It is a great honor to serve as the 2019 Chair of POLY. As you know, POLY is a volunteer organization, and we are successful only if members are engaged and active. POLY has developed a portfolio of resources and activities designed for members from all sectors and all stages of their careers. I would like to thank the members who have worked very hard to establish these initiatives and make them successful. Please visit our newly revised website. I’ve highlighted below some engagement opportunities.

**Webinars and Webshops:** Webinars and webshops are on-line seminars and workshops. Our first webshop will take place June 24th. [https://www.polyacs.net/19controlledwebshop](https://www.polyacs.net/19controlledwebshop)

We are looking for ideas, speakers, and sponsors! Contact the POLY Business Office for more information at 540-231-3029 or KATHYL@VT.EDU.

**Local and Regional Meetings:** Funding is available to support local and regional meetings engaging POLY members. Contact the current POLY Chair or Mark Dadmun to request future meeting support.

**Education:** POLY has launched a new education effort encompassing curriculum development for educators; professional development for students, faculty, and young professionals; and outreach to the polymer community. Contact Phil Costanzo (pcostanz@calpoly.edu) for more information or to share your ideas for future endeavors.

**Workshops:** Workshops are organized around specific topics to engage scientists from industry, national labs, and academia. See upcoming workshops and new submission form on the POLY website.

**ACS National Meeting Opportunities:**

- **Programming:** Join the programming luncheon on Tuesdays to suggest ideas for new POLY topics and learn how you can organize a symposium.
- **Industrial Advisory Board:** Networking social on Monday evenings and Board Meeting on Tuesday mornings. Supports initiatives including travel awards for students, symposia highlighting industrial scientists, and industrial awards.
- **Students:** In the spring, students can participate in the Excellence in graduate research symposium, Undergraduate research symposium, and career panel. Students can also take advantage of the networking social on Monday evenings, student chapters, and awards geared toward students.
- **Networking:** There are numerous events to socialize during poster sessions, the award symposium Wednesday evening, coffee breaks, etc.

POLY strives to provide the professional platform for engaging in discussion of scientific advances, finding research collaborators, recruiting, being recruited, educating, learning, and publicizing your own research. It also provides the opportunity to network, make new friends, and have some fun! POLY membership has been very important in my career for over 30 years, as a student, an industrial scientist, a faculty member, and now as a benefit for my students. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer, have questions, or have ideas for new POLY initiatives.
The POLY/PMSE awards reception was held on Wednesday evening, April 3, 2019, at the ACS National Meeting in Orlando, FL, honoring outstanding achievements by its members. Craig Hawker (University of California, Santa Barbara), opened the event with a Plenary Lecture titled, “Power of polymer synthesis: Translation of basic materials research into social benefits.” 2019 POLY Chair, Sarah Morgan (University of Southern Mississippi) and 2019 PMSE Chair, Matthew Becker (University of Akron) had the pleasure of congratulating this year’s presenter.

Matthew Becker (University of Akron) was awarded the Carl S. Marvel award for his extraordinary accomplishments and innovation of unusual merit in the field of basic or applied polymer science. He holds appointments in the Departments of Polymer Science and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Akron. His multidisciplinary research team is focused on developing bioactive polymers for regenerative medicine and addressing unmet medical needs at the interface of chemistry, materials, and medicine. To date, his group has published more than 130 papers and has more than 50 patents issued or pending worldwide.

The ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry recognizes Kevin Cavicchi’s (University of Akron) outstanding effort to promote POLY membership and develop the University of Akron’s student chapter. Kevin served on the membership committee from 2010-2015. In 2016, he was elected Member-At-Large where he served 3 years.

Blaine McCarthy and Kali Miller were honored with the IAB Graduate Student Travel Award:

Blaine McCarthy, Colorado State University: "Development of strongly reducing phenoxazine organic photoredox catalysts and their application in organocatalyzed atom transfer radical polymerization."

Kali Miller, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: "Real-time measurement of analyte partitioning and polymer brush and conformation change."

These awards are generously supported by the POLY Industrial Advisory Board and are administered by the membership committee of the ACS POLY Division.
POLY Fellows Award

This award recognizes excellence in all ways that POLY members advance our field of polymer science, either through scientific accomplishments, service to the profession, or both. The 2019 POLY members honored, include (pictured below, left to right): Andrey Dobrynin (University of Akron), Michael Guiver (Tianjin University), Qinghuang Lin (ASML), Zhiquin Lin (Georgia Institute of Technology), and Mary Ann Meador (NASA Glenn Research Center).

