Chemical Society of Washington Candidate Statements

President-Elect

Lauren Ragle, PhD

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Memphis	PhD	Organic Chemistry
University of Memphis	MS	Organic Chemistry
University of Memphis	BS	Biochemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Assistant Prof at GWU	Ashburn, VA	August 2020 - Current
NCI Postdoctoral Fellow	Bethesda, MD	Jan 2017 - July 2020
Adjunct at GWU	Ashburn, VA	Jan 2020 - April 2020
Adjunct at Trinity	Washington, DC	August 2019 - Dec 2019
Adjunct at FAES	Bethesda, MD	Aug 2017 - May 2019

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Mini-Symposium Co-Chair, ASCB Annual Meeting	2022 (Meeting in Dec. 2022)
Manager, Chemical Society of Washington (ACS)	Spring 2020 – Fall 2022
Associate SAT Test Supervisor for Montgomery County, MD	Fall 2018 - Present
Editor, CCR-FYI Newsletter (at NCI)	Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
Judge, Postbac Poster Day (at NIH)	Summer 2019
Judge, Postbac Poster Day (at NIH)	Summer 2017
Vice President, Chemistry GSA at University of Memphis	Summer 2015 - Spring 2016
College of Arts and Sciences Representative, GSA, U of Mem.	Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
Graduate Studies Committee, Chemistry Department	Fall 2014 - Spring 2016
Graduate Travel Committee, GSA, University of Memphis	Fall 2013 - Spring 2014

STATEMENT

My name is Lauren Ragle and I enjoy actively serving organizations of which I am a member. I have volunteered with CSW previously, including an event that brought school-aged young girls to ACS Headquarters to learn science through hands-on experiments. As a scientific educator, I hope to see CSW continue in our outreach efforts. I served as co-chair for the Awards Committee and the Younger Chemists Committee this past year. I attended the Leadership Institute where I made several acquaintances and swapped ideas on how to strengthen CSW. As President-Elect, I hope to continue to be of service to CSW and support our membership as we navigate the post-pandemic world.

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Treasurer

Reyniak Richards

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Maryland	MS	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Assistant Professor	Largo, MD	2016 - Present

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Position/Activity	Year
Treasurer, CSW	2020-Present
Co-Chair Committee of Minority Affairs	2021-Present
ACS Member	2006 - Present

STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated to continue in the role of Treasurer for CSW. As treasurer I have managed the finances, issued reimbursements, and filed the tax forms for CSW for the past 2 years. I hope to continue serving as the treasurer for another two years.

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Councilor

Joseph Duran

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Chicago	**B.A.**	**Chemistry**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Senior Scientific Consultant **Cardinal Health**	**Silver Spring, MD**	**2017 - Present**
Interdisciplinary Scientist **FDA**	**Silver Spring, MD**	**2011- 2017**
Research Assistant **Wayne State University**	**Detroit, Michigan**	**2010-2011**
Scientist I **Arena Pharmaceuticals**	**San Diego, California**	**2008 - 2009**
Scientist I **Neurocrine Biosciences**	**San Diego, California**	**2007 - 2008**
Scientist **Pfizer Inc.**	**Ann Arbor, Michigan**	**2003 - 2007**
Scientist **Searle/Monsanto/Pharmacia**	**Skokie, Illinois**	**1993 - 2003**

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
So far none. This would be my first.	

STATEMENT

I have enjoyed participating in CSW events and would like to be more involved. By being elected to the councilor position, I feel I would be making a valuable contribution to the organization I have appreciated for several years now.

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Councilor

Ravinder Paul Lall

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Illinois Institute Of Technology Chicago, illinois	Master of Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering
Indian Institute Of Technology Delhi India	Master of Science	Chemistry
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi India	Master of Technology	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Chemical Engineer Edgewood Chemical Biological Center US Army research Development and Engineering Command Aberdeen Proving Ground	Edgewood Maryland 21010	10/1/1990-05/18/2012

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Position/Activity	Year
1. Participation in American Chemical Society(ACS) washington DC Local Section Minority Affairs Meetings	
2. Reviewed the Research manuscripts for Optical Engineering as well as Applied Remote Sensing Journals for SPIE, The International Society for Optics and photonics.	
3. Reviewed Research Manuscripts for Drug and Chemical Toxicology Journal	
4. Member Society Of Toxicology	
5. Chemical Biological(CB) defense Science & Technology (S&T)Research in support of US National CB Defense programs. CB Defense S&T Research presentations at various Professional Scientific Society Meetings	

STATEMENT

At present I am in Retired Status.

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Councilor

Xiaoyong Lu, Ph.D.

