated driving performance
Kyle F. Mastropietro^{1,2}, Jane A. Reiffen^{1,2}, Anna Limbani^{1,2}, David J. Gentile¹, Marissa A. Reiffen¹, Raymond C. Schindler^{1,2}, Sage Gentry¹, Robert L. Pagnoni¹, Thomas D. Marcotte¹
¹San Diego State University/University of California San Diego Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, San Diego, CA, USA
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³Professor for Emerging Health Professionals, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA, USA
⁴Center for Medical Cannabis Research, Department of Pathology, University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA, USA

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- ❖ May 2026 - Jahan Marcu, PhD, Phillip Molloy, MD, and Teresa Simon, MPH of PRC Trials- Acute Effects of Cannabis on Alcohol Consumption: A randomized controlled crossover trial

JOURNAL CLUB
THURSDAY, MAY 21
11:00AM - 12:00PM PST
CANNABIS, ALCOHOL, AND THE SCIENCE OF SUBSTITUTION
Join CANN for a May Journal Club discussion on a new randomized controlled crossover trial examining the acute effects of cannabis on alcohol craving and consumption.
The conversation will be led by Jahan Marcu, PhD, with Philip Molloy, MD, and Teresa Simon, MPH, of Physician Research Center.

JOURNAL CLUB
THURSDAY, MAY 21
11:00AM - 12:00PM PST
Acute Effects of Cannabis on Alcohol Craving and Consumption: A Randomized Controlled Crossover Trial
Jane Hestis, PhD,^{1,2,3} Elizabeth R. Aston, PhD,^{1,2} Rachel L. Gunn, PhD,^{1,2} Robert Swift, M.D., PhD,^{1,2} James MacKillop, PhD,^{1,2} Christopher W. Kahler, PhD,^{1,2}
¹University of Michigan, ²University of Michigan Medical Center, ³University of Michigan School of Public Health

Objective: Cannabis use is strongly linked with heavy drinking and worse alcohol treatment outcomes. However, it may also contribute to decreased alcohol consumption. To date, no human studies have established a causal effect of cannabis on alcohol metabolism. The aim of this study was to conduct a randomized controlled trial that was to examine dose-dependent acute effects of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on alcohol craving and consumption.

Methods: Across three experimental days, 127 participants receiving three alcohol use and cannabis use tests at three time points were randomized to either cannabis (cannabis containing 7.25 THC, 3.125 THC, or 0.0325 THC placebo), followed by a 10-minute wait, and then a 10-minute wait, and an alcohol choice task for alcohol self-administration. A total of 128 participants completed two to three experimental sessions (mean age, 25.5 years SD=5.11, 35% women, 45% nonwhite/non-Hispanic). Primary outcomes included craving.

Results: There were no significant effects of cannabis on ACD or R, and an alcohol urge question, the secondary outcome was percent of total available milliliters of alcohol consumed. **Results:** There were no significant effects of cannabis on ACD or R ratings after smoking and during alcohol use exposure, but 7.25 THC reduced alcohol use immediately after smoking. Participants consumed significantly less alcohol after smoking cannabis with 3.125 THC and 7.25 THC, reducing consumption by 25% and 27%, respectively.

Conclusions: Following overnight cannabis abstinence, smoking cannabis acutely decreased alcohol consumption compared to placebo. Further controlled research on a variety of cannabis is needed to inform clinical alcohol treatment guidelines.

Am J Psychiatry 2025; 182:124-141 doi: 10.1176/appi.ajp.2025.0101

- ❖ July 2026 - Manuel E. Sosa - Temperature Control Minimizes Wax-Derived Alkane Carryover in Hydrocarbon Cannabis Extraction



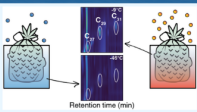
JOURNAL CLUB
JULY 30, 11AM PST
**COLD EXTRACTION;
CLEANER CONCENTRATES?**
Featured Author - **Manuel E. Sosa**
Research Scientist, Abstrax Tech

Presenting and discussing his newly published paper
on extraction temperature and wax carryover in
cannabis concentrates.






Temperature Control Minimizes Wax-Derived Alkane Carryover in Hydrocarbon Cannabis Extraction
Manuel E. Sosa, Twinkle R. Paryani, Randy J. Reed, Alex W. Siegel, Qianxiang Ai, Eugene Lee, David L. Radford, Thomas J. Martin, Kevin A. Koloy, and Jan W. H. Oswald*



Retention time (min)

Initiatives 2026

The Publication Committee plans to continue its traction with proceedings publication, Journal Club sessions, and investigating new and meaningful opportunities for publication. The ebook will be entering the next phase - editing done by the publication team and the chair in October of 2026.

