

Portland Section 2020 Election Newsletter

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The Portland Local Section candidate slate for 2020 includes both Chair and Chair-elect candidates. The 2019 Chair-Elect resigned, therefore the Section is electing a 2020 Chair in addition to Chair-Elect. Marcie Merritt, Councilor Position 2, agreed to be candidate for 2020 Chair, resigning her position as Councilor Position 2; Ken Schriver is candidate for 2020 Chair-Elect. As Chair-Elect, Ken will be Program Chair for 2020 Local Section Activities. Other candidates for elected positions include incumbents for Treasurer, Dave Reingold and for Councilor Position 1, Angela Hoffman; Jim Tung is the candidate for Councilor Position 2 vacated by Marcie Merritt; the candidate for Alternate Councilor Position 1 is Warren Ford, 2019 Chair (and Past Chair in 2020) and the candidate for Alternate Councilor Position 2 is Theresa McCormick.

Biographical information, not included in the candidate slate sent to members in an email, is included in this Election Edition of the Portland Section Newsletter.

2020 Candidate Slate



Ken Schriver, Candidate for 2020 Chair-Elect

Ken Schriver has been a member of ACS for 34 years. He graduated from Reed College and received the Portland Section Harold Zeh scholarship during his senior year. With the support of a Beinecke Scholarship, he went on to study physical chemis-

try at UCLA, working with Rob Whetten, and received his Ph.D. in 1990. He returned to the Pacific Northwest as Vice President for Lion Industries, a small specialty chemical company in Vancouver Washington that manufactured process chemicals for paper recycling. In 1997, he became Technical Director for Vinings Industries in Atlanta, Georgia following that firm's acquisition of Lion. He supported sales and marketing efforts both domestically and internationally, working with customers in the paper, mining, and water treatment industries throughout North America and Asia. He was a key technical adviser in multiple mergers and acquisitions, including the eventual acquisition of Vinings by Kemira OY (Finland). In 2001, he moved to Vanderbilt University in Nashville Tennessee as a Research Assistant Professor of Physics, where he worked with Richard Haglund exploring laser-materials interactions. He also worked with Richard Caprioli in designing high spatial resolution matrix-assisted laser desorption and ionization (MALDI) imaging mass spectrometers. In 2005 he added the title of Senior Lecturer and took on various teaching assignments in both the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Physics and Astronomy. In 2012, he left Vanderbilt to work with another start-up company, AppliFlex LLC, focused on commercializing a method using mid-infrared lasers to deposit thin films of organic molecules. That venture closed shop in 2014 and he retired to focus on his health, moving back to the Pacific Northwest in 2016. Ken was Publicity Chair for NORM 2019 in the Local Organizing Committee; he also was proctor for the Sunday ACS Advocacy Workshop during NORM 2019.



Marcie Merritt, Candidate for 2020 Chair

Keeping in the spirit of Ann Nalley, Marcie has been heavily involved in organizing and promoting STEM outreach activities through several non-profit groups, her career and the ACS Portland local section. Recent activities included OMSI Teen Science Alliance Judge, summer STEM student

programs and the upcoming Girls in Aviation Day with our section. As well as managing the Boeing site community STEM and humanitarian projects. As a section Councilor since 2014, she is a Member of the national ACS Chemists with Disabilities Committee (CWD) and she has been CWD liaison to international and national ACS activities and committees. Marcie graduated from the University of Puget Sound. She works for Boeing Portland, starting in Liaison Engineering: Design for Manufacturing; she then was promoted to Project Manager in Business Operations. The Section has designated Boeing Volunteer Match funds that Marcie has earned, which are used to assist Local Section projects. In 2014 she received the Portland Section ACS Member Outreach Volunteer Award. Marcie was the 2019 recipient of the NW Region E. Ann Nalley Volunteerism Award; she then had projects in, and helped present, the Section's winning 2019 Chemluminary poster. She is nominated for the 2020 Boeing Chairman's Award for Leadership in Community Engagement.



Dave Reingold, Candidate for Treasurer (3-year term)

Dave was Chair of the section in 2015 and has been your treasurer for the past three years. Dave retired to Portland in 2012 after spending his career teaching organic chemistry at four private undergraduate colleges. During

these years he served as a local section officer in three different sections of the American Chemical Society; he also served as Councilor and Chair of the Chemistry Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research,

and served on their Executive Committee as Chair of the Finance Committee. Dave received his bachelors degree from Dartmouth College and a PhD from the University of Oregon. In Portland Dave has been teaching glassblowing at Portland State for the past seven years. During his tenure in the Portland Section he created the now-annual Poster Symposium and Career Fair.



Angela Hoffman, Candidate for Councilor I (3-year term)

Angela Hoffman is a 36-yr member of the Society, a Society Fellow (2013) and Professor of Chemistry at University of Portland. She is the Portland Section's representative on the NoRBoard, the ACS Northwest Region Board of Directors, which presents the annual Northwest Regional Meetings (NORMs). Angela has been Councilor for the Portland Section since 2009 and prior to that was Alternate Councilor from 2000 through 2008. Angela has been a SEED Mentor for 18 years and is National Chemistry Week Chair and poster coordinator. She also is the advisor to the UP SAACS.



