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CSW President's Welcome for 2023



Greetings and Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Board of Managers, it is my pleasure to welcome the Chemical Society of Washington (CSW) to 2023. I am honored to have the opportunity to represent over 4,000 members within the Washington, DC area. CSW was established in 1884 with the mission to promote the chemical community and is currently one of the largest American Chemical Society (ACS) local sections. We acknowledge that the pandemic is not over, and while this year we hope to reintroduce in person events, we will make sure that they are hybrid or accommodate social distancing to meet everyone's needs.

While I started my education as a chemist, I have transitioned across a multitude of fields over my career. Currently I am a policy analyst with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), looking at federal R&D budget policy. (If you want to know how much NSF and NIH are projected to have in available funding next year, feel free to reach out!) I'm also passionate about increasing equity, and have worked on several research projects aimed at evaluating disparities in STEMM research. I've been involved in ACS for a decade, and CSW directly for the last 5 years. When not working, I foster cats with a local rescue and you might see them in the background of any virtual meetings we host.

As a 'nontraditional' career chemist, I hope to continue the series of meetings that broaden the scope of what a chemistry degree can do that LaKesha started. The CSW is a unique chapter because we have a diversity of chemists that isn't easily found elsewhere—and I hope that our events and meetings continue to highlight the breadth of our membership.

Contact CSW if you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer, speaker, or to just share ideas. You can find details about participating in events and joining CSW committees on our website at www.capitalchemist.org. We would love to hear from you and all feedback is welcome.

I hope we all have a very productive year and record volunteer engagement. See you in 2023!

Best regards,

Alessandra Zimmermann

2023 CSW President

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CSW Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected members of CSW's Board of Managers! Here are the results of the annual CSW election, which closed on November 15:

President-Elect, 2023

Lauren Ragle

Treasurer, 2023-2024

Reyniak Richards

Councilors, 2023-2025

- LaKesha Perry
- Nevart Tahmazian
- Xiaoyong Lu

Alternate Councilors, 2023-2025

- Joseph Duran
- Ravinder Paul Lall

Managers-at-Large, 2023-2024

- Steven P. Cummings
- Lyle Isaacs
- Jason Johnston
- Maria Kipreos

CSW heartily thanks the following Board Members who are retiring from the Board at the end of 2022. Their years of service to CSW and the chemistry community are greatly appreciated, and they will be missed!

- Darryl Boyd
- Rodrigo Lazo-Portugal
- Ashley Pennington
- Jennifer Tanir

CSW Member Publication Submission



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We would like to highlight the work of CSW Members' accomplishments in terms of publications, book chapters, an op-ed, reports, and presentations at local/national/international meetings. If you had such contributions during 2022 (January to present date), please complete the Google form using the link below.

Note that submission does not imply that your work is guaranteed to end up in the newsletter or website. We reserve the right to remove submissions that may be controversial or upsetting to others.

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/zRhFLkRWMdPXoLXNA>

Congratulations to ACS Members celebrating 50, 60 and 70 Years in 2022

The Chemical Society of Washington congratulates the members of the American Chemical Society who have reached their 50th, 60th, and 70th membership anniversary in 2022! It is a pleasure to recognize this milestone and to acknowledge your contributions to the success of the ACS.

View our Recognized Members: <https://tinyurl.com/y4u6ys95>

Historically, to celebrate this occasion, the Chemical Society of Washington and Senior Chemists committee would hold a special luncheon in December, at which we would present an ACS Certificate of Recognition for 50, 60, or 70 years of service. Since we are unable to proceed with such an event during the current COVID emergency situation, we have mailed the certificates to recipients and will arrange for a recognition luncheon when it is safe to gather again.

We also recognized our milestone members at CSW's virtual meeting held on December 14, 2022.

The officers and members of the Chemical Society of Washington look forward to honoring all members who have reached such a milestone anniversary during 2020, 2021, and 2022 once it is safe to meet in person, hopefully during 2023!

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2023 Officers

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Alessandra Zimmermann

President-elect

Lauren Ragle

Immediate Past President

LaKesha Perry

Secretary

Brian Rolczynski

Treasurer

Reyniak A. Richards

CSW Calendar of Events

January 23: CSW Board Meeting

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/43cxe54b>