APPLY FOR UPCOMING POLY AWARDS

Deadline: 7/1/2019
Paul J. Flory Award
Purpose: Recognize, encourage, and stimulate outstanding achievements by an individual or team in promoting undergraduate and/or graduate polymer education.

Deadline: 7/15/19
POLY Video Award
Purpose: Prepare young chemists to present their research in a short video/movie format and interact with a broad range of audiences, including more senior scientist and the general public. It should be geared toward a lay person.

Deadline: 7/15/19
Industrial Polymer Scientist Award
Purpose: Recognize outstanding industrial innovation and creativity in the application of polymer science, conducted by individual scientists or research teams.

Deadline: 7/31/19
POLY Graduate Student Travel Award
Purpose: Provide funding for polymer graduate students to travel to the National ACS meeting to present the results of their research.

Deadline: 11/1/19
Mark Young, Scholar, and Senior Awards
Purpose: Recognize excellence in basic or applied research and leadership in polymer science by scientists of all ages.

Deadline: 11/30/19
POLY Fellows Award
Purpose: Recognize excellence in all ways that POLY members advance our field of polymer science, either through scientific accomplishments, service to the profession, or both.

Additional Information: carleel@vt.edu - https://polyacs.org/AWARDS/

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On November 30th, the 2nd Annual Detroit Polymer Symposium and Networking Event was held at TechTown Detroit, co-sponsored by BASF, ACS Detroit Section, ACS POLY, Wacker, and Wayne State University. The theme was "The Future of Sustainable Design Through Polymer Science." There were 120 attendees, representing six companies and six universities. The meeting hosted 31 posters and 5 invited speakers, including contributions from both academia and industry.

Co-organizers Patrick Kelleher, Sarah Boehm, and Ray Neff of BASF, and Heinz Plaumann of Wayne State plan to hold a similar event next year.

This event was part of POLY's yearly science café funding. There are several Science Café grants available every year to support events hosted by POLY division members.

Science Café Funding

Science Cafés take place in casual settings such as pubs and coffee houses. They are open to the public or invited group, and feature an engaging conversation with scientists about a particular topic. Submit your idea TODAY! Find full details at: https://polyacs.org/sci-cafe/

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I am excited to share with you the contributions made by the POLY Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) as well as keep you informed of other exciting developments as we plan for the future.

The POLY Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) continues to keep POLY relevant to its industrial membership by supporting opportunities for networking, programming, education, and awards.

**Highlights:**

- Strong programming continued at the Spring 2019 ACS Orlando National Meeting with the 13th Industrial Innovations in Polymer Science (IIPS) symposium co-organized by Hayley Brown (Dow) and Brad Rodier (Rochal).
- IAB supported the POLY Graduate and Undergraduate Symposia and Career Discussion Panel.
- IAB continues sponsorship of the Spring and Fall Graduate Student Travel Awards.
- The IAB hosted its biannual networking reception at the Rosen Centre Hotel during the ACS Orlando meeting.
- Several IAB members will receive IAB support to attend POLY workshops this year.

Planning and development is already in progress for the second half of 2019 and beyond.

At the Fall 2019 ACS National Meeting in San Diego the 14th IIPS symposium, co-organized by Sean Ramirez (Illumina) and Laura Stratton (Polymer Chemistry Inc.) will offer talks on Biotechnology and Bioapplications of Polymers in Industry from the following speakers: Dimitris Collias (Proctor and Gamble), Andrew Guenthner (Nano Hydrophobics), Jose Laplaza (Levadura Bio), Georgios Patias (University of Warwick), Andrew Brown (Ilumina), Juan Hinestrosa (Biological Dynamics), and Michael Allen (Adhesive Research Inc.).

**Industrial Polymer Scientist Award:** Applications due July 31, 2019. We call for nominations for the POLY Industrial Polymer Scientist Award (IPS), due July 31, 2019. The Industrial Polymer Scientist Award recognizes outstanding industrial innovation and creativity in the application of Polymer Science conducted by individual industrial scientists or teams. The award is presented biennially in even-numbered years in the fall at the national ACS meeting during the POLY/PMSE award program. (Next award at Fall 2020 ACS San Francisco.)