Public Relations Committee Report - Co-Chairs: Codi Peterson, PharmD, MS & Minyona Mason, MS

Overview

Throughout 2025, Public Relations Committee has optimized and maintained CANN's website:

- ❖ cann-accs.org

The website takes particular care to focus on member experience, implementing design and content elements specifically strategized to provide relevant information to current members and engage potential members and donors.

Administrative Updates

The PR Committee has added a new co-chair, Codi Peterson, PharmD who will be in charge of running all of CANN's social media.

- ❖ [CANN Public Relations Committee Guidelines](#)
- ❖ [PR Committee Webpage](#)

Volunteers:

- ❖ Minyona Mason
- ❖ Codi Peterson

Social Media Metrics

Social Media Platform	Followers/Subscribers	Change (%)
Instagram	2,694 → 2870	+6.5%
Facebook	1,977 → 1948	-1%
Twitter	2,174 → 2144	-1% - No posting (Not on Social Media Manager)
LinkedIn	3036→3300	+8.7%
YouTube	366→386	+5.5%

Logos, Branding, and Templates

- ❖ Ongoing graphics:
 - o Journal Club
 - o ACS Meeting & Programming Schedule
 - o Event promotion

Senior Advisory Committee Report - Chair: Russ Phifer

Overview

The CANN Senior Advisors are active members within the Division of Chemical Health and Safety who assist subdivision leadership in steering through ACS policies, procedures, and issues, making recommendations as appropriate. The Senior Advisors anticipate being active participants in the effort for CANN to achieve Probationary Division status in the next year or two.

The group participates in CANN Executive Committee meetings & conference calls on a regular basis. The Senior Advisory Committee consists of:

- ❖ Russ Phifer
- ❖ Harry Elston, PhD
- ❖ John Palmer
- ❖ Mary Beth Koza

Cannabis Chemist Certification

Senior Advisory Committee Chair Russ Phifer in conjunction with CANN EC members developed the framework of a Cannabis Chemist Certification program to provide a professional certification resource for cannabis chemists through the National Registry of Certified Chemists (NRCC). The program began in 2022 and NRCC is actively promoting the certification through meetings and exhibits.

To oversee and continue the development of the cannabis chemistry certification, CANN Chair Kyle Boyar and Brandon Canfield, PhD were appointed to the NRCC Board of Directors, with the responsibilities of evaluating applicants and maintaining the certification examination.

Lab Safety in the 2YC CHAS Chats/Community of Practice Report (Henry)

- Industry Safety Expectations and Engagement for 2YC Chemistry Graduates and Technicians (collaboration with CASE (Corporation Associates Safety Engagement subcommittee))- Thursday, February 19, 2026 (~57 attendees)
 - "Making Your Lab Less Toxic" with Greener Alternatives for Dichloromethane (DCM) and Other Solvents - Thursday, June 18, 2026 (~60 attendees)
 - All sessions are averaging approximately 175 registrants. Most sessions average approximately 80 attendees during the academic year. Next step is to convert more registrants to attendees. Metrics on how many people are watching the recordings are being gathered.
- Next 2YC CHAS Chat tentatively scheduled for September 17th, 4 – 5PM. Will be a collaboration with CCS Resource distribution sub-committee. Will highlight CCS Tip Sheets. Title TBA.

Peer-led Initiatives Report

Various initiatives have been established to support the growth and sustainability of Laboratory Safety Teams (LSTs) within academic institutions across the U.S. These include regular communication through Discord, monthly check-ins with the CHAS Peer-Led Initiatives Coordinator, and outreach and collaborative projects with members of the committees on corporation associates (CA) and Chemical Safety (CCS). These initiatives are led by graduate researchers, with technical guidance and mentorship provided by a dedicated group of experienced LST alumni and CHAS members. Starting in Fall 2026, we are happy to welcome **Adelina Oronova, Ph.D.** (Research Scientist, AgeisBio) as our incoming Mentorship Team Lead. We would also like to extend our thanks to **Amanda Chung, Ph.D.** (Chemical Hygiene Officer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), for her time and help as the Mentorship Team Lead over the years and for helping the Peer-Led Initiatives grow. Additionally, to maintain and strengthen the collaboration with CCS, an application for the Peer-Led Initiatives Coordinator to become a liaison with CCS has already been submitted. This structure offers both an invaluable leadership development opportunity and a supportive space for student researchers to address and discuss practical lab safety challenges.

