

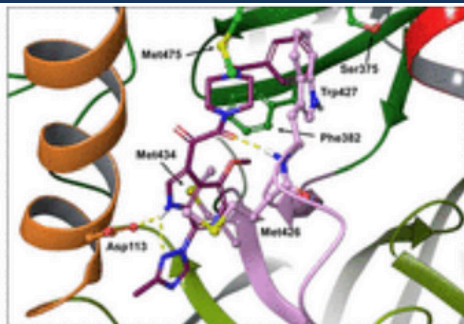
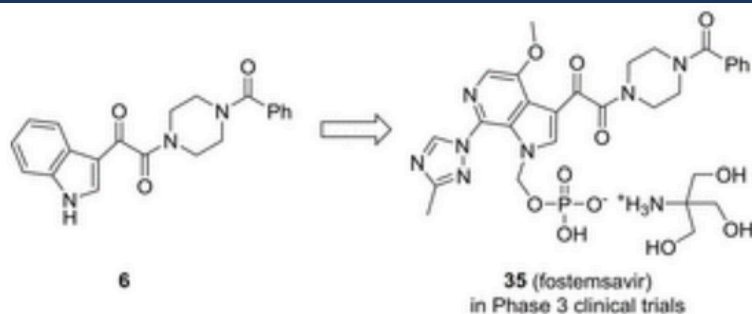


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DR. NICHOLAS A. MEANWELL



Thursday, June 19, 2025

6PM PST

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## **Hello ACS San Diego Members,**

Summer is nearly upon us here in San Diego, and with it comes fresh opportunities to connect, learn, and celebrate chemistry together. June is not only a time of transition but also a month rich with historical milestones in our field.

On June 1, 1902, **Hermann Emil Fischer**, renowned for his work on the chemistry of purines and sugars, received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. His contributions laid foundational knowledge for understanding biomolecules. Also notable was in June 1783, **Antoine Lavoisier** made a crucial discovery: he demonstrated that water is not an element, but rather a compound of oxygen and hydrogen. This discovery was a significant step in his ongoing work to reform chemistry and is considered a major component of his Chemical Revolution. Finally, June 10, 1752, marks the date **Benjamin Franklin** is believed to have conducted his legendary kite experiment, forever linking electricity and scientific curiosity.

This month, we're especially excited to welcome back **Dr. Nicholas Meanwell** for a redo of the lecture "**Inhibitors of HIV-1 Attachment**". The previous session was unfortunately cut short due to technical difficulties, but Dr. Meanwell has graciously agreed to return. The rescheduled talk will take place on Thursday, June 19th at 6 PM (virtual). If you missed the first one or want to take a deeper dive into this important area of medicinal chemistry, we highly encourage you to attend. [Register here](#).

Looking back at May, we were pleased to host a successful virtual event on the **Chemistry of Wildfires**, which drew 22 participants, including members of the Hawaii Section and even some prospective chemistry students. The discussion covered not only the combustion chemistry and atmospheric impacts of wildfires, but also broader environmental concerns and mitigation strategies. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to a rich and engaging conversation, and a huge thanks to **Dr. Matthew Kromer** for leading the lecture!

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We were also able to host a successful live event that was put on by our **Women's Chemist Committee**. This event was entitled **Kundalini Yoga for Women Chemists** and provided participants with a relaxing yoga session, followed by some time to socialize and enjoy refreshments. Special thanks to Jiyue Chen, chair of the Women's Chemist Committee, for organizing and managing this event! We look forward to future fun events like this from our wonderful sub-committees.

As we move into June, we remain committed to delivering programming that is scientifically enriching, community-oriented, and inclusive. Whether it's spotlighting interesting advancements in chemistry, advancing conversations around hot current events, or creating educational spaces for current and future members, your presence and participation make all the difference.

If you're interested in getting more involved with the section—whether through volunteering, event planning, or joining one of our committees—please don't hesitate to reach out. We'd love to help you find a role that matches your interests and schedule. Here's to an energizing and inspiring start to summer!