As always, I thank you for your active participation and encourage you to reach out to Vice Chair Corinne Lipscomb (3M, celipscomb@mmm.com) or me. I look forward to the participation of each of our members, sharing updates, and gleaning even more ideas for keeping POLY relevant for its industrial members.

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POLYMER COMPOSITES AND HIGH PERFORMANCE MATERIALS
July 22-25, 2019
Doubletree, Rohnert Park, CA
S. Morgan (Univ. Southern Mississippi), D. Savin (Univ. Florida), M. A. Meador (NASA Glenn Research Center), M. Meador (NASA Game Changing Technology), J. Gilman (NIST), F. Phelan, Jr. (NIST), and A. Joy (Univ. Akron)

ADVANCES IN POLYOLEFINS
September 22-25, 2019
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NEXT GENERATION SMART MATERIALS
December 15-18, 2019
The Desoto Hotel, Savannah, GA
E. Berda (Univ. New Hampshire), Y. Simon (Univ. Southern Mississippi), J. Foster (Virginia Tech), M. Thuo (Iowa State Univ.), and L. Deravi (Northeastern Univ.)

LAYERED POLYMERIC SYSTEMS
February 23-26, 2020
Holiday Inn Windsor, Sonoma Wine Country, Windsor, CA
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SUSTAINABLE POLYMERS
May 17-20, 2020
Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, Safety Harbor, FL
M. Hillmyer (Univ. of Minnesota), T. Epps (Univ. of Delaware), and M. Robertson (Univ. of Houston)

FLUOROPOLYMERS
June 28-July 1, 2020
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EXCELLENCE IN POLYMER GRADUATE RESEARCH

The fifteenth symposium on "Excellence in Polymer Graduate Research" took place at the national ACS meeting in Orlando, Florida on March 31 – April 4, 2019. The purpose of this symposium was to provide recognition to outstanding graduate students in polymer science and engineering, to foster networking and exposure, and to help develop the careers of future leaders in our field. There were 28 oral presentations and 11 posters. The symposium was publicized via the POLY list server, POLY web page, and direct email messages to over 100 university departments that are active in polymer research. We requested each department nominate one outstanding graduate student to speak on his or her research in this special symposium.

Dr. Bonnie Charpentier, 2019 ACS President, visited the symposium on Monday to give an encouraging talk to the students. She was introduced by Dr. Sarah Morgan, the 2019 POLY Chair. A group photo was taken with the students, Dr. Charpentier, Dr. Morgan, and the session chairs. As part of the recognition, each student received a certificate plus a cash award. In addition, Wiley (Journal of Polymer Science) presented book awards (worth $250 each) to four students (Dylan Walsh, Illinois; Michael Sims, Florida; Eric Zhang, Clemson; and Sampa Maiti, Central Michigan) as additional recognition of their outstanding work.

Sanaz Abdolmohammadi
Iowa State Univ.

Dooman Akbarian
Pennsylvania State Univ.

Carolyn Buckley
Georgia Institute of Tech.

Shucheng Chen
Stanford Univ.

Wenyue Ding
Univ. of Houston

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Logan Eder
Ball State Univ.

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Weiping Gan
Univ. of Notre Dame

Chengzhe Gao
Virginia Tech

David Goldfeld
Univ. of Minnesota

Ruwan Gunawardhana
Univ. of Texas at Dallas

Erian Hua
Univ. of Iowa

Naihsuan Hu
Bowling Green State Univ.

Cheol Kang
Seoul National Univ.

Aditi Khirbat
Georgia Institute of Tech.

Tristan Kleine
Univ. of Arizona

Kayla Lantz
Univ. of South Carolina

Lingqiao Li
Northwestern Univ.

Pengtao Lu
Univ. of Washington

Sampa Maiti
Central Michigan Univ.

Blaine McCarthy
Colorado State Univ.

Kail Miller
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Cha.

Melody Morris
Univ. of Delaware

William Neary
Florida State Univ.

Jonathan Onorato
Univ. of Washington

Cassandra Reese
Univ. of S. Mississippi

Philip Scott
Virginia Tech

Sajjad Silab
Carnegie Mellon Univ.

Michael Sims
Univ. of Florida

Sneh Sina
Univ. of Connecticut

Thien Tran
Univ. of Buffalo

Huyen Vu
Univ. of Massachusetts

Dylan Walsh
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Cha.