Committee subgroup (peer-led or professional):	Peer-led initiatives
Date:	08/09/2026
Upcoming workshops/events/activities	
Title: ACS CHAS RAMP+LST workshop (virtual)	Date: 08/23/2026 Workshop leader: Olajumoke Mary Ayeni (University of North Texas); Deep Shikha Srivastava (University of Connecticut) Facilitator(s): Olajumoke Mary Ayeni (University of North Texas); Deep Shikha Srivastava (University of Connecticut) Moderator(s): Neha Davange (University of North Texas) and Omowunmi Aworinde (Michigan Technological University) Registration Link: <i>ACS Website (The workshop will run as part of the ACS Fall 2026 programming)</i>
Title: From Laboratory Bench to Community: Connecting Bench-Scale Safety Culture with Broader Environmental Health Outcomes Symposium (In-person and Virtual)	Date: 08/25/2026 Abstracts Submitted: 15; 10: in-person, 5: virtual Presider(s): Herbert Che Mughe (University of North Dakota), Pedro Flores Gallardo (University of Arizona), and Oluwanifesimi Afolabi (Michigan Technological University)

Title: ACS CHAS RAMP+LST workshop (virtual)	Date: 06/07/2026 Attendance: <u>23</u> out of <u>25</u> Workshop leader: Olajumoke Mary Ayeni (University of North Texas); Deep Shikha Srivastava (University of Connecticut) Facilitator(s): Herbert Che (University of North Dakota); Neha Davange (University of North Texas) Registration Link: https://summer26Workshop.eventbrite.com
Name of person submitting this report:	Ranjana Burman



Division of Chemical Health and Safety Awards Committee

August 24, 2026



Awards Committee

- Function: The Awards Committee solicits nominations for Division Awards,* selects recipients ~~for Division awards*~~, formulates policies for selection of award recipients, identifies potential award recipients.
- The Awards Committee will coordinate with the Social and Programming Committees to arrange presentations and symposia related to the awards.
- Awards Committee Manual by Kimi Brown in 2021. (*Need to review for possible amendments.*)

(* suggested amendments)

Committee Members



- Michael G. Koehler, Chair
- Mary Beth Koza
- Sammye Sigmann
- Joe Pickel
- Debbie Decker

Plus ... Ad Hoc Subcommittees to review nominations and select awardees.

Current Status

- 2025-2026
 - Not functional
 - Lost submissions
 - Submissions not acted on
- NOW
 - Reformulated Committee
 - Same Function
 - New schedule (for 2026)

Schedule

January	Members Appointed by Division Chair	
January	New members read AI on each award to familiarize themselves with the criteria	
Jan- Feb	The Awards Selection Committee reviews nominations and selects recipients	
Jan- Feb	The Awards Committee Chair organizes meetings for recipient selection and prepares ballots. Balloting can be done electronically or by tele- or web-conferencing.	
March	The Awards Committee Chair notifies recipients and receives assurance they can receive the award and attend and present a paper at the annual CHAS Award Symposium at the fall ACS meeting.	

Schedule

Prior to Spring Meeting	The Awards Committee Chair notifies the Division Chair, Social Chair, Programming Chair, Treasurer, and ACS JCHS Editor	
At Spring Meeting	The Awards Committee Chair announces the selections to the Executive Committee.	
Following Spring Meeting	Announcements of award recipients to membership (DCHAS-L, ACS JCHS, CE&N, etc.)	
Mar-Aug	The Awards Committee Chair arranges for CHAS/ACS Plaques, pins or rosettes, and checks to be prepared in time for the Award presentation and contacts the recipients for a short Bio and Presides at the program session.	

Schedule

September	The Awards Committee Chair puts out the call for nominations.	
November	The Awards Canvassing Committee begins collecting names for recipients of divisional awards for the following year cycle.	