**Warm regards,**  
**Max Mahler and Jackie Trischman**  
**Co-Chairs, ACS San Diego Section**

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## Inhibitors of HIV-1 Attachment

**NICHOLAS A. MEANWELL Ph.D.**  
CSci, CChem, FRSC, ACSF



### About the Speaker

Nicholas A. Meanwell joined Bristol Myers Squibb in 1982 and retired in 2022 after having led drug discovery programs in the cardiovascular, neurosciences and virology therapeutic areas, work that resulted in the advancement of 33 clinical candidates. Nick and his team were involved in the design and development of flindokalner (MaxiPost®) (P3 for the treatment of stroke), the HIV-1 attachment inhibitor fostemsavir (Rukobia™), the HIV-1 maturation inhibitors BMS-955176, GSK3640254 (fipravirimat) and VH3739937 (zeglurivirimat), the HCV NS5A inhibitor daclatasvir (Daklinza™), the HCV NS3 protease inhibitors BMS-605339 and asunaprevir (Sunvepra™), and the HCV NS5B inhibitor beclabuvir, marketed as Xymency™, a fixed dose combination with daclatasvir and asunaprevir.

Nick has authored/co-authored more than 300 publications, review articles, book chapters and editorials and 210 meeting abstracts and presented more than 250 invited lectures at National and International meetings, Universities and Schools on Medicinal Chemistry. He is named as an inventor/co-inventor of 145 issued U.S. Patents. Nick has organized/co-organized more than 75 sessions at National and International Meetings, ACS Webinars in Drug Discovery, ACS Prospectives Meetings and Short Courses on aspects of drug design. He was Associate Editor for the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry with responsibility for Perspectives articles 2017-2023.

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Nick was the recipient of the 2015 Philip S. Portoghese Medicinal Chemistry Lectureship Award administered jointly by the ACS Division of Medicinal Chemistry and the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry. He was inducted into the ACS Division of Medicinal Chemistry Hall of Fame in 2015, was the co-recipient of “Heroes of Chemistry” Awards sponsored by the American Chemical Society in 2017 and 2023 and was the recipient of the 2022 Alfred Burger Award in Medicinal Chemistry sponsored by the American Chemical Society. He was appointed a Fellow of the American Chemical Society in August 2022, was named as the recipient of the 2024 Antonín Holý Memorial Award administered by the International Society for Antiviral Research and recipient of the 2025 Scientific Achievement in Drug Discovery and Development Award administered by the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET).

Nick received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Sheffield under the supervision of Dr. D. Neville Jones and competed a post-doctoral fellowship with Professor Carl R. Johnson at Wayne State University.

### **About the Talk**

Human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1) infection currently requires lifelong therapy with drugs that are used in combination to control viremia. An indole-3-glyoxamide derivative was discovered as an inhibitor of HIV-1 infectivity using a phenotypic screen and derivatives of this compound were found to interfere with the HIV-1 entry process by stabilizing a conformation of the virus gp120 protein not recognized by the host cell CD4 receptor. An extensive optimization program led to the identification of temsavir, which exhibited an improved antiviral and pharmacokinetic profile compared to prototype compounds and has completed phase 3 clinical trials as the phosphonooxymethyl derivative fostemsavir, a prodrug designed to address dissolution- and solubility-limited absorption issues. In this presentation, we will summarize the structure–activity and structure–liability studies leading to the discovery of temsavir and the clinical studies that entailed the development of an extended release formulation suitable for further development. Fostemsavir was approved for clinical use by the FDA in July 2020 and by the EMA in February, 2021 and is marketed as Rukobia.

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# Kundalini Yoga for Women Chemists

## Women's Chemist Committee

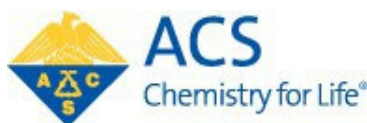




# Kundalini Yoga for Women Chemists

## Women's Chemist Committee





**American Chemical Society  
ACS Spring 2025 Meeting  
San Diego, California  
March 23 – 27, 2025**

## Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

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**Includes Actions of the Council & Select Reports – If interested in further detail on any subject, please contact one of our San Diego Local Section Councilors: Hui Cai, Surya De, Desiree Grubisha, Jackie Trischman, David Wallace**

### Election Results:

#### **Candidates for President-Elect, 2026**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) presented to the Council four *nominees* for selection as *candidates* for President-Elect, 2026. The Council selected **Christina Bodurow and Dawn Mason** as **candidates for 2026 President-Elect**. These two candidates will join any additional candidates selected via petitions to stand for election in the fall 2025 national election.