Peiran Wei
Case Western Res. Univ.

Eric Zhang
Clemson Univ.

Fengyi Zhang
Georgia Institute of Tech.

Mengmeng Zhao
Univ. of Akron

Julia Zhao
Massachusetts Institute of Tech.

Sanaz Abdolmohammadi
Iowa State Univ.

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Ruwan Gunawardhana
Univ. of Texas at Dallas

Erian Hua
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Symposium Organizers
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Christine Coltrain (Eastman Kodak Company), and Timothy Long (Virginia Tech)
The fourteenth annual Undergraduate Research in Polymer Science Symposium was held at the Spring ACS national Meeting. There were 21 oral presentations and 34 poster presentations from numerous universities across the globe. The symposium featured a panel discussion on careers in polymer science with representatives from national laboratories, academia, and industrial laboratories that was open to all undergraduate and graduate student attendees.

The symposium is intended to provide recognition to outstanding undergraduate students in polymer science and engineering, to foster networking and exposure, to introduce opportunities in graduate research and to help develop the careers of future leaders in both academia and industry.

The POLY Industrial Advisory Board and PolyEd provided awards for best paper and poster presentations. The organizers extend thanks to all sponsors.

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Visit the calendar to view upcoming POLY events.
POLY/ACS NATIONAL MEETING ACTIVITY

258th ACS National Meeting (Fall)
August 25-29, 2019 San Diego, CA
ACS Theme: Chemistry and Water
Lead Program Chair: Thomas Epps, III (thepps@udel.edu)

2019 Fall ACS National Meeting – POLY Symposium Schedule
August 25-29, 2019 – Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego - San Diego, CA

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POLY Abstract Requirements:

A POLY oral and poster abstract should include title, authors, affiliations, abstract text, and key figure. Required word count is 150 and 250 words (figure is equal to 70 words).

Symposia Submission information can be found on-line at:
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259th ACS National Meeting (Spring)
March 22-26, 2020
ACS Theme: Macromolecular Chemistry: The Second Century
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- Green Polymer Chemistry: New Products, Processes, and Applications
- Industrial Developments in Polyolefin Macromolecular Design
- Industrial Innovations in Polymer Science
- Paul J. Flory Polymer Education Award
- Polymer Colloids: Synthesis, Analysis, Modeling and Application
- Structure to Function in Supramolecular Polymers and Materials
- The Road to Packaging Sustainability
- The Role of ASTM International in Polymer Testing and Analysis
- Translational Polymer Research
- Undergraduate Polymer Research

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POLY COUNCILORS’ REPORT

The ACS Council, at its April 3, 2019 meeting took the following actions: By electronic ballot, the Council selected our own H.N. Cheng and Carol A. Duane as candidates for 2020 President-Elect. Remember to vote in the fall!!

Amendment to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws - The Council approved the Petition to Streamline the ACS Governing Documents [Constitution Articles I-XIX, Bylaws I-XIV, and Standing Rules I-IX], which will reorganize the fundamental governing documents of the Society: the Constitution and Bylaws, and create a third document: Standing Rules. These three documents will function as a hierarchy. The Constitution should define; the Bylaws should authorize; and the Standing Rules should operationalize. The Petition will become effective if and when the proposed changes to the Constitution are approved by the Membership of the Society, and if and when the Board of Directors approves the Petition.

Council Special Discussion - ACS President Bonnie Charpentier led a special discussion on ACS Relevance to Current and Future Members: Challenges and Opportunities. Councilors provided many recommendations and suggestions including increased support for local sections and industry members, helping student members transition into their professional careers, and implementing a monthly payment tool for ACS dues. These, and all the other ideas and input submitted, will be shared with the Committee on Membership Affairs and the ACS Membership Division for further research or implementation.

2020 Member Dues - Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) to set the member dues for 2020 at the 2019 rate of $175.

International Chemical Sciences Chapter - On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities, the Council approved the establishment of ACS Pakistan International Chemical Sciences Chapter, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

Budget and Finance - In 2018, ACS generated a net from operations of $41.1 million, which was $13.3 million higher than 2017. Total revenues were $571.6 million, increasing 6.4% - or $34.2 million - over 2017. Expenses ended the year at $530.5 million, which was $20.8 million or 4.1% higher than the prior year. These results were attributable to strong performance from the Society’s Information Service units (CAS and ACS Publications) and a continued emphasis on expense management across the ACS.