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Ohio University	Ph.D.	Organic Chemistry
Shanghai University	M.S.	Organic Chemistry
Shanxi University	Undergraduate	Chemical Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Director, Sirnaomics Inc.	Gaithersburg, MD	01,2021-Now
Group Leader, Sirnaomics Inc.	Gaithersburg, MD	07,2019-01,2021
Senior Scientist II, sirnaomics	Gaithersburg, MD	05,2017-07,2019
Research Associate, University of Maryland	College Park, MD	08,2014-05,2017
Postdoctoral Researcher The Ohio State University	Columbus, OH	07,2013-05,2014
Research Associate Ohio University	Athens, OH	08,2008-05,2013

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Director of Chemistry, Sirnaomics Inc.	2021-now
Group Leader, Sirnaomics Inc.	2019-2021
Referee for multiple journals	2015-now
CBA workshop event coorganizer	2017-2018

STATEMENT

A passionate organic chemist with professional training and working experience in various of chemistry disciplines, including organic, supramolecular, nanomaterial chemistry and RNA drug development. With the knowledge and management skills developed in my previous stages, I believe that I have a good will and reasonable stand to be beneficial for the CSW local organization in terms of the outreaching and diversification in the science and activities.

Currently, I am director of chemistry at Sirnaomics Inc. I lead a team to develop siRNA based novel therapeutics from early discovery to delivery, and formulation. In the past, I have demonstrated in depth of scientific capability through advanced over 2.4 million of research funding and strong publications records. Besides, I also actively involved in various of professional organization and events, make public presentations in ACS national meeting, volunteers and organize the local CBA workshops. Working in the pharmaceutical company, and it further expended my circle and could reflect to the radiation of the CSW community in future. It also improved my communication and problem-solving skills via dealing with CROs chemical synthesis company and leading the diverse group in drug development.

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With both fluent in English and Chinese language, I could reach out both communities and bring more people and diverse culture into the organization and events. Definitely, without a teamwork, I can do nothing big, so I am willing to be a leader if it is needed or a teammates whenever one needed.

I believe a good and strong will lead to a great success. A growing mindset will lead an organization transforming.

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Councilor

LaKesha N. Perry

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Towson University	B.S.	Chemistry
Prince George's Community College	A.S.	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Academic Program Director (NIST)	Gaitherburg, MD	2021-Present
Engineering Technician (NIST)	Gaithersburg, MD	2015-2021
Chemist/Rheology Technician (FHWA)	McLean, VA	2007-2015
Document Control Manager (FDA)	College Park, MD	2005-2007

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
President (Chemical Society of Washington)	2022-Present
Associate Member- Committee on Technician Affairs (American Chemical Society)	2021-Present
President Elect (Chemical Society of Washington)	2021-2022
Councilor (Chemical Society of Washington)	2020-Present
Secretary (Chemical Society of Washington)	2017-2019

STATEMENT

It is an honor to be nominated as Councilor for the CSW. I have been a member of ACS for years as an undergraduate student and would love the opportunity to serve within the CSW chapter. I have 20 + years of experience in research development, quality control and scientific instrumentation within Government Agencies. I am very familiar with Standing Rules and governance within an organization. I am committed to help accomplish outreach goals and promote membership and involvement amongst students and professionals. As a CSW Councilor, I will manage local section events, and community correspondences related to committee goals and objectives. I will also represent the local section at local and national meetings. I welcome the opportunity to serve and work closely with local members.

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Councilor

Nevart N. Tahmazian

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK	MS	CHEMISTRY
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT	MA	CHEMICAL EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Chemistry Professor/Montgomery College	Rockville/MD	1995-present
co-Founder and Advisor of the STEM Education Community Club/Montgomery College	Rockville, MD	2014-present
Global Classrooms fellow	Rockville, MD	2022
co-PI for NSF Robert NOYCE grant- preparing Excellent teachers for STEM	Rockville/MD	2016-May2022
Global Humanities Institute fellow	Rockville/MD	2015-2016

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
ACS Councilor	2020-present
Serving as an Associate on the Committee on International Activities, ACS	2022-present
Current NCW Coordinator for CSW	2022
co-Chair Outreach Committee, CSW	2022-present
CSW Board of Managers	2015-present
Co-Chair of Education Committee, CSW	2016-2021
Maryland Professor of the year, by Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and CASE	2015
Serving on the Scientific Advisory Board for the Rockville Science Center organization (RSC)	2017-present
CSW Outreach Volunteer of the year award	2015
NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Excellence award	2011

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STATEMENT

I would be honored to continue to serve on the CSW Board as a Councilor, and represent my local section to ACS. I am currently an "Associate" serving on the ACS International Activities Committee (IAC), and I enjoy tremendously working with the wonderful and talented volunteers. I also greatly enjoy working with the International Chapters and Sections.

Currently, on the CSW Board of Managers, I serve as the NCW Coordinator and the co-Chair of the Outreach Committee. If reelected, I would love to continue my efforts towards outreach, which I consider it to be a very powerful mode for educating chemistry and developing appreciation for it. For Earth Week celebration in April 2022, CSW had a National winner for the Illustrated Poem contest.