#### **Candidates for Directors for Districts II and IV**

- By electronic ballot, the Councilors from these Districts selected **Kimberly Agnew-Heard** and **Mary Engelman** as **District II** candidates and **Lisa Houston** and **Milagros (Milly) Delgado** as **District IV** candidates. Ballots will be distributed to members residing in District II and District IV in the fall for election of a Director from each District.

#### **Candidates for Directors-at-Large**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for **Director-at-Large** for the 2026-2028 term: **Anna Cavinato, Donna Friedman, Malika Jeffries-EL, and Will Lynch**. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council in the fall.



## Councilor Talking Points and Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

### Other Council Actions:

#### Highlights from Committee Reports and Key Actions

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees (ConC), Council voted:
  - To continue the Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals and, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors, the Committees on Budget & Finance, Education, International Activities, and Patents and Related Matters.
  - To amend the duties of the Committee on Patents and Related Matters (CPRM) and change its name to the Committee on Intellectual Property (CIP), subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors.
- ConC announced the opening of the committee preference form to all ACS members began on March 3 and will run through July 3. Councilors interested in serving on an ACS Committee in 2026 should go to [CMTE.acs.org](https://cmte.acs.org) to complete their preferences.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E), and with the concurrence of the CPC, Council voted in favor of increasing the number of Councilors on N&E to 19, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. These additional committee members will support the increased workload from the addition of six Zone Councilor slates to N&E's duties.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities (IAC), Council voted to approve the creation of new International Chemical Sciences Chapters in Ghana, Ecuador, and Northeast China, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC), Council voted to dissolve the Penn/Ohio Border Local Section. This takes effect on January 1, 2026, and members are being contacted about joining neighboring sections.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC), Council voted to approve the 2026 Schedule of Dues and Benefits, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors.
- The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) reported the certification of 21 unit bylaws since the fall 2024 meeting.
- The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) reported on the state of the evolving employment landscape for the chemistry enterprise. ACS Careers programs have seen continued growth and remain a valuable resource for members experiencing career transitions. The updated Professional Employment Guidelines will be up for action at the fall Council meeting.
- The Committee on Education (SOCED) reported on their continued efforts to advance chemistry education for all. The ACS Policy Statement on Science Education is currently under revision and the revised *ACS Guidelines and Recommendations for Teaching Middle and High School Chemistry* will be available soon for the upcoming academic year.

## Councilor Talking Points and Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

### Resolutions

The Council passed several resolutions:

- In memory of deceased Past President Attila Pavlath
- In memory of deceased Councilors
- In sincere appreciation of the San Diego Section, host Local Section for the ACS Spring 2025 meeting, as well as the Divisional program chairs, symposium organizers, and ACS staff for the planning and execution of the meeting.

The ACS Spring 2025 meeting was held from March 23-27. As of March 26, there were 15,332 registrations (14,251 in-person and 1,081 online). The ACS Fall 2025 meeting will be held in Washington, DC, from August 17-21, 2025.

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### Select Reports

- The CEO, Albert Horvath, and his staff, reported on organizational updates, financials and audit result, the 150th anniversary of ACS, rebranding efforts, talent management and other ACS activities. He shared the strong performance of ACS in 2024 and growth across many areas. He highlighted:
  - o Strengthening and deepening engagement with our global community
  - o Holding virtual annual member gathering, allowing our global members from Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America to connect and learn about ACS activities, member benefits, region specific programs, and career-related sessions
  - o Increasing the global reach of our ACS journals across all key regions by 24 percent as compared the prior year
  - o Publishing through our more than 90 journals, over 74,000 peer reviewed articles, a 15 percent increase from 2023
  - o Delivering 346 million article downloads, up 13 percent over 2023.
  - o Releasing the CAS BioFinder platform, marking an expansion of CAS products into the life sciences sector
- The Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations Chair, Carolyn Ribes, provided an update on plans for the Board to visit with legislators in June to advocate for science.

San Diego Section, American Chemical Society  
Executive Committee – Zoom Meeting

April 3, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Surya De, Jesus Cordova, Vanessa DeLey Cox, Desiree Grubisha, Valerie Kuck, Max Mahler (Co-chair), Sharai Mendez, John Palmer, Jim Shih, Ryan Smith, Jackie Trischman (Co-chair), Marta Vuckovic, David Wallace

Absent:

Sean Anderson, Hui Cai, Jiyue Chen, Juan Gonzalez, Ben Pratt, Bill Szabo, Christina Vialva

Meeting convened: 6:34 pm

Secretary Discussion

Harshada Sapre has a class conflict and a heavier workload than expected and thus has resigned as secretary. As a result, we asked that the EC approve the appointment of Jackie as Secretary at National, while she will also support Max in the co-chair role as much as possible.