ACS Publications: (Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications) - The committee elected Jerzy Klosin as Vice Chair, who will serve in that capacity from March 29, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The journal monitoring reports for 11 journals were presented, discussed thoroughly, and accepted with thanks. Editor reappointments were reviewed and recommendations to the ACS Board were made. In the Fall of 2019, four additional journal monitoring reports will be reviewed.

Division management reported on the ACS Conference of Editors that was held in January 2019, chaired by Professor Scott Miller, Editor-in-Chief of The Journal of Organic Chemistry and Vice Chair, Professor Jillian Buriak, Editor-in-Chief of Chemistry of Materials. Topics included updates on operational issues and a review of ongoing developments across all aspects of the Society’s publishing activities. The theme for this meeting was “The Pursuit of Excellence” which featured speakers from among the editors, staff, and the president of the US National Academy of Sciences.

Report Submitted By:
Joseph Mabry, Mary Ann Meador, Greg Tew, and Kathryn Uhrich

Future ACS Meetings
Chemistry and Water
August 25 - 29, 2019
San Diego, CA

Macromolecular Chemistry: The Second Century
March 22 - 26, 2020
Philadelphia, PA

Chemistry from Bench to Market
August 16 - 20, 2020
San Francisco, CA

Bonding Through Chemistry
March 21 - 25, 2021
San Antonio, TX

Resilience of Chemistry
August 22 - 26, 2021
Atlanta, GA

March 20 - 24, 2022
San Diego, CA

August 21 - 25, 2022
Chicago, IL

March 26 - 30, 2023
Indianapolis, IN

August 13 - 17, 2023
San Francisco, CA

March 17 - 21, 2024
New Orleans, LA

August 18 - 21, 2024
Denver, CO


Report Submitted By:
Joseph Mabry, Mary Ann Meador, Greg Tew, and Kathryn Uhrich
Enter the POLY Outstanding Poster Competition!

To be eligible for the award, candidates MUST choose “Consider for Sci-Mix” during their abstract submission for the ACS Meeting. The Sci-Mix Poster Session is typically held on Monday evening at 8:00 PM with posters contributed by each participating division.

Congratulations Spring Awardees

Philip Scott, Virginia Tech
192: Photopolymers design for additive manufacturing of elastomers

Bryan Sutherland, University of Delaware
536: Synthesis and assembly of Vinyl Sulfonamide Click Nucleic Acids (VS-CNAs)

Dylan Walsh, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
248: Flow-enabled control over macromolecule architecture

Special thanks to Semra Colak Atan and the Volunteer Judges

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High Impact Nanotechnology Applications of Layer-by-Layer Assemblies

Opportunities in Photochemistry: Photocontrol of Polymer Synthesis and Properties

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It's a new year and with that comes new ideas on how we can continue to provide value in POLY membership. In addition to our activities at the national meetings and workshops, POLY will make an effort to deliver benefits to members who are unable to attend these meetings through local and digital opportunities. We are currently organizing a POLY Professional Networking event in New York City where polymer scientists from local universities, industry, and national labs will come together for an evening of collaboration and connection. In addition, this year we will be piloting an online POLY workshop where members can attend remotely. If you have an idea for a POLY activity in your local area or how we can better engage our members, please contact Member-At-Large, Kat Knauer (katrina.knauer@basf.com)

Another focus in 2019 will be on our student membership. We currently have eight active POLY/PMSE student chapters. We will be announcing the POLY/PMSE student chapter of the year at the upcoming Fall 2019 National ACS Meeting in San Diego, CA. The best chapter will be awarded $500. Additionally, we are hoping to establish at least one new POLY/PMSE student chapter in 2019. If you are interested in implementing a student chapter at your university, please contact Member-At-Large, Kat Knauer (katrina.knauer@basf.com).

At the Winter Executive Meeting, the Executive Committee voted not to mail lapel pins this year. In place of the mailing, the business office will have lapel pins available for pick-up at the POLY booth during the ACS Meetings and POLY Workshops. POLY Members who have been active for 5, 10, 20, and 30 years will receive a lapel pin while supplies last! If you are unable to attend the ACS National Meetings or POLY Workshops please email: carleel@vt.edu to have your pin mailed to you.

The Division continues to offer free POLY membership to new members or those who have not been a member for three years. Sign up on-line at http://polyacs.net/membership/.
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