Warren Ford, Candidate for Alternate Councilor I (3-yr term)

Warren Ford was Professor at Oklahoma State University 1978-2010, and has been Adjunct Professor at Portland State University. He served as ACS Portland Local Section Chair-Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair 2012-2014; he was Alternate Councilor 2015-

2018, and he was appointed Chair for 2019. He serves on the ACS Senior Chemists Committee 2017-present and was Chair of the Portland Section Silver Chemists Committee 2014-2018. Honors: Fellow of ACS (2011), ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry (2012), AAAS (1989). Warren received an A.B. in 1963 from Wabash College and a Ph.D. in 1967 from UCLA.



Candidate for Councilor 2 Jim Tung

Jim Tung works at Lacamas Laboratories in Portland, OR. He has been at his current position for 8 years, working on developing new chemical manufacturing projects. Before that, he was a senior research chemist at Obiter Research in Champaign, IL performing kilo-scale organic

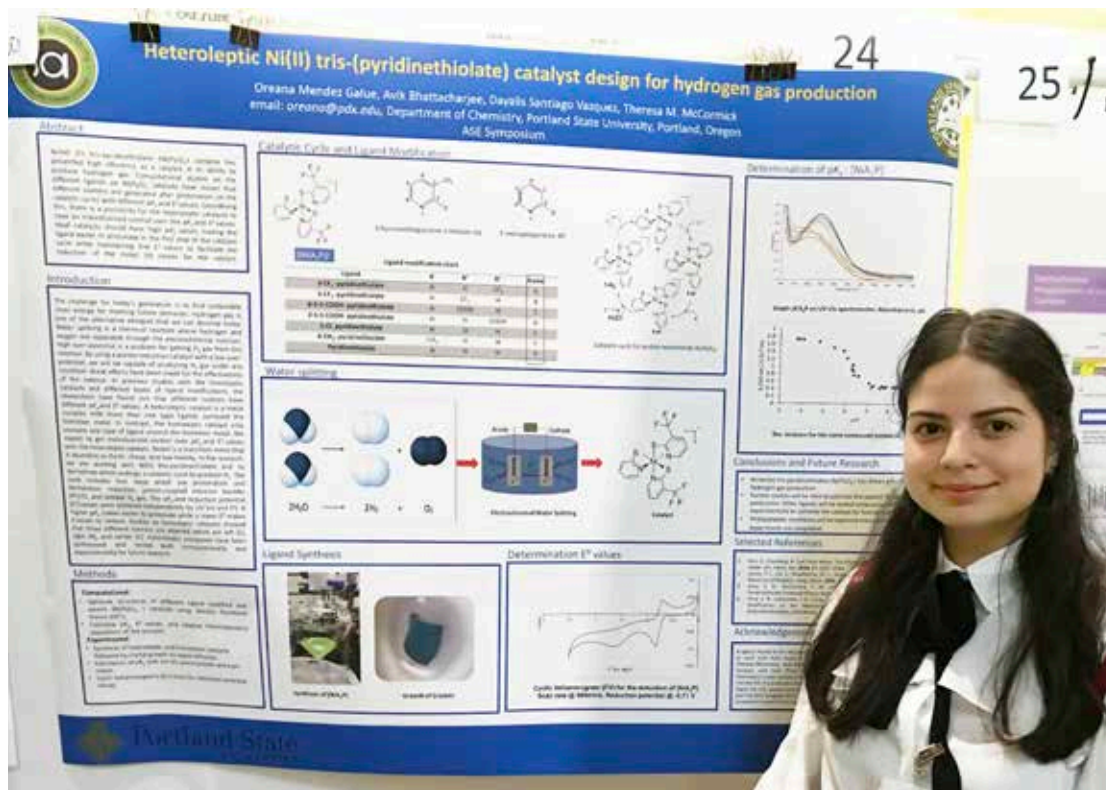
chemistry. An Oregon native, Jim got his B.S. in biochemistry from the University of Oregon, his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Notre Dame, with postdoctoral experience at Pfizer's laboratories in La Jolla, CA. He is past chair of the Portland Section of the American Chemical Society and was 2019 general co-chair of NORM 2019. He has interests in process chemistry, social media outreach and encouraging career exploration and development for younger chemists.



Candidate for Alternate Councilor 2 Theresa McCormick

Dr. Theresa McCormick is an assistant professor at Portland State University in the department of chemistry. She received her PhD in Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED) materials from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada in 2008 under the supervision of Dr. Suning Wang. She was then an NSERC postdoctoral fellow at the University of Rochester under the supervision of Dr. Richard Eisenberg, where she studied catalytic systems for proton reduction. Dr. McCormick then held a second postdoc at the University of Toronto under the supervision of Dr. Dwight Seferos, investigating heavy chalcogens in polymers for use in organic photovoltaics. In 2013, she began her independent career at Portland State University studying solar energy conversion reactions. Dr. McCormick's group uses a combination of computational and experimental techniques to study energy storage reactions. Plants capture solar energy through photosynthesis; in the lab they study ways to use solar energy to create energy-rich small molecules such as hydrogen gas and hydrogen peroxide. Chemists have an important role in developing new materials to meet future energy demands. They study the key parameters required to develop an efficient system for artificial photosynthesis and the role that computational chemistry can play in developing new catalysts.

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SEED student Oreana Mendez Galue from Westview High School worked at PSU in Theresa McCormick's lab. Poster title: "Heteroleptic Ni(II) tris-(pyridinethiolate) catalyst design for hydrogen gas production", presented at the ASE symposium August 2019.