

**DRAFT**  
**2026 Winter Executive Committee Winter Meeting**  
**January 16-18, 2026**  
[The DeSoto](#), Savannah, GA

<b>FRIDAY</b>	
6:30 pm	Optional informal gathering for early arrivals, with drinks and light appetizers (self-pay). Likely at the hotel bar, but location TBD.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
7:30 am	Breakfast – Served in Lafayette Meeting Room
8:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome (Chair: Derek Patton)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– New officers and introductions</li> <li>– Review voting body &amp; org chart</li> </ul>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Strategic Plan Review &amp; 2026 Priorities (Chair: Derek Patton)</b> Session Purpose: To ground the Executive Committee in the POLY Strategic Plan, assess progress, and define priorities for 2026 before operational reports. Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Goals and strategy overview (G1–G3) (<a href="#">Link</a>)</li> <li>– Status of current strategic activities and identified gaps</li> <li>– Opportunities created by POLY’s 75<sup>th</sup> and ACS 150th anniversary</li> <li>– Process for (re)assigning action items and updating champions (if/as needed)</li> <li>– Priorities and definition of “Success in 2026”</li> </ul>
8:55	<b>Councilor Reports (Councilors: M. Meador, K. Uhrich, G. Tew, B. Long)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Individual councilor reports on specific committees</li> </ul>
9:15	<b>Secretary’s Report (Secretary: Tayler Hebner with Justin Kennemur)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– National meeting committee meetings, arrangements and cost</li> <li>– Newsletters and other outreach mechanisms</li> <li>– Website and publicity (Tayler to represent)</li> <li>– Discussion and action: Membership Survey: Insights to Inform Strategic Communications and Engagement</li> </ul>
10:00	<b>Treasurer’s Report (Treasurer: John Matson)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 2026 projection, investments, staff</li> <li>– Sponsor suggestions/outreach</li> </ul>
10:45	<b>Break</b>
11:00	<b>ACS Programming, Awards, and IAB (Chair-Elect: Hayley Brown with Derek Patton supporting)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Programming at national meetings (Danniebell to represent in person)</li> <li>– Industrial Advisory Board (Report provided via pre-meeting Zoom)</li> <li>– Awards (Report provided via pre-meeting Zoom); Discussion of rubrics</li> </ul>
11:45	<b>Other Awards (Derek and Laura)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Distinguished Service (only ExComm can nominate)</li> <li>– ACS Fellows (Nominator and nominee)</li> </ul>
12:00	<b>Working Lunch</b> (discussion topic TBD)
12:45	<b>Workshops, Meetings, &amp; International (Vice-Chair: Eric Berda with Hayley Brown supporting)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Workshops (Beth – report provided via pre-meeting Zoom) (In-person discussion about the report)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vote on workshop proposals (if needed)</li> </ul> </li> <li>– International meetings and engagement</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional meetings – Discussion of strategies to increase the POLY footprint at regional meeting</li> </ul>
1:30	<p><b>Member Outreach (Member-at-Large: Piril Ertem)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Membership status report</li> <li>- 2026 plans and other activities</li> <li>- Student chapters</li> <li>- Membership budget</li> </ul> <p><b>Membership Engagement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic discussion about the POLY value proposition</li> </ul>
2:15	<b>Election Slate Review</b>
2:30	<p><b>New Business (Derek, Hayley, and Erik)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- POLY 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</li> <li>- Plenary speaker (Fall 2026)</li> <li>- Others 2026 action items</li> </ul>
3:00	<b>Conclude</b>
3:00-6:00	<b>Open time to enjoy/explore Savannah</b>
6:00	<b>Dinner @ TBD</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast – Served in Lafayette Meeting Room
8:30 a.m.	Placeholder: Strategic follow-up discussions
9:30 a.m.	Placeholder: Operational follow-up / unfinished items
10:30 a.m.	Placeholder: Contingency discussions
11:30 a.m.	<p><b>Final Budget Review (John Matson)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion</li> <li>- ExComm Vote</li> </ul>
12:00 p.m.	<b>Wrap-up and conclude</b>