- Where do we go from here??
- 2026 Awards Schedule CANNOT be properly executed
- Suggestions – Relaunch Starting with SEPTEMBER 2026
- Do we include 2025 submissions? Ask for Resubmission? *Note: We do not have ALL of the 2025 Submissions.*

Division Awards

1. **Howard Fawcett Chemical Health and Safety Award (\$500)**
2. **Service Award (\$0)**
3. **Tillmanns-Skolnik Award (\$500)**
4. **College and University Health and Safety Award (\$1000)**
5. **Chemical Health and Safety (CHAS) Fellow (\$0)**
6. **ACS Fellows (\$0)**
7. **The ElSohly Award (CANN Award financially administered by CHAS) \$??)**
8. **Lifetime Achievement Award (\$0)**
9. **CHAS Student Registration Award (cost of 2x student meeting registrations)**
10. **Laboratory Safety Institute Graduate Research Faculty Safety Award (Funded by LSI, \$1000)**
11. **CHAS Graduate Student Safety Leadership Award** *(Currently unfunded, would cost \$2,500/year, Did ACS Office of Safety Programs fund this?)*

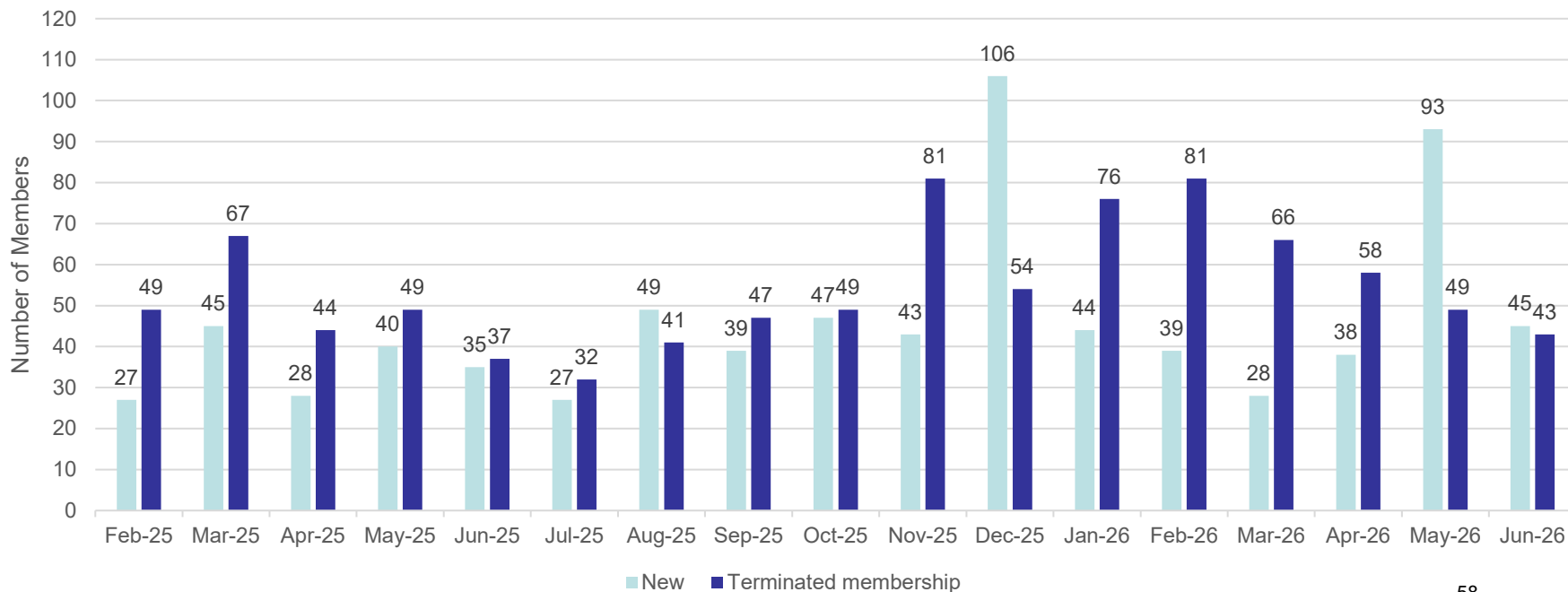
Suggested 2026 Schedule



July – Aug	Send note to ListServ about current status of awards and call for nominations for 2027	MGK
August	Present plan at the August Executive Committee Mtg	MGK to put into Agenda
August	Organization Meeting – Budget meeting After Chicago ACS Meeting	
September	Decision of 2025 Nominations	
September	The Awards Committee Chair puts out the call for nominations.	
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Membership Committee Updates