Motion #1: to appoint Jackie as Secretary for the national roster. Approve M/S/P Approved

Changes/Approval of February and March Minutes

Motion #2: Approve February 2025 Minutes — M/S/P Approved

Motion #3: Approve March 2025 minutes – M/S/P Approved

Treasurer Report Desiree Grubisha went through all current expenses from the last month. Ryan commented that we could try to do something else with our money, but where we are is simple and doing OK. Recap of SuperSTEM Saturday March 8, 9am-4pm. Expected 15,000 people, but actual attendance was 21,000+. Thank you to Thuy Nguyen for setting everything up and to several other members, including UCSD student chapter members, who attended. We had three different activities. There were some problems with contacting the volunteers. We need to get names, emails, phone numbers from them next year, even if it goes through the Volunteer system at CSUSM.

Recap of Greater San Diego Science & Engineering Fair

Jim Shih organized 11 judges for the March 12, 2025, 11:30 – 3:30 event in Balboa Park. He broke them into 3 groups after paring down significantly ahead of time. Lots of Computational Chemistry experiments. We will work on getting more of that expertise for judges next year. Quality gets better every year, even amongst the middle school students. Only had a few minutes at the end and missed taking photos of some of our winners, but great day overall.

## Recap of Spring National Meeting

- Councilor's Report – Talking points – Narrowed Pres-elect 2026 to Christina Bodurow and Dawn Mason – we will vote for Pres-elect in September. Also, some Directors were voted on. Recommendations from ConC to continue the Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals and the Committees on Budget & Finance, Education, International Activities, and Patents and Related Matters. Also voted to amend duties of Committee of Patents and Related Matters and change name to Committee on Intellectual Property. (Praise and sighs of relief for that decision amongst our leadership.) Voted to increase the number of Councilors on N&E to 19 and to approve the creation of new International Chemical Sciences Chapters in Ghana, Ecuador, and Northeast China and to dissolve a local section in Penn/Ohio border that was no longer operational. Also had a nice tribute to Attila Pavlath.

Discussed posting main points in newsletter. Jackie will trim and send to Carolina.

- Kids Zone –Activities at Logan HS Memorial Gym featured CCEW 2025 activities. *Theme: Glaciers: Hot Topic, Cool Chemistry* Jiyue, Max, and Jackie participated as well as several San Diego College students. 300 attendees and some outreach from local groups who want more events like this. They were extremely thankful to have us in this neighborhood. Another event in gym at same time brought a lot of families in.
- Host Booth – Jiyue prepared a slide show to show our booths.
- Giveaways issue – The paperclips and surfboards were shipped and scheduled for delivery Mar 18 after being ordered Feb 11. However, on Mar 17, Jackie received texts that they were being held in US Customs pending resolution of tariff negotiations. They were cleared on Mar 21 and nobody seemed able to find them for a few days. They were delivered Tuesday and Wednesday – at the end of the meeting. The total cost for the merchandise, having ordered enough for Fall 2027 as well, was \$2,200.  
Motion #4: To reimburse Jackie Trischman for the giveaways. M/S/P Approved  
Unanimous

## Chemistry Olympiad Status Report

Dr. Joan Schellinger organized the San Diego local screening exam for the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad on March 1-2, 2025. 84 students from 16 local high schools took the test. Of these participants, 14 students from 9 high schools made it to the National Exam, given on April 6, 2025. In addition to Dr. Schellinger, we are grateful to the 13 USD student volunteers and 2 staff who helped to run the events. They were issued certificates of appreciation. Students who made it to the national level received small checks from the local section.

## Upcoming Meetings

Dr. Nicholas Meanwell will give a technical talk on drug discovery, and gave a list of great talk topics for an April 24 talk. Went through some talk options. David Wallace will help select.



Others discussed – joint with Hawaii in May on Coffee. Approached several others, including Blue Nalu, Taylor Guitars, and WD-40 for potential speakers.