I look forward to continue to serve the important mission of the Chemical Society of Washington and serve ACS locally and globally.

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Manager-At-Large

Allison A. Aldridge

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Loyola University-Chicago	Ph.D.	Chemistry
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	BS.	Biology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Consumer Safety Officer	Silver Spring/Maryland	2011-present
Director of Analytical Services	Buford/Georgia	2009-2011
Manager of Analytical Services	Buford/Georgia	2009
R&D Analytical Manager	Atlanta/Georgia	2005-2009

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Member/Nominations and Elections Committee	2019-present
Member/Committee on Chemists with Disabilities	2012-2018
Chair/Committee on Minority Affairs	2009-2011
Secretary/Division of Professional Relations	2004-2008
President/Chemical Society of Washington	2018
Member/Community Activities	2005-2006
Chair-elect/Chicago Section	2005
Councilor/Chicago Section	2004-2005
Member/Committee on Minority Affairs	2004-2008
Alternate Councilor/Chicago Section	2001-2003

STATEMENT

I am asking for your vote to elect me to serve as your manager for CSW. I am a public servant and it is an honor to represent you.

Join me in this campaign to:

- **Champion chemistry's role in natural resource conservation and environmental stewardship**
- **Advocate for diversity, equity, inclusion and respect**
- **Sponsor programs for career development**
- **Engage and encourage greater student, industry and government chemist participation through outreach**

As a CSW manager, I will work to bring ACS programs and services to our section.

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Manager-At-Large

Novella Bridges

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
Louisiana State University	PhD	Chemistry
Jackson State University	BS	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Program Manager	Gryphon Technologies	2018-Present
Research Specialist	Pacific NW National Lab	2001-2018

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Position/Activity	Year
Manager, CSW	2017-Present
President, Richland Section	2009-2011
CCPA	2018-Present
WCC	2009-2014

STATEMENT

I enjoying serving and promoting the science community. It is important to give back and help uplift students.

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Manager-At-Large

Jason E. Schaff

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Minnesota	Ph.D. 1997	Analytical Chemistry
Yale University	B.S. 1991	Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Chemistry Reviewer (Food and Drug Administration)	Beltsville, MD	08/2020-present
Forensic Examiner (U.S. Federal Government)	Quantico, VA	10/2016-08/2020
Forensic Chemist (U.S. Federal Government)	Washington, DC and Quantico, VA	04/1999-10/2016

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
CSW Bylaws Committee Chair	2018-present
CSW President	2017
CSW Committee for ACS National Meeting Activities - Chair	2017
CSW / ACS Councilor	2014-2016
CSW / ACS Alternate Councilor	2012-2013, 2017-present
CSW Budget Committee Chair	2012-2016
CSW Secretary	2006-2011

STATEMENT

I am honored to have the opportunity to stand for reelection to the CSW Board of Managers. I have served on the Board for almost 17 years; as Secretary, as a Councilor, and as President. Over the years, I have been a member of several committees, including: Nominations, Bylaws (as chair), Budget (as chair), and Education. I was also a member of the organizing committees for three different ACS-supported CSW community outreach symposia, and of the organizing committees for local section activities at the Fall 2009 and Fall 2017 (as chair) ACS National Meetings. As a Councilor, I served on two ACS Committees: Chemical Safety and Constitution & Bylaws. As chair of the CSW Bylaws Committee I successfully oversaw a project to update CSW's Bylaws and bring them into line with current ACS practices, terminology, and guidelines, all while preserving CSW's unique identity. If reelected, I will maintain my involvement with CSW's many valuable outreach programs, faithfully represent the interests of CSW and its members, and look for opportunities to connect our programs and services with ACS resources.

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Manager-At-Large

Jacqueline Smith

EDUCATION

Institution name	Degree or Student Status	Field of Study
University of Maryland College Park	PhD	Organic Chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	City/State	Start-End
Assistant Professor Bowie State University	Bowie/MD	2016-
Postdoctoral Researcher Georgetown University	Washington/DC	2011-2016

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN ACS NATIONAL OFFICES, ACS LOCAL SECTIONS, ACS DIVISIONS, OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Position/Activity	Year
Chemistry Coordinator Bowie State University	2017-

STATEMENT

I am an organic chemist in academia who has a passion for research, teaching and bringing science to the community. As a professor at an HBCU I have the opportunity to work with undergraduate students the majority of which come from underrepresented backgrounds. I enjoy teaching them organic chemistry as well as engaging them in research projects. I have also had many opportunties to volunteer with Prince George's County Public Schools as a science fair judge at many schools and as a Research Practicum mentor for Science & Technology Programs. I look forward to working the CSW/ACS to further serve the community.