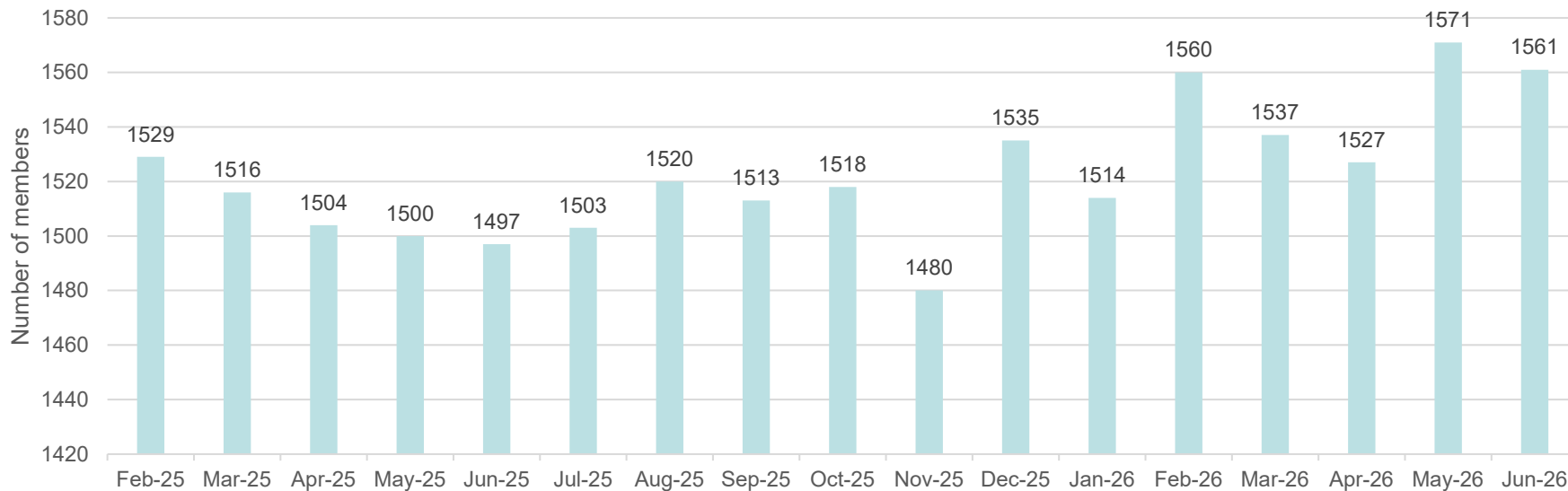
Membership Changes 2025- 2026



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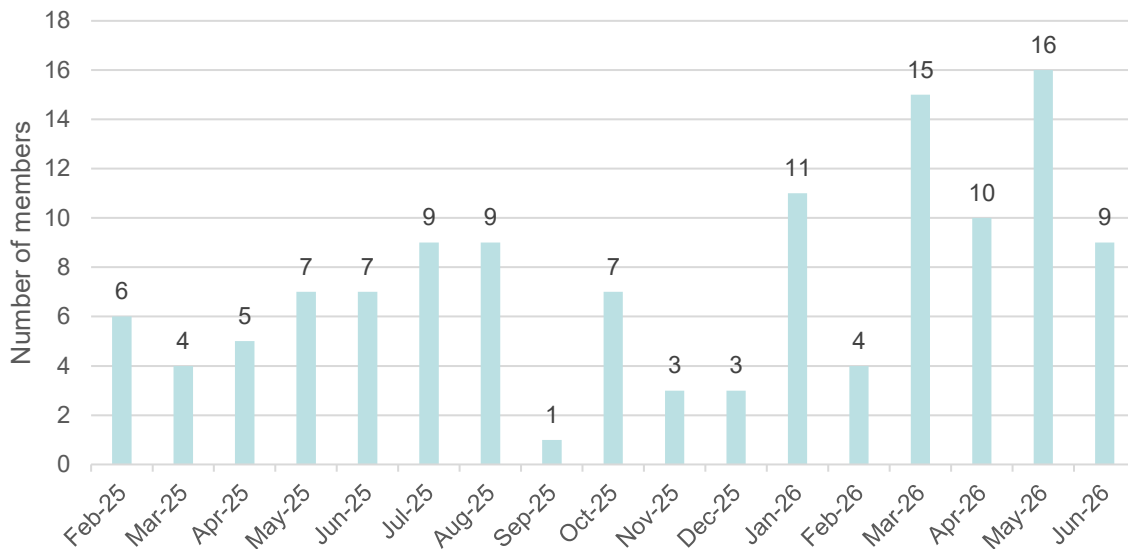
Membership Committee Updates

Total Membership



Membership Committee Updates

Number of Reinstated Members



- 21-35 (445) and 71+ (186)

Planning more membership and outreach events for future connections!