In-person Exec postponed until Jackie can drive again.

#### WCC

Marta shared that she will bring updates as well as Jiyue next meeting.

#### MedChem Symposium

Have complete agenda. Starting with fundraising. Friday, July 11, 2025 is the date. Five speakers are already planned: 3 industrial, 3 academic.

#### 50, 60, 70-year Membership Luncheon

July 19 or 26. Jackie will begin the planning at Tom Hamm's Lighthouse for this annual event.

#### Western Regional Meeting

Motion #5. The SD Local Section will explore hosting the Fall 2026 Western Regional Meeting in collaboration with David Cunningham from Hawaii as a co-chair. M/S/P unanimous

Starting to plan the WRM2026. Ideas for sessions were gathered. Dr. Jesus Cordova, Assistant Professor at CSUSM, and David Cunningham, Hawaii local section, will be co-chairs as general chairs. Two day meeting, perhaps with UG sessions on a 3rd day. We will send information to the board as it becomes available. Everyone will be needed to do some small parts, and we hope that some from the board will take on significant roles as well.

#### Western Analytical Chemistry Symposium

We were requested to help organize such a meeting. Roll into Western Regional Meeting if possible. If not, we can help advertise, but planning will require sending some word out to see if there is interest.

#### Younger Chemists to Attend

Vanessa DeLey Cox sought feedback from co-workers. They would like quarterly professional development opportunities. How can we incorporate into monthly meetings with a focus on people 5-10 years out from BS. Project management, Tech transfer and patents, Emotional Intelligence, Speed-networking, networking for introverts are all ideas that were floated.

Meeting adjourned: 8:36 p.m.

Next meeting: May 1, 2025

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Meeting ID: 885 6729 3399



Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025



Time: 6:30-8:00pm PST

## **We are planning a Western Regional Meeting Fall 2026**

### **We need your help!**

- Why Fall 2026?

The National Meetings sequence is:

Spring 2026 – Atlanta, GA

Fall 2026 – Chicago, IL

Spring 2027 – New Orleans, LA

With no meetings west of Chicago, it would be of great service to the local section members and region if we host a WRM in San Diego in 2026.

- We have co-chairs ready to lead us!

Dr. Jesus Cordova, Assistant Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry at California State University San Marcos

Dr. David Cunningham, President of Pacific Research & Exploration and Adjunct Professor at Hawaii Pacific University

- We need at least 24 volunteers ready to help make this meeting happen. We need ideas for themes, technical sessions, student programming (high school, college, grad students), leaders of those sessions, sponsors, exhibitors, websites, special events, food, etc. So there are plenty of places to jump in and build your network while giving back to your professional community.
- Tune in on the June 10<sup>th</sup> and learn more about what is needed and sign up to help.
- Please [rsvp to Dr. Cordova here \(jecordova@csusm.edu\)](mailto:jecordova@csusm.edu) to let us know you are planning to attend.

# SAN DIEGO MEDCHEM SYMPOSIUM

## Friday, July 11, 2025

Organized by the San Diego Section of ACS, SABPA and  
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- 8:30 AM **Breakfast and registration**  
UCSD Institute of the Americas Auditorium
- 8:55 AM **Opening Remarks: Dr. Fleur Ferguson**
- 9:00 AM **Dr. David Weinstein, Vividion Therapeutics**  
A Covalent-First Chemoproteomic Approach to the Identification of KEAP1 Modulators
- 9:30 AM **Dr. Michael Bollong, The Scripps Research Institute**  
Chemical Approaches to Regenerative Organ Repair
- 10:00 AM **Dr. Jinglan Zhou, Vertex Pharmaceuticals**  
Discovery of CFTR Modulators for the Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis
- 10:30 AM **Break and networking**
- 10:55 AM **Dr. Elizabeth Winzeler, UC San Diego**  
Using in vitro evolution to discover new targets for medically-active compounds
- 11:25 AM **Dr. Joyann Donaldson, Pfizer**  
Discovery of HPK1 Small Molecule Inhibitor PF-07265028 & Development of Novel Synthetic Methods for Medicinal Chemistry
- 11:55 AM **Closing remarks**
- 12:00 PM **Lunch and networking**
- 1:00 PM **Symposium Conclusion**

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6:30– 8:00 PM

June 5th,

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November 6th,

December 4th.

**[Zoom Meeting](#)**





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