ACS Division of Chemical Health & Safety
Fall 2026 – Chicago, IL
Programming Report
Debbie Decker, Monica Hensley, Evan Friedmann

The **Spring 2026** meeting was held in Atlanta, GA with the theme “Collaborate. Innovate. Transform.” The following symposia were presented with :

- General Papers/Posters in Chemical Health and Safety (Decker)
- Transforming Chemistry Practices for Sustainability and Safety (Koza)
- Chronic Toxicity: The Hidden Risk in Chemical Laboratories (Denlinger) *
- Cannabis and Medicinal Chemistry: A Growing Alliance (Pellati) * (2 sessions)
- ElSohly Awards Symposium (Friedmann)
- Quality, Character and Chemistry: Cannabis Quantified (Friedmann, Oswald)

Three joint symposia with MEDI and TOXI were presented which are exciting opportunities for ongoing collaboration. Three digital sessions (*) were also scheduled to support far flung presenters and attendees. Offering digital sessions is much appreciated for those who otherwise can't attend meetings in person.

The **Fall 2026** meeting in Chicago has the theme “Chemists making history. Be part of it” with a focus on celebrating ACS' 150th Anniversary. The following symposia are planned:

- Celebrating 150 Years of ACS: Shaping Safer Chemistry for All (Gmurczyk, Koehler)
- How AI Can Enhance and Inform a Safer Workplace for All (Wood-Black)
- Best Practices for Handling High Hazard Reagents (Keyser)
- Connecting Bench-Scale Safety Culture with Broader Environmental Health Outcomes (Mughe, Gallardo, Afolabi)
- Connecting Bench-Scale Safety Culture with Broader Environmental Health Outcomes (Mughe, Gallardo, Afolabi) (digital)
- General Papers/Posters in Chemical Health and Safety
- Consumer Relevant Quality Metrics in Cannabis (Friedmann)
- Medicinal Chemistry Approaches to Cannabis and Plant-Based Drug Development (Friedmann, Sharif)

Collaborating with the ACS Safety Office, we're excited to present the Celebrating 150 Years of ACS: Shaping Safer Chemistry for All symposium. This symposium is featured as a Presidential event with an impressive list of presenters and contributors.

Within the technical program, are several innovative presentation experiences for attendees – fireside chats, flash talks, roundtable discussions and the like. We're hopeful these new experiences will resonate with attendees and encourage future attendance and interaction with programming.

For **Spring 2027** in New Orleans, MAPS is currently open for submissions until September 28th. We continue to explore innovative ways of presenting technical content to our attendees and appreciate your creativity and suggestions.

- 1) Outreach Planning Meeting
- 2) Survey distribution and results
- 3) Lab Safety Showdown

Outreach Planning Meeting - May 20

- 22 CHAS and non-CHAS folks attended to crowd-source trivia questions and generate some buzz

Survey distributed between Feb-Apr 2026

- N=205
 - 53.7% undergraduates
 - 12.2% graduate students
 - 11.2% industry professionals
 - 10.7% faculty
 - 7.3% academic staff
 - 2.9% administrative staff
 - 2% postdoctoral fellows
 - 24% had never heard of CHAS!
 - 17% heard the name but don't know what we do!
 - Top barriers identified for not making safe choices:
 1. lack of knowledge/awareness
 2. time pressure
 3. lack of resources
 4. nonchalance/lack of caring
- Despite wide variety in responders, common themes emerged!

Survey distributed between Feb-Apr 2026

- DCHAS Program Types Desired (MC question with option to select 1):
 - Case studies 24.4%
 - Seminars/presentations 20.5%
 - Workshops with specific deliverables 14.6%
 - Others got smaller percentages
- Topic interests (free response question - top selections reported):
 - Waste disposal
 - Chemical storage
 - PPE (fit, appropriateness, etc)
 - Working with biohazards
 - Solvent safety
 - Teaching labs
 - Conducting hazard assessments
 - Emergency response/spill clean-up

Lab Safety Showdown

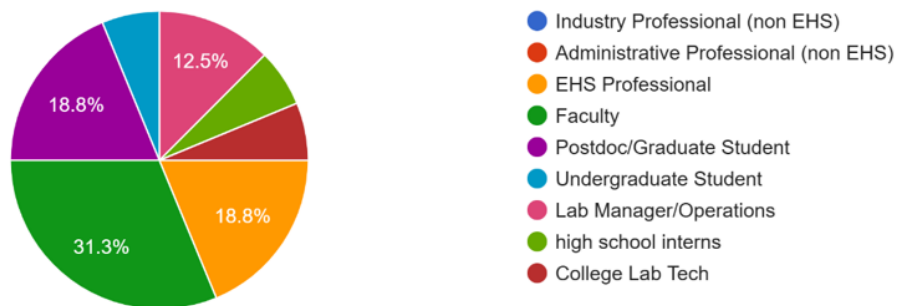
- Registered: 97 individuals plus 19 people who didn't register but showed up anyway = 116 people from 81 institutions
- Attended and played Kahoot: 46 individuals
- Geographic Distribution:
12 countries and 24 states
- Survey distributed with
N=16



Outreach

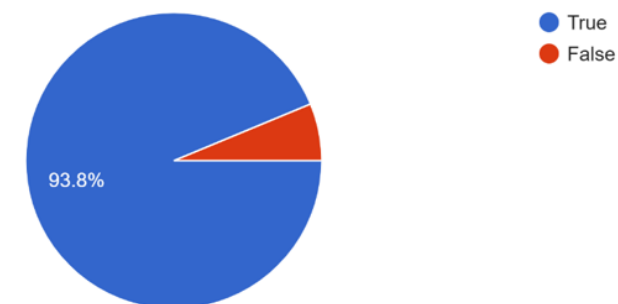
Role

16 responses



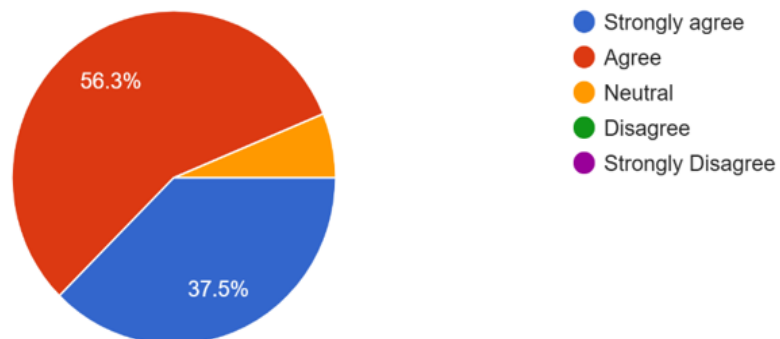
I learned a new safety fact, re-remembered one I had forgotten, or discussed one in more depth as a result of the Lab Safety Showdown.

16 responses



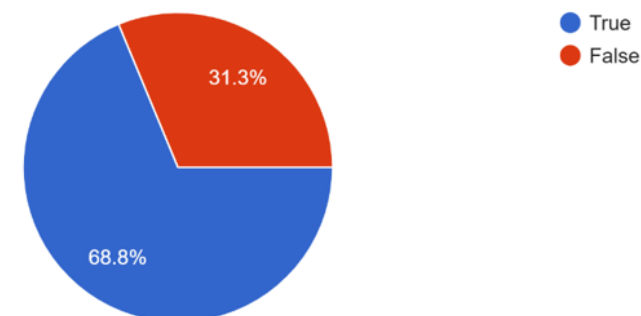
I had fun learning safety concepts during the Lab Safety Showdown.

16 responses



I met at least one person whom I'd like to connect with in the future during the Lab Safety Showdown.

16 responses



**DCHAS Financial Review
Spring 2026**

On 6 March 2026, a financial review team consisting of Michael Koehler, Dwayne Henry, Kalyani Martinelango, Robin Izzo, Mary Beth Koza and Harry Elston met to review the Division's finances. The review consisted of the Division's Balance Sheet, the 2025 Division Profit and Loss Statement, Bank of America Statement (Operating Account Statement), and two CANN Profit and Loss Statements (all dates and Jan-Dec 2025). A draft of the Treasurer's report to the Division was also reviewed. No anomalies were found.

The team recommends that the Treasurer's report be accepted at the Executive Committee Meeting.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harry Elston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Harry J. Elston, Ph.D., CIH
Financial Review Team Member



Laura Sremaniak

Candidate for ACS President-Elect

My Safety Philosophy

Safety is a core value of mine as a chemistry faculty member/academic leader and as an ACS member/Councilor.

Key Elements of my safety philosophy (in no particular order after #1)

- 1) Make safety a core value and a priority
- 2) Include safety in the hiring/interview, onboarding, and promotional/awards processes
- 3) Educate students (at all levels) with repeated exposure to safety concepts of increasing complexity
- 4) Develop a culture of safety (this is a big topic that I am passionate about!)
- 5) Leadership should set the tone for safety/health/wellbeing as a core value and ensure appropriate resource allocations for safety programs
- 6) Have clearly defined roles and responsibilities within an organization—everyone has a part to play in keeping the workplace/classrooms/labs safe
- 7) Develop strong relationships with EH&S professionals
- 8) Have regular safety communications within organizations
- 9) Maintain an emphasis on the basics (eg, careful attention to keeping a lab neat and tidy goes a long way to keeping it safe)
- 10) Lifelong learning and continual reassessment of and response to changing conditions/research/products, SOPs, and regulations
- 11) Encourage participation in the safety programs of professional societies like ACS!

During my presentation, I will highlight some of the ways in which I have implemented this safety philosophy at NC State University and as an ACS member in my local section. I'd like to hear what you think needs the support of the next ACS President. I look forward to this discussion at the CHAS open meeting!

Presidential Initiatives

Communication: We need to communicate our stories, continue to leverage our podcasts/social and local media channels, and encourage US members to consider adding their voices to legislative efforts through Act4Chemistry. We can support the inclusion of communicating science to general audiences as part of college/university curricula. ***Let's promote a better understanding of how important and practical chemistry is to address the world's biggest problems!***

Education: We must be agile in responding to the use of AI in education and workplaces. We can use existing offerings such as webinars and short courses which feature ideas from early adopters. We can consider partnering with the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT) to expand its resource structure to include college teaching of general and organic chemistry. We should provide opportunities for US-based student groups to be linked to an international student group and encourage wide adoption of Graduate Student Organizations. ***Let's work together to meet the challenges of educating students and helping chemists adapt to the rapid changes in an AI-enabled world!***

Membership: We must address the demographic challenges and improve retention rates. We need clear and more personalized communication to inform members of offerings that might be of interest to them. Tailored solutions are also needed to reduce the organizational burden of volunteering, creating margin for leaders to plan and execute events in local sections, divisions, international, and student chapters. We should consider an expanded role for Alternate Councilors and enhanced communication between Councilors. ***Let's make ACS the most vibrant and welcoming professional home for all in the chemical sciences!***

Learn more from my website: laura4acs.org or find me on [LinkedIn](#).

Division Activities Committee Report (R. Phifer)

1. CHAS was awarded a \$27,000 grant for the Convergent Chemistry Community (CCC) grant proposed by CANN, which involves ACS sections (CHAS, CHAL, SCHB, MEDI, AGFD, ANYL, AGRO) plus YCC. This was one of two CCC awards for this cycle. The project will be developed through preliminary meetings with the participants, culminating in a Summit meeting in New Orleans prior to the Spring meeting.
2. CHAS was awarded a \$6000 IPG Grant to organize a social networking event in New Orleans for CHAS, SCHB, BGMT and CHAL. Russ will be coordinating with those divisions to decide the venue and format. Each Division has agreed to contribute \$1500, which is matched by the DAC award for a total budget of \$12,000 which should fund a great event.
3. There is a new Grants pilot program called Spark Grants. These will be for collaborative proposals between a Division and Committees, Local Sections or a Regional Meeting. The total committed is up to \$2000 each for up to 10 projects. Divisions cannot work with other Divisions - the proposal must involve a different ACS unit working with the Division.
4. There are subtle changes to the Allocation Formula, but I don't think there will be significant impact on CHAS. As always, there is a benefit to attendance at national and regional meetings by Division members as well as presentation of oral and poster presentations.
5. There are new approved changes to ChemLuminary awards. Instead of just one Recognition of Innovation and Outstanding Service to Members Award to a single Division, there will be separate awards for Small, Medium and Large Divisions. Also, the current Most Unique Project Funded by a Division IPG, the award will be in Recognition of Outstanding Cross-Division Collaboration and Impact. Note: there are only three ChemLuminary Awards for Divisions; most of the others are for Local Sections. (the third award- for Outstanding collaboration between a Division and a Local Section will not change).
6. There was much discussion with the ACS new branding team over the ability for Divisions to maintain their own insignia and logos in lieu of the new ACS branding. While ACS clearly wants Divisions and other ACS units to convert to the new format, there is no time implementation "deadline", and Divisions are allowed to work directly with the branding people to explore alternative formats that allow continuance of current logos